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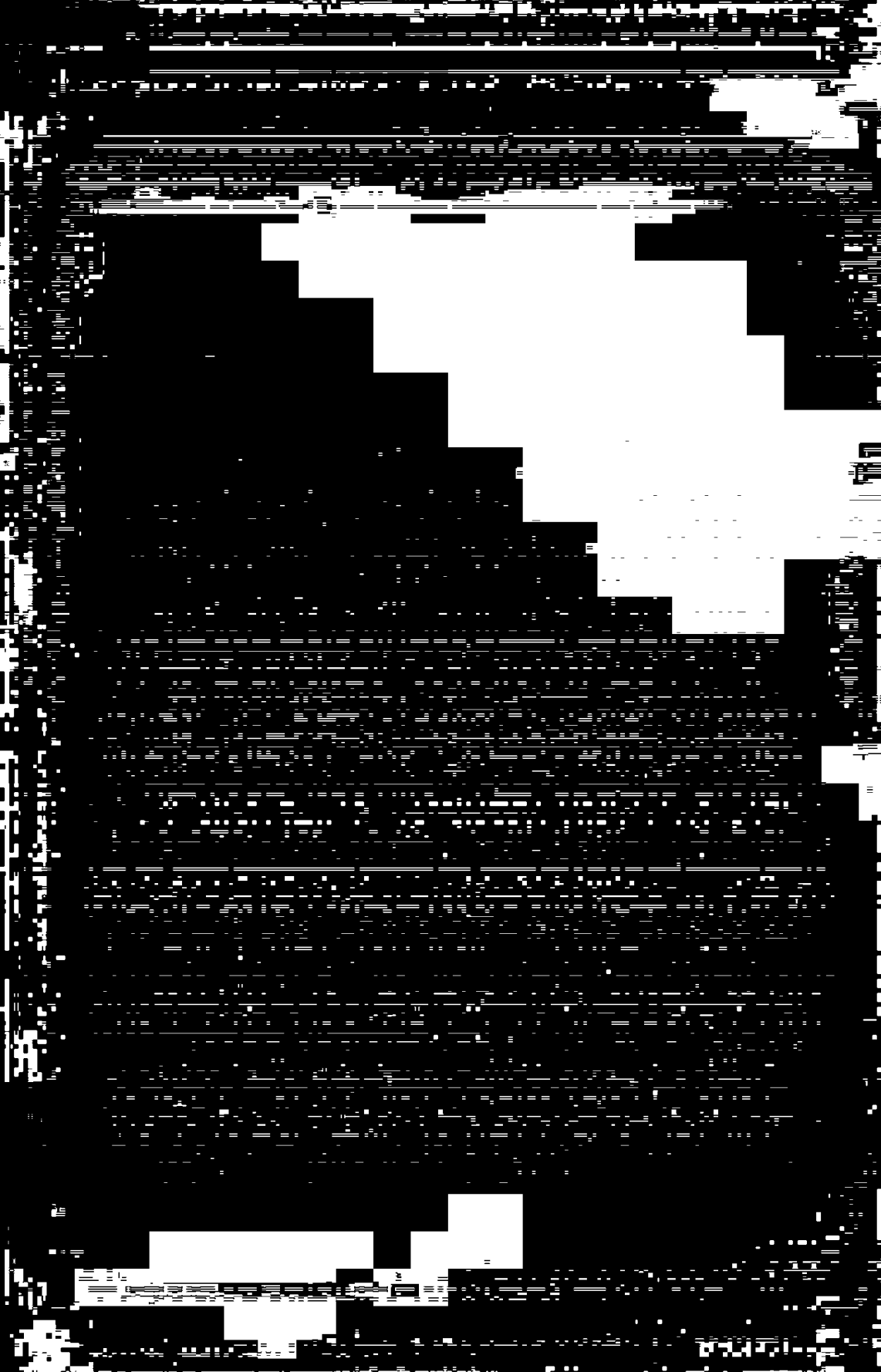
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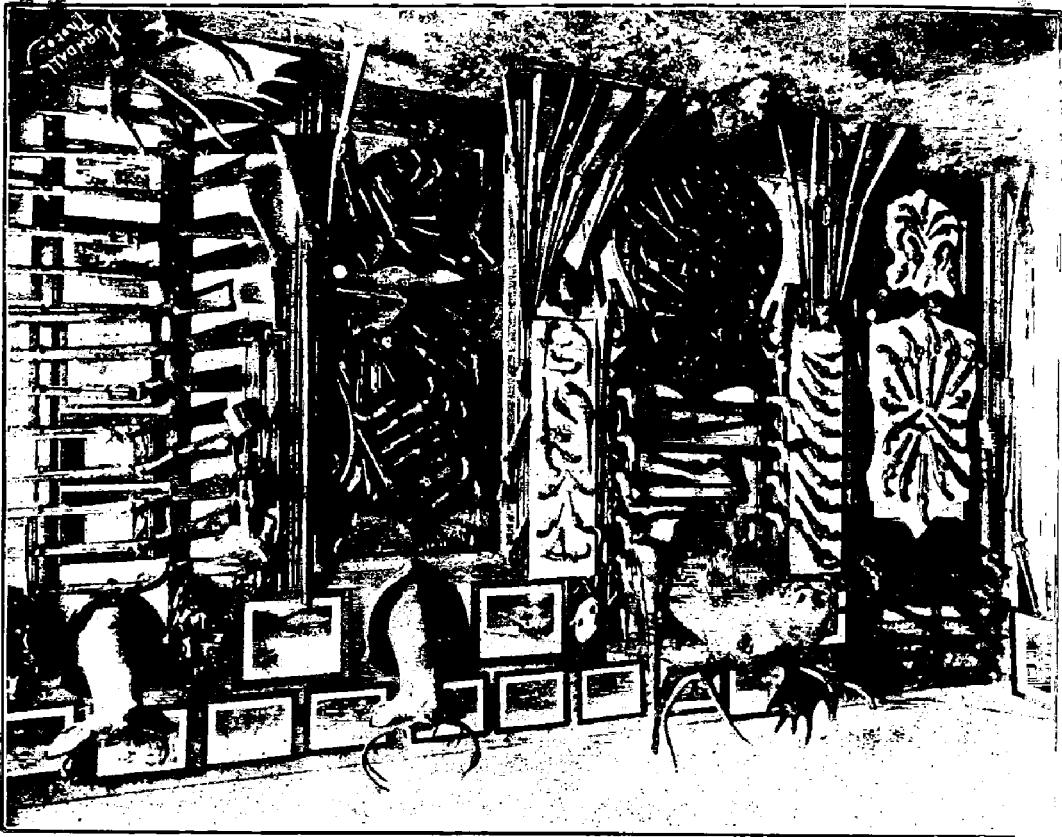
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Columbian Republic, 1881, $2\frac{1}{2}$ Centavos, nickel, Liberty cap on pole, good, cheap at	5c
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" " " 5 " 	06
Brazil 1895 2000 R	15
Canada 1901 20c	06
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" " " 1899 2½ "	30
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6c olive " green	5c	2c	18c	
10c yellow and blue	8c	3c	25c	
Set 1c to 10c	22c	8c	65c	

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1c green and purple	1c	2c
2c lake and black	1c	4c
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* 4	" 10pa brown.....	04
* 5	" 20pa rose.....	07
* 6	1900 11 brown.....	01
* 7	" 51 green.....	02
* 10	" 251, red surch.....	15
* 11	" 501, " ".....	30
* 15	" 251, black surch.....	10
* 16	" 501, " ".....	22
* 17	" 1dr, " ".....	35
* 18	" 2dr, " ".....	65
* 21	1901 251, no surcharge.....	08
* 22	" 501, (unpriced).....	25
* 27	" 251, large surcharge.....	09
	" 11, Gibbons' No 90.....	02

GOLD COAST

* 18	1884-91, 6p orange.....	35
* 19	" 1sh purple.....	35
* 20	" 2sh brown, cat \$2.....	1 10
* 26, 27	1898, 1/2, 1p. the pair.....	07
* 28	1898, 2 1/2p lilac and ultra.....	09
* 29	" 3p lilac and yellow.....	11
* 30	" 6p lilac and purple.....	22
* 31	" 1sh green and black.....	45
* 36	1901 1p on 6 pence.....	18
* 35, 39,	1902, 1/2, 1p. the pair.....	05
* 40	1902, 2p. King's head.....	06
* 41	" 2 1/2p. King's head.....	07
* 42	" 3p. King's head.....	08
* 43	" 6p.....	17
* 44	1903, 1sh.....	33

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85	Greece, same perforated	5
86	1/2 Greece, unpaid 1902, 1-2-3-5, 9 sets	36
87	* Grenada, '83, 1 p rose, O. G.	1 1.25
88	* Hawaii, 5c ultra and same prov. gov't	2 .60
89	* Hawaii, '93, 5c black blue, prov.	1 .40

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90 * Hawaii, another	1	.40
92 * Hayti, '82, 1c, O. G.	1	.50
superb	2	.90
92 * Hayti, '92, 1c, O. G.	1	.50
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94 * Japan, 1900, 1½-3-4-10-20..	5	
95 Japan, 1900, set ½ to 50 ex-		
cept 15 and 25	10	
96 Netherlands, '72, 5 to 50-6		
sets	42	
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lake superb	1	.60
98 * New Foundland, Jubilee,		
block of 3c and 4c	8	
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O. G.	2	
101 * Paraguay, another the		
same	2	
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103 Rhodesia, '96, ½-1-2-4.....	4	
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Soon it will be convention time. What ton, Kas., has written regarding an a successful convention we could have International Stamp-Collectors' convention, which it is proposed to hold were all the various meetings merged during the St. Louis exposition. Such into one. Mr. H. S. Dickey, of New-

an arrangement appears feasible, as it would be only necessary to fix a date and collectors could arrange their plans accordingly. It has been a uniform experience at meetings held during expositions that the attractions elsewhere are more magnetic than the convention room and the attendance suffers accordingly.

Another correspondent suggests that the various societies co-operate for the establishing of a central headquarters on the exposition grounds where collectors could meet at pleasure. That is a very good idea, too. There is only one objection and that, we fear, is too strong to overcome. The expense would be almost prohibitive.

As a candidate for election to the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Association, Mr. E. R. Aldrich has the hearty support of the western contingent and sufficient of the east to make his election seem assured. As a charter member, Mr. Aldrich has been identified with the enthusiastic members of the association since its inception and in the office of secretary will prove a capable, hard-working man.

The international emblem, lapel button, badge, what you will, continues to engross the attention of the readers of the West. Of the many designs submitted those of "L. L. V.," of Manitowoc, Wis., are the most practical and artistic. We regret that the necessity of having them lithographed to bring out their beauty militates against our publishing them. The designer has evolved designs that remove the one great objection to the idea—the fact that many persons scorn to wear a button of any nature. As a collector, the love of the artistic is inherent and these designs, properly executed by the engraver and manufacturer, would appeal to this side of the collector's nature so peculiarly that he would wear the pin perforce. Artistic, neat, diminutive yet easily discernible,

expressive, novel, original—these adjectives properly describe the designs of "L. L. V." Perchance if the International Stamp-Collector's Convention projected by Mr. Dickey becomes a reality, the badge can there be exhibited and adopted.

We have purposely refrained from making a furore about our purchase of the New York Philatelist. While such an occurrence is an event of no small degree, it is a departure from our custom to make a great noise about it.

Mr. Dorpat views the matter as follows: "I congratulate you upon the acquisition of the New York Philatelist. That is a step in the right direction. If my wish were to be fulfilled, 50 per cent. of all the papers (philatelic) now published in the United States would be merged with the West and the other 50 per cent. with Mekeel's Weekly, so that we would have two papers left only, one weekly and one monthly."

It is well to note in passing that in absorbing the New York Philatelist the West also succeeds the Eastern Philatelist, the Philatelic Bulletin, the Collector, the Philatelic Chronicle, the Evergreen Philatelist and the International Philatelic Review. Among these papers are numbered the oldest and most influential publications of their day. This merger also adds several societies to the already long list which have chosen the West as official journal, a point advertisers will regard with favor.

Messrs. J. A. Hoffman & Son of Denver, Colo., have kindly sent us particulars, as embodied in a clipping assumed to be from a Denver paper, of a Colorado souvenir stamp. We glean from this clipping that these stamps are works of art, being printed in deep red and "duo toned" black ink, whatever that is. Reproduction of the entire clipping is prohibited, our restricted space not permitting it.

The Stamps of Roumania

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

BY R. R. THIELE.

(continued)

B. Perforated II.

1½ bana, green olive, from light to dark.

5 bani, bistre, brownish olive.

10 bani, blue, from light to dark.

(Sept. 1877.)

10 bani, ultramarine, from light to dark.

(1879)

15 bani, brown-red.

15 bani, brown-red, on chamois paper.

(1879)

30 bani, vermillion, from light to dark.

(December 1878)

VARIETIES.

1½ bana, imperforate vertically.

5 bani, " "

10 bani, " "

5 bani, printed on both sides.

5 bani, with broken circle, a pearl is missing.

50 bani, perf. 10.

ERROR OF COLOR.

5 bani blue.

* In the plate of the 10 bani, a clinche of the 5 bani slipped in through negligence and as the error was not corrected a 5 bani stamp exists in each sheet of 10 bani. When the officials discovered this, they detached this stamp from each sheet and it may be permissible to suppose that they made use of it for their own profit. This is the reason why used specimens are so rare, and why specimens showing the error still adhering to the normal stamp are still rarer. Close attention should be paid and caution be used in buying this error, as it is quite easy to change the 5 bani green of the following issue to blue. Moreover, some years later some sheets of the 5 bani

were reprinted officially? in blue, but the perforation of this so-called reprint (which is none, properly speaking) is 11½ instead of 11. The shade is also somewhat different; this reprint is dark blue and one often finds it cancelled. It needs hardly be said that it is impossible to find it adhering to a 10 bani as it should be possible to produce the error.

ISSUE OF APRIL, 1879.

**SCOTT
TYPE
A II**

Design same as that of preceding issue; the stamps are printed at Bucarest as before,

but in different colors. The paper varies from medium to very thin; it is wove and slightly tinted, sometimes white; the gum is white. The sheets were perforated with a single line machine. There were at least three different machines; 11, 11½ and 13½, but there are also compound perforations. Although the difference between the 11 and the 11½ perforations may be small, the forms of the holes proves that there were certainly two machines in use for these.

A PERFORATED II.

1½ bana black, dark black (!) on white and on tinted paper.

3 bani, olive green, from light to dark on tinted paper.

5 bani light green, bright green on tinted paper,

10 bani carmine rose, from light to dark on tinted paper. (Juné 1880).

15 bani, light red-brown on white.

25 bani, light blue.

25 bani dark blue. (Oct. 1879).

50 bani, yellowish-brown, Type I, on tinted paper.

50 bani, yellowish-brown, Type II, on tinted paper.

These two types are the same as those we have described above under the 60 bani of the Paris impression.

(To be continued).



Foreign Papers.

You have no doubt already noticed that a new issue is about to appear for Anoban, Elobey and Corisco, three Spanish possessions on the west coast of Africa. It is therefore quite appropriate that *Trimbrophile Belge* in its No. 67 gives us some detailed information on these remnants of the Spanish Colonial Empire. According to our Belgian colleague these little islands all depend from the other island Fernando Poo, well known to collectors. The only postoffice in the whole outfit is at Santa Isabel, the capital of Fernando Poo. The following data will give you an idea of the enormous correspondence which necessitates all these new issues and inevitable provisionals.

Fernando Poo has an area of 2071 Kilometers; the population is almost entirely savage. The capital has 1193 inhabitants, of whom 108 are white; 258 can read and write.

Continental Spanish Guinea, to which the three islands above named belong, has an area of 27,000 square kilometers (about the size of Belgium). In all this territory there are thirty whites and twenty-four blacks able to read and write. The Spanish mail serves them once in two months.

Elobey consists of two islands; the larger measures 200 hectares (about 550 acres together) with a total population of 267, of whom two can read and write.

Corisco contains about 1400 hectares (3500 acres) with a population of 700, of whom 57 can read and write.

Annobon has an area of about 1800 hectares (4500 acres) and a population of about 1500; no government of any

kind exists on this island.

The total yearly revenues of all the above named possessions amount to about 8900; the officials expect that by judicious issue of stamps these revenues will at the very least be trebled. I trust that you will, on your part, bear all the above facts in mind when you are tempted to embellish your album with these beautiful issues.

Our Belgian friend calls attention to the fact that our Columbian issue contained 16 stamps, the Omaha set 9, the Buffalo set 6, while the St. Louis set is to contain 4, and comments as follows:

"If this proportion keeps on decreasing, it is certain that before ten years the era of jubilee stamps will be over in the United States; but at that time Roumania will issue sets of sixty-four, Portugal will produce five hundred varieties at a time and as for the Spanish Colonies each inhabitant will have his own stamp."

Various papers have given the numbers issued of the new Roumanian set—the one issued on the dedication of the General Post Office at Bucarest. As there were but 2,599,360 of all the low values and 200,240 of all the high ones, a mad speculation has ensued at Bucarest. The *Revue Philatelique Française* in No. 149 quotes a long extract from Roumanian paper from which I in turn quote as follows:

"The supply has gone like hot cakes. I am told of a bank which bought for 6 or 7000 francs, another which received from abroad an order for 25,000 francs worth. A bull movement has of course set in. The complete set costs at the postoffice frs. 10.80; it is now worth at least 15. The speculators ask much more; 25 francs are spoken of, and some even say 35."

The same Roumanian paper calls attention to a curious error in the design of the lower values. It appears that by

all rules of Roumanian horsemanship the rider of a double team of horses is supposed to ride on the left-hand horse, whereas the artist, being more of a painter than a horseman, has placed him on the right-hand horse. I am no rider myself and cannot tell whether the error is greivous enough to cause the withdrawal of the issue.

The International Bureau at Bern gives the following statistics as to the number of postal cards circulated annually in some of the chief countries of the Postal Union:

Germany	1,013,500,000	cards
United States	670,000,000	"
Japan	435,000,000	"
Austria	250,000,000	"
France	60,000,000	"
Belgium	55,000,000	"
Switzerland	43,000,000	"

The view cards account for it in Germany.

No. 103 of the Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina announces that the Society intends to hold a stamp exhibition in September next. The fact that the committee is headed by no less a philatelist than Dr. del Pont himself assures the success of the show.

Sr. Zeballos brings more documents and data relative to the 1864 issue of Argentina and proves quite conclusively that the only value of this issue printed on unwatermarked paper was the 5c (Scott's also gives the 15c, Senf and Kohl the 10c and 15c) Still there are people who maintain that this, to be sure, was the official intention, but that some sheets of the 10 and 15c also were printed on the same paper.

Mr. Maury always has has something new on French stamps. In No. 273 of Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste he illustrates four changes made by order of the postal authorities on the new French stamps of the Sower type. In

the first, the lines below the horzon, representing the earth, are made much heavier than those above; in the second there is neither horizon nor sun the entire background being lined uniformly, in the third the upper part is like that on the adopted type, but the lower part is in solid color; in the fourth the entire ground is in solid color, without horizon nor sun. None of these changes proved satisfactory.

Mr. Maury illustrates the new issue for Servia which was almost ready for delivery when the assassination of King Alexander rendered it useless. It bore the King's portrait to the left, much larger than in the former issues; the stamps were all bicolored. There were nine values inset, up to 5 dinars; twelve million in all had been printed by the French Government Printing Office. The whole lot together with dies and plates was turned over to the new Servian government on its demand. As it is rumored that the new Servian issue to be made by the new Government is to bear the Servian arms. Mr. Maury who is particularly interested in heraldics writes interestingly on the arms of Servia. The princely arms appear on the stamps of 1866 and the earlier postal cards; the four crescents in the quarters of the shield are supposed to represent the Greek letter B. Later the cross in the center of the shield bore a sword and the dates 1383-1815. When Servia became a kingdom it took for its arms the old Byzantine double headed eagle bearing the former arms on its breast. What special relation the old Roman Empire of the East has to Servia is dark to me. The eagle appears on the present postage-due stamps.

An amusing error on the new issue for St. Kitts-Nevis is pointed by our French colleague. On this new design Christopher Columbus is earnestly gazing at the island through a telescope which he is holding rather awkwardly. It now de-

velops that he can hardly be expected to know much about handling a telescope since it was invented about a century after his death. To think that such a break could be made by the house of De la Rue!

At the time of the acrimonious debate in our Federal Senate on the relative advantage of the Nicaragua and the Panama canal routes it was stated in the daily press that considerable influence against the Nicaragua route was exercised by the volcanoes of that vicinity, Senator Hanna having produced in the Senate a map of Central America studded with red dots indicating volcanoes. Now No. 19 of La Cote Reece brings an interesting article in which it quotes at length from an article in a French scientific magazine written by M. Bunau-Varilla who under Lesseps was manager on the Panama Canal and who was one of the chief promoters of the Panama interests at Washington. It appears that he is the man who advanced this argument against the Nicaragua project and that his chief text was furnished him by the 1900 issue of Nicaragua stamps which represent the Valcano Momotombo on Lake Nacaragua. On June 16 he sent to each senator a card bearing a 20c stamp of this issue and a brief clipping from a Nicaragua paper stating that the dock and railway shown in the foreground of the stamp were precipitated into the lake by an eruption of the valcano on March 24, 1902. The argument seems to have been effective, for the Panama line was chosen. Thus Nicaragua itself furnished the means for its defeat and this 1900 issue may be said to be one of the most expensive ever made by any country, since it cost Nicaragua the canal. Just think of the influence of a stamp!

In No. 21 of the same paper M. Le-maire describes at length and illustrates

the new designs for the stamps of New Caledonia which, I believe, were furnished by Ben Damman, the engraver of the French Congo horrors. There are three types. The one for the values from 1 to 15 c represents a curious bird peculiar to New Caledonia. It is called the Kagou (*Rhynchotus jubstus*) [and is about the size of a chicken; as depicted on the stamp it must be a veritable dime Museum curiosity.—The second type, for the stamps from 20 to 75c, represents a native village with a boat in the foreground.—The third type, for the franc values, is much larger and bears a fine view of Numea, the capital.—A fourth type is destined for the postage dues and bears a picture of a native fishman spearing fish, at which sport the natives are adepts.

Scotts Catalogue lists under Guatemala, Nos. 112 and 113, two stamps of the 1887 type (quezal): a 20c bistre and a 25c green. German papers have cast doubt on these two stamps as being chemical changelings and not having been issued in these colors. A German collector living in Guatemala thereupon made inquiry of the postal authorities and received the following reply, quoted in No. 6 of Der Philatelist:

Guatemala, April 13, 1903.

Sr. Ernesto Hoen—

“Replying to your favor of the 6th inst. I beg to inform you:
“The 20c coffeebrown and 25c green are genuine and of official origin.
“Like the others of this type they were printed in New York; of the former (20c) 9000, of the latter (25) 10,000.
“They were in circulation during July and August of last year.
“A document shortly to be issued by the Post Office will give more information on these stamps.
Yours Respectfully,
Victor Sanchez.”

Mr. George, the Dutch consul-general at Lisbon, has an article of some interest on the Portuguese provisionals of 1902 which I reproduce in part:

"Some months ago the Portuguese Colonial office presented us with a set of 253 surcharges to des disgust of all serious collectors. These stamps were made to be sold to collectors, for they were not necessary. Still, one can defend them in a way, for the neatly gummed and perforated labels were on hand, why should they not be used? But the 1898 Colonials with surcharge Provisorio are aggravating. The brown 15 reis stamps were to become green, the green 25 reis to become red—that was all right and good, but since does a brown stamp with black surcharge become green? or a green one with black surcharge become red? The idea was, of course, to clear out the old colors and to do it more quickly the collectors had to help, hence the surcharge. Of nearly all the Provisorios there are large numbers on hand. Of the other surcharges the numbers are very different; e. g. of Timor 6 on 10 and 15 on 50 there are only 480 and 500 respectively, of Mozambique 40 on 100 only 728, but of some Congo and Zambezia values up to 200,000! Most of the embossed values went to the Colonies entirely and by the habit of putting them into water to remove the gum many were injured; so for instance there are no Guinea 400 on 5 whose red surcharge has not been damaged by water. Some colonies, e. g. Macao and Timor, always order their stamps ungummed, but the mint sometimes makes a mistake and gums them and then they go into the water. In these surcharges some perforations occur which are unknown without surcharge. For instance we have San Thome 400 and 115 in the Crown Type, Macao 6 avos Crown Type, all perf. 11½; a perforation which was not in existence at the time of circulation of these stamps as the machine perforating 11½ was not bought till 1887."

PRECANCELLED CHECK LIST.

By Clarence G. Dalton.

The following list of precancelled stamps is supplementary to the lists which have appeared in the "New York Philatelist," and the "Philatelic West." Collectors are urged to send any information that they can give as to corrections and additions to the lists. Key to abbreviations in July "West." All information greatly appreciated if addressed to Clarence G. Dalton, L. Box 462, Stillwater, Okla.

- 1c Ashland, Ohio, 1902, R. D.
- 1c Attica, Indiana, 1902, H. I. (Lines 13½ m.m. apart).
- 1c Attica, Indiana, 1902, H. I. (Lines 12½ m.m. apart).
- 1c Attica, Indiana, * 1902, H. I. (Lines 12½ m.m. apart).
- 1c Aurora, Ill., 1902, H. I., B. L.
- 1c Battle Creek, Mich., 1902, H. I., B. L.
- 2c Battle Creek, Mich., 1902, H. I., B. L.
- 1c Binghampton, N. Y., 3-'03, H. I.
- 1c Binghampton, N. Y., 4-'03, H. I., 1902.
- 5c Binghampton, N. Y., 5-'03, H. I., 1902.
- 5c Binghampton, N. Y., 5-'03, H. I., 1902.
- 5c Binghampton, N. Y., 4-'03, H. I., 1902.
- 5c Binghampton, N. Y., 6-'03, H. I., 1902.
- 1c Binghampton, N. Y., 3-'03, H. I., 1902, D. I.
- 1c Boston, Mass., * H. I., 1902.
- 1c Boston, Mass., Sta. A., * H. I. 1902.
- 2c Boston, Mass., B. L., H. I. 1902.
- 2c Boston, Mass., * B. L., H. I. 1902.
- 4c Boston, Mass., B. L., H. I. 1902.
- 1c Buffalo, N. Y., H. I. 1902.
- 1c Burlington, Vermont, R. D., D. I.
- 3c Calla, Ohio, D. I.
- 1c Cedar Rapids, 1902. ("R" has short tail).
- 1c Cedar Rapids, Iowa. ("R" has no short tail) (2 lines above 1 line below.
- 1c Chattanooga, St. Elmo Sta., Tenn., blue ink.
- 1c Chattanooga, St. Elmo Sta., Tenn., 1902, blue ink.
- 2c Chattanooga, St. Elmo Sta., Tenn., blue ink.
- 5c Chattanooga, St. Elmo Sta., Tenn., black ink.
- 4c Chicago, 10-1, Illinois, D. I.
- 1c Chicago, Illinois, H. I., B. L., 1902, black ink.
- 1c Chicago, Illinois, H. I., B. L., 1902, grey ink.
- 2c Chicago, Illinois, H. I., B. L., 1902, grey ink.
- 3c Chicago, Illinois, H. I., B. L., 1902, grey ink.
- 5c Chicago, Illinois, H. I., B. L., 1902, grey ink.
- 6c Chicago, Illinois, H. I., B. L., 1902, grey ink.

- 5c Chicago, Illinois, H. I., B. L., 1902, grey ink.
- 10c Chicago, Illinois, H. I., B. L., 1902, grey ink.
- 1c Cleveland, Ohio, * Type II, 1902.
- 2c Cleveland, Ohio, 1902.
- 3c Cleveland, Ohio, H. I.
- 1c Cleveland, Ohio, H. I., B. L., 1902.
- 1c Clintonville, Conn., R. D. 1902, (space 3¼ m.m. between lines).
- 1c Clintonville, Conn., R. U. 1902, (space 2½ m.m. between lines).
- 1c Cincinnati, Ohio, R. U. 1902.
- 1c Cincinnati, Ohio, R. D. 1902.
- 2c Cincinnati, Ohio, R. U. 1902.
- 2c Cincinnati, Ohio, R. U.
- 4c Cincinnati, Ohio, R. W.
- 4c Cincinnati, Ohio, R. D.
- 5c Cincinnati, Ohio, R. D.
- 1c Covington, Kentucky, B. L. 1902, in caps.
- 1c Covington, Kentucky, * B. L. 1902 in caps.
- 1c Dayton, Ohio, H. I., B. L., 1902.
- 1c Danbury, Conn., H. I., 1902. (No comma after "Danbury.")
- 1c Danbury, Conn., H. I., 1902. (Period after "Danbury.")
- 2c Danbury, Conn., H. I.
- 5c Decatur, Illinois.
- 1c Edella, Pa., April, 1903. H. I., B. L. 1902.
- 2c Edella, Pa., April, 1903. H. I., B. L. 1902.
- 2c Elgin, Illinois, H. I., 1902.
- 1c Exeter, Neb., H. I., B. L. red ink.
- 1c Fricks, Pa., 1902. (Printed, part on stamp and part on wrapper).
- 1c Hagerstown, Md., H. I., B. L.
- 1c Indianapolis, Ind., R. D., B. L. 1902.
- 3c Jackson, Mich., H. I. 1902.
- 3c Lacrosse, Wis., R. D. Large type.
- 1c Lynn, Mass. 1902. H. I., B. L.
- 3c Minneapolis, Minn., 1902. H. I.
- 2c Milwaukee, Wis., R. D. 1902.
- 5c Milwaukee, Wis., R. D. I. Type II.
- 1c New Britain, Conn., 1902.
- 1c New York, N. Y. Station H. 1902.
- 1c Philadelphia, Pa. H. I. 4 lines 1902.
- 2c Philadelphia, Pa. 1902. (Lines 14¾ m. m. apart).
- 4c Philadelphia, Pa. (Lines 14½ m. m. apart).
- 1c Pittsburgh, Pa. H. I. 1902.
- 1c Pittsburg, Pa. * H. I. 1902.
- 1c Pittsburgh, Pa. R. D. 1902.
- 1c Pittsburgh, Pa. * R. U. 1902.
- 2c Pittsburgh, Pa. D. I. 1902.
- 2c Pittsburgh, Pa., * D. I. 1902.
- 3c Pittsburgh, Pa. 1902. H. I.
- 4c Pittsburgh, Pa. 1902. H. I.
- 5c Pittsburgh, Pa. 1902. H. I.
- 5c Pittsburgh, Pa. 1902. H. I.
- 1c Racine, Wisconsin, Type I. 1902. R. U., B. L.
- 5c Racine, Wisconsin, Type I. 1902. R. U., B. L.
- 8c Racine, Wisconsin, Type I. 1902. R. U., B. L.
- 1c Racine, Wisconsin, Type II. R. D.
1902. (Lines 10½ m.m. apart).
- 1c Racine, Wisconsin, Type II. R. U. 1902. (Lines 10½ m.m. apart).
- 8c Racine, Wisconsin, Type II. R. D. 1902. (Lines 11½ m.m. apart).
- 5c Racine, Wisconsin, Type II. R. D. 1902. (Lines 10½ m.m. apart).
- 1c Rock Island, Ill. 1902.
- 1c Rochester, N. Y. H. I., B. L. 1902.
- 2c Rochester, N. Y. H. I., B. L. 1902.
- 1c Roxbury Cross Sta., Boston, Mass. Type I. 1902.
- 1c Roxbury Cross Sta., Boston, Mass. * Type I. 1902.
- 1c River Rouge, Mich. Large caps. 1902.
- 1c Salisbury, Md. B. L., R. D.
- 1c Salem, Mass. R. D. 1902.
- 2c Salem, Mass. D. D. 1902.
- 3c Salem, Mass. D. D. 1902.
- 1c Schenectady, N. Y. (A line under N. Y.)
- 4c Scranton, Pa. B. L., H. I., 1902.
- 6c Scranton, Pa. B. L., H. I., 1902.
- 2c Strasburg, Ohio, R. U. 1902.
- 1c St. Paul, Minn. B. L., R. D.
- 2c St. Paul, Minn. B. L., R. U.
- 1c St. Paul, Minn. R. U. 1902.
- 5c St. Paul, Minn. * Pan. Am.
- 1c Scranton, Pa., * 1902. H. I., B. L.
- 2c Scranton, Pa., 1902. H. I., B. L.
- 5c Scranton, Pa. 1902. H. I., B. L.
- 2c due. St. Johnsbury, Vt. D. D.
- 5c due. St. Johnsbury, Vt. D. D.
- 1c due. St. Johnsbury, Vt. D. D.
- 2c due. St. Johnsbury, Vt. D. D.
- 5c due. St. Johnsbury, Va. D. D.
- 1c Topeka, Kans. * 1902.
- 2c Topeka, Kans.
- 8c Topeka, Kans.
- 1c Toledo, Ohio. B. L., H. I.
- 1c Titusville, 1902.
- 2c Titusville, 1902.
- 3c Titusville.
- 3c Titusville, 1902.
- 1c Weymouth, Mass. H. I., B. L., 1902.
- 1c Warren, Pa. (Double instead of single lines).
- 1c Yonkers, N. Y. H. I., B. L. 1902.
- 1c Yonkers, N. Y. Purple ink. "N. Y." missing).
- 2c Yonkers, N. Y. * H. I., B. L., 1902 Large black letters.
- 1c Northampton, Mass. No bars.
- 2c Northampton, Mass. No bars.
- 3c Northampton, Mass. No bars.
- 4c Northampton, Mass. No bars.
- 5c Northampton, Mass. No bars.
- 6c Northampton, Mass. No bars.
- 8c Northampton, Mass. No bars.
- 10c Northampton, Mass. No bars.
- 15c Northampton, Mass. No bars.
- 1c due Northampton, Mass. No bars.
- 2c due Northampton, Mass. No bars.
- 5c due Northampton, Mass. No bars.
- 1c due Northampton, Mass. No bars.
- 1c Northampton, Mass. * Two bars.
- 1c Northampton, Mass. Two bars.
- 2c Northampton, Mass. Two bars.
- 5c Northampton, Mass. Two bars.
- 10c Northampton, Mass. Two bars.
- 1c Northampton, Mass. D. U. (Colon after "Mass.")
- 2c Northampton, Mass. D. U. (Colon after "Mass.")
- 13c Northampton, Mass. D. U. (Large caps).
- 2c Northampton, Mass. D. U. (Error "Nass." after "Mass.")

The Collection of Minor Varieties. 3 3 3

By *Frank C. Young*

WHILE the tendency toward specialism in stamp collecting has not in America as yet even approached that prevalent in England, France and Germany, there is a marked improvement in this respect visible, and more attention is given to minor varieties now than ever before. Indeed it is only a few years ago that American cataloguers neglected even the watermarks on many European stamps. Picking up to-day a stamp magazine of the vintage of 1888 I discovered a lengthy growl from a correspondent who had exchange relations with a Russian collector, the burden of his complaint being that the gentleman in Russia had sent him watermarked copies of the first issue of Russia and had not priced them according to American prices for the unwatermarked series. The American gentleman finally kept the stamps, under protest, and I think would now be willing to take many more at the same rate.

The moral of this is that the minor variety that is neglected and to be gotten hold of comparatively easily to-day may be the rarity of to-morrow.

How many American collectors have examined their favorite British colonials for Die A and Die B varieties? Not many. Yet all catalogues plainly indicate the differences and any magnifying glass will show them. The easiest test to apply is the running together of the seventh and eighth lines of shading, counting from the top. After he has once become acquainted with this appearance, a collector with fairly good eyesight will not need a magnifying glass, but will separate the two dies readily. .

In United States stamps there are many varieties for which it would be well to keep an eye open, and a careful examination of your duplicates might be the means of adding several interesting and in some cases high priced varieties to your collection. This is a field which has been much neglected and a systematic search by a large number of collectors might be the means of adding several hitherto unknown varieties—sorts as interesting as any now catalogued.

Aside from the reissues, not many of which were sold to the general public, the 1873 issue, printed by the Continental Bank Note Company, offers the best field for the discoverer. In addition to its many shades, some much scarcer than others, this set of stamps is found on ribbed paper, most frequently in the two-cent value, but not infrequently in many of the other values. There are also the double paper and the paper cut with a cog-wheel die. These were both papers designed to prevent the cleaning of stamps, the double paper having the faculty of coming apart when the stamps were soaked, leaving the tissue-like sheet on which the printing is done separate from the heavier paper which forms the substance of the stamps.

Other stamps for which search should be made are the grilled 1873 and 1875 issues. The 1873 issue can be recognized by having both the grill and the secret marks, while the two-cent vermilion and five-cent blue Taylor of 1875 are of course distinct.

Another very scarce stamp is the five-cent blue of 1888 on pinkish paper. I believe a great many more of these would be known if collectors would make a careful hunt for them.

I think the "cap" varieties of the two-cent 1890 are badly neglected, al-

though all that is needed is a diligent search among a large number of 1890 two-cent stamps to be rewarded with a set.

The reason for all this neglect of minor varieties is not hard to find. It can be laid at the door of the printed album. Every collector who has 1000 or more varieties should collect not by the album but by the catalogue, and he will be surprised to find how much more interesting his stamps have become and how much more pleasure and knowledge he can obtain from them. In collecting in this way consider 156a and 156b as much varieties as 156. I do not mean by this that you should immediately go to your nearest dealer and buy all these minor varieties, for I fear the stocks of the dealers would scarcely bear the strain, but keep your eyes open all the time. For instance, when you get hold of a one cent United States stamp of the 1870 design, convince yourself thoroughly as to whether it is No. 134, 145, 156, 156a, 156b, 156c, 156d, 156e, 182 or 182a before you give it up. And do the same thing with every other stamp you handle, whether United States or Foreign.

This is the foundation of specialism and that is what best illustrates the difference between Foreign and American collectors. Think it over, and if you need help, first consult the catalogue carefully, then go to your brother collectors and do not be afraid to ask questions. It is thus that knowledge is gained in the stamp world, as everywhere else.

We would be glad to have you drop us a few lines, telling us how you like the WEST, and which departments please you the most. We are always glad to have suggestions. For our sole object is to please our subscribers and advertisers.

Cuban Notes. By O. F. Harrington

IN the city of Cinfuegos alone, over fifty business houses have closed the doors, surrendering their license, in protest against the assessment of the extra stamp taxes laid by the provincial legislature and municipal council.

Many retail stores in Santiago de Cuba have also closed their doors during the last month, their owners preferring to liquidate rather than pay the veroué additional special stamp taxes assessed by the provincial legislature and municipality council.

Mr. Warren, chief of the bureau of statistics of the Cuban treasury department, who was sent to New York on a special mission in connection with the printing and engraving of the stamps needed by the government here before the new special provincial and municipal imports can be collected, has completed his mission and is expected home this week.

The Mature Enthusiast.

Alexander Holland.

"Of course every schoolboy has at one time or another collected postage stamps, but the percentage of collectors who have carried their interest in philately from boy's to man's estate is very, very small indeed. It is the person who begins to collect after he or she has reached his maturity that becomes the enthusiast, whose thoughts are ever with the growth of his collection and whose interest does not flag during the warmest days of summer, when as a general rule, collections are packed away and forgotten until another winter arrives. There are many women in the country who collect and who own very fine general collections.

"THE LOCALS OF THE TURKISH EMPIRE."

By H. Treherne, Brighton, England.
Constantinople 1865.

Star and crescent in circle, enclosed in square frame with diverging rays above and below. Turkish figures letters at the top signify Paras, and at the right local Post which is repeated in French on the left. These stamps were engraved in England.

Perforated—

- 5 paras black on blue.
- 20 paras black on green.
- 40 paras black on pink.

Imperforate—

- 5 paras black on blue.
- 20 paras black on green.
- 40 paras black on pink.

These three stamps were issued on January 13th, 1865, by M. Liannos, a Greek, who obtained permission from the Sultan of Turkey to establish a local post in Constantinople for six years. The 5-paras was for journals and the other two values for letters.

In the genuine stamps there are from 36 to 37 rays top and bottom but in the forgeries there are only about 30 rays.

(SCOTT N.I.) NEWSPAPER STAMPS. 1865

These stamps were issued about March, 1865, and are hand stamped in sheets of 63 (7 rows of 9) on thin un gummed paper, the lines between each stamp being ruled in writing ink. The Turkish characters mean seals for the papers passing through the local post. The value of these stamps was 312 paras and the colors are as follows:

- Black on blue.
- Pink.
- White.
- Yellow.
- Buff.
- Mauve.
- Blue on buff.
- Red on buff.

(SCOTT TYPE U. I.) UNPAID LETTER STAMPS 1865.

These stamps were issued in the early part of 1866 and were used on unpaid letters coming from Egypt which were delivered by the post.

- 10 paras black on yellow.
- 20 paras black on pink.
- 1 piastre red.
- 2 piastre blue.

On March 31st, 1867, all the letter boxes of this post were closed owing to the want of support on the part of the public.

KUSTENDJIE AND CZERNAWODA 1865.

View of Kustendjie harbor and railway

train. These stamps were issued in January, 1865, by the Quebec & Black Sea Railway and Kustendjie Harbor Co. Ltd., and postmarks bear the following inscription: "D. B. S. R." incircle or date, or "Kustendjie Lloyd Agencie" and date in oval.

Perforate 9 (1-2) unused—

- 20 paras black on blue, 4c.
- 20 paras black on yellow, 4c.
- 20 paras black on green, 4c.
- 20 paras black on rose, 4c.
- 20 paras black on orange, 4c.

Used specimens are very rare, as the stamps were suppressed shortly after they were issued owing to a misunderstanding with the Turkish government.

MORTON'S LETTER POST.

Messrs. T. B. Morton & Co. were a shipping company, established in Constantinople in 1855, and plying their steamers between Constantinople, the Black sea and up the river Danube.

First issue June, 1869—

Large round hand struck stamps, with "Franco" in block letters in centre, "Constantinople" and "Danube Line of Steamers" round the edge, "T. B. Morton" at the top and "Letter Post" at the bottom.

	Unused.	Used.
20 paras blue on red .....	.50	2.50
20 paras blue on white	1.25	5.00
20 paras blue on blue	1.00	5.00
Yellow	2.50	7.50
40 red on red .....	.50	2.50
40 red on white	1.00	5.00
40 red on blue	1.00	5.00
40 red on yellow	2.50	7.50

The blue stamps on colored paper were of the value of 20 paras and used for newspapers and the red 40 paras and used for letters. The different colored paper denoted various districts, as follows: White paper for Bourgas, Varna, and Kustendjie; yellow for Sulina; red for Telcha and Galaty; and blue for Ibrail, the terminus port of the Danube line.

Second issue—

In July, 1869, a new issue was made by engraving a steamer on the old block, above the word "Franco" and was used by the Treblyona line of steamers. The prices of these stamps are about the same as those of the first issue.

Third issue—

In October, 1870, a set of three stamps consisting of

- ½ piastre green unused 6c, used 1.25.
- 1 piastre vermilion unused 12c, used 2.50.
- 2 piastre blue unused 25c, used 3.75.

perforated 13 was issued. The design consisted of a steamer in a central oval, figures of value in four corners, "T. B. Morton & Co." above and "D. B. S. L.S."

below the steamer. The two piastres were for letters, the 1 piastre for books and periodicals, and the ½ piastre for newspapers. Early in 1872 a reduction in postal rates took place and this caused a fourth issue of stamps. The design was a black oblong with red flag in center inscribed "T. B. M. & Co." 10 paras in top corners and anchor in bottom corners all in red "D. & B. S. L. S." in scroll above flag. "Journal Stamp" below in black, perforated 12. At the end of 1872 the plates of the above stamp were redrawn and the anchor and figures of value were enclosed in oval frames and printed on blue paper.

Perforated.	Unused.	Used.
10 paras black and red on white	4c	60c
10 paras black and red on blue	25c	60c
Unperforated.		
10 paras black and red on blue	50c	1.00
Same as last surcharged "Letter" in red.		
	Unused.	Used.
10 paras black and red on blue	12c	1.00



For the Month Ending July 15th. Compiled by W. O. Wylie.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.

Adhesive—King's Heads.
 1d carmine and gray.
 2d mauve and lilac.
 4d black and gray-green.
 6d buff and gray.
 2sh 6d green and gray-green.
 4sh mauve and lilac.
 10sh black and gray-green.
 £1 carmine and gray.
 £10 blue and gray.

CANADA.

Adhesive—King's Heads.
 1c green.
 2c carmine.
 5c blue.
 7c olive yellow.
 10c brown violet.

CYPRUS.

Adhesive—King's Head.
 12 piastres, red-brown and black.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Adhesive—1802 Design.
 2c carmine.

GUATEMALA.

Adhesives—'96-'00 Surcharged.
 25c on 1c deep green.
 25c on 2c rose-red.
 25c on 6c pale green.
 25c on 10c pale brown.
 25c on 75c rose.
 25c on 150c blue.
 25c on 200c yellow.

HONG KONG.

Adhesives—King's Heads.
 30c grey-green and black.
 50c grey-green magenta.
 \$1 lilac and sage-green.
 \$2 grey, black and vermilion.

INDIA.

Adhesives—King's Heads.
 2½a, ultramarine.
 8a, magenta.
 Official Adhesives—King's Heads.
 2½a, ultramarine.
 4a, olive-green.
 8a, magenta.

MEXICO.

Adhesives—Color Changes.
 1c dark lilac.
 2c green.
 5c, yellow-orange.
 10c blue and orange.

NABHA.

Adhesives—King's Heads.
 ¼a gray.
 ½a green.
 1a carmine.
 2a violet.
 3a buff.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.

Adhesives—Pictorial Design.
 ¼d lilac and dark green.
 1d grey-black and carmine.
 2d lilac and brown.
 2½d grey-black and ultramarine.
 3d dark green and orange.
 6d grey-black and purple.
 1s dark green and orange.
 2s dark green and grey-black.
 3s 6d grey-black and deep mauve.
 5s grey-lilac and sage-green.

ST. HELENA.

Adhesives—Pictorial Design.
 ¼d green and brown.
 1d carmine and black.
 2d sage green and black.
 6d brown and black.
 1sh yellow buff and brown.
 2sh violet and black.

SALVADOR.

Official Adhesives—"Franqueo Oficial"
 Engraved on Regular Set.
 1c dark green.
 2c red.
 3c orange.
 5c dark blue.
 10c dull lilac.
 12c slate.
 13c red brown.
 24c red.
 26c yellow brown.
 50c yellow.
 100c light blue.

Albums for Covers

The Perforator.

With a sharp pen knife cut four diagonal slits for corners; after locating corner of covers then insert corners of covers; another way is to use four peelable hinges of largest size; and a third way is to use two corners folded from some smooth, tough, thin paper and fasten these to the page at the diagonal corners.

The Woman Collector.

By Verna W. Hanway

IT is only within the last few years that women have joined the ranks of philatelists. Stamp collecting is regarded by many people as a mania peculiar to boys from eight to fourteen years of age; but boys are by no means the only victims of the fad.

The most of boys soon tire of the pursuit. You will find it to be a fact that ninety-nine out of a hundred, after collecting from five hundred to two thousand cheap and battered specimens are willing to trade their albums for anything, from a rifle to a village goat. It sometimes happens, however, that the hundredth boy is a genuine collector and never outgrows the fascinating hobby. But boys, as a rule are not the most promising of material of which to make a true collector. When they become interested at more mature age they generally continue collectors until mother earth claims them.

However, the woman collector is seldom ever evolved from the little girl. The little girl, as a rule, does not collect stamps; yet there are today many women collectors.

Perhaps the germ theory is responsible for this. The boy stamp fiend appeals to one of his feminine relatives for assistance in arranging his collection of stamps. They are not always susceptible to the charm that lurks within the little bits of papers. But one occasionally succumbs. When she does she more than rivals the boys enthusiasm.

No one is more of a bargain hunter than a woman. And nowhere are there more attractive bargains offered than by the enterprising stamp dealer of today. Perhaps this is the real secret of the attraction. It is

likely, for if you think you can get the better of a woman in a bargain, I am afraid you are destined to get sadly left.

Some women have a keen sense of the value of their collections. And well they may, for stamps have put many a needed dollar in woman's pocket. However, on the other hand there are many who collect merely for pleasure. they like to see their collections looking bright and handsome. They like to see here and there, a stamp with a "past." The fact that a stamp carried the news of a dear friends wedding across the continent, that a certain stamp brought news of a sudden death in far off India, or that it adorned the last letter from a mother or father, adds much to the personal value of a collection, though hardly from a financial view.

The woman collector, and in fact everyone, is apt to be tempted by the handsome unused stamps of Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador, and by reprints of Heliogland, Hamburg and Roman States. Although these add much to the interest and beauty of a collection, they do not add much to its value.

The least fancied stamps by a woman are those of Austria, Spain, Belgium and Portugal because of their dull coloring; and of India and Turkey, because they are hard to place, besides, the forger puts in a great deal of his time on the stamps of India and it is very hard to get a genuine one. With women, or with other collectors, the stamps of the United States are the favorites. Canada and Mexico come next; then Sweden, for Sweden is a country very easily filled.

The most hated stamp in existence is the German 10 pfennig "Riechpost" of 1889. It is a very homely stamp and exists by the million. It is the the foundation of all ten cent packets and cheap collections.

Counterfeits and Their Detection.

By R. R. T H I E L E

(Continued.)

UNITED STATES. I have counterfeits of other values of the type of 24c, but their characteristic in the main are the same as already described. I therefore pass them at present and take a forgery of the \$6 blue, next in my list. This is a little beauty and most collectors would unhesitatingly take it for genuine. Still every counterfeit has its weak spot somewhere and so has this one, in fact several of them. One of them is found in the upper right corner. The extremity of this corner is formed by two small leaves; on the genuine stamp the outer one of these leaves is a trifle higher than the inner one, whereas on the forgery the inner one is a little the higher one. The genuine stamp shows very fine shading beyond these leaves, giving a rectangular shape to the corner, quite clearly defined; on the forgery this fine shading is conspicuous by its absence. The same, relatively, is true of the upper left corner. This corner (upper left) exhibits some other points of difference. The figures \$6 on the genuine stamp are quite heavily shaded to the right and this shade is quite distinct from the shading of the background; there is a clear space between the shadow of the 6 and the three pearls to the right of it. On the forgery the shading to the right of the 6 is so faint as to be almost indistinguishable from the background and the entire space between the 6 and the three pearls appears to be almost equally clear. The two bars of the dollar sign in the left upper corner on the genuine stamp are quite straight and parallel; on the counterfeit they appear slightly bent towards the left at

the middle. The left lower upward curve or tail of the dollar sign in this corner is too short. On the genuine it extends a little higher than a line drawn exactly horizontally at the foot of the 6; on the counterfeit it would barely reach such a line. The ornament extending from above towards the three pearls already mentioned in the upper left corner on the genuine stamp is quite round and club shaped; on the counterfeit is quite pointed and crescent-shaped. The ornaments in the right upper corner, except as already mentioned, show fewer points of divergence. One is to be found in the lower extremities of the two vertical bars in the dollar sign in this corner. On the genuine stamp these extremities are both of the same length; but on the counterfeit the little leaflike ornament just below has thus crowded the left hand bar up, while it is considerably shorter than the right hand one. The lettering of U. S. POSTAGE is pretty fair, except the S of POSTAGE—in fact the S almost always is a hard proposition to imitate. In this case the S in question on the genuine stamp is of equal size in both halves, while on the forgery the upper half is slightly smaller than the lower one. The forgery here is really right, as that should be the form of a proper letter S; but then it is not what the original has. The letters of NEWSPAPERS and PERIODICALS is also very good; in fact I can not discover any discrepancies that one could point out without the use of an enlarged facsimili. But there is a difference in the labels containing these two words, anyway. It lies in the shading. On the genuine stamp the shading of these two stamps is such that it grows heavier and darker towards the lower end of the label. On the forgery this darkening of the background is but very slightly

apparent. Still more striking is the shading to the right of these two words--the shade supposed to be cast by the lettering. On the genuine stamp this is very heavy and striking, so that the words appear to be accompanied by a serrated line at the right. On the counterfeit this shading is so faint as to be perceptible only on close inspection. The figure of Clio, the Muse of History, is very finely engraved on the counterfeit also, but still shows various divergenies. The trouble is that these are mostly such as are almost impossible to describe in words. One fairly prominent one lies in the upper fold of Cleo's robe, the one running diagonally across the breast downwards towards the left (her right hand). On the genuine stamp this is rather irregularly drawn and does not really lie like a fold; on the counterfeit it is very distinct and rounded.

The lower part of this stamp is very well imitated; it is almost impossible to point out any striking differences. On my specimen it is daubed rather deavily, no doubt to hide the omnious to hide the omnious word "Falsch" which presumably is inserted somewhere in microscopic letters.

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One Man's Opinion.

The Adhesive.

A glance at the pages devoted to Queensland in our albums will give a good example of the steady decline in beauty of design and workmanship. From its first issue, whose permanent colors and beautiful design are the pride of all possessors down to the current issue with its ugly 2½ pence and ½ penny stamp, there is a steady retrograde from the artistic and beautiful. This seems rather odd in comparison with the general tendency of other countries in the opposite direction.

Philately as a Nerve Tonic By V E R N A W . H A N W A Y

One reason why the collecting of stamps has so grown in popularity with women is on account of its restful qualities. As a nerve tonic it is better than all the celery compounds on the market affording, as it does, complete rest and relaxation.

A tired worker in search of an attractive recreation should try philately. He will find that of all the relaxations open to him none is more satisfactory than stamp collecting.

Monarchs and statesmen recognize the claims of stamp collecting. It has passed the stages of a mere school boy pastime, it has steadily developed into an engrossing study for the busy and leisured of all classes, from the millionaire to the errand boy.

The cost may be limited to dollars, or thousands of dollars. It may be taken up, or laid down at any moment. You may spend hours with it, or minutes. You may make it merely a pleasant way in which to spend a few spare moments, or you may turn it into a scientific study. You may even divert it into money making channels.

Many are at a loss to understand the fascination which casts its insidious charm around this hobby. You gasp at the enormous prices paid for valuable stamps. You are thunderstruck at the fortunes made and lost in stamps. You wonder at the life long devotion of the collector to his hobby, and--well, you just try it awhile and you will not wonder any longer. On the contrary you will be as enthusiastic as I am, perhaps more so.

Again I say, you who are in search of a pleasant, profitable recreation try stamp collecting. Why it is almost equal to a change of climate, for it takes you from Abyssinia around the world to Zanzibar in a single afternoon. But of course it is true as the old maid said when she kissed her cat "everybody to their own notion".

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY ?

Conducted by
L. G. DORPAT, Bx 37, Wayside, 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.

116. **WHAT IS MEANT BY PART PERFORATION?** This term as used in regard to U. S. revenue stamps, means that the sheet of stamps was not perforated horizontally and vertically as it should be, but one way only, leaving the single stamps in strips thus formed to be separated in some other way. There may be different reasons for the issue of part perforated stamps. One is accident or carelessness in the rush of production. Another may have been the intention to get the stamps in strips or bands for use in an affixing machine, similar to those used for affixing addresses to newspapers. The safest way to collect them, to avoid being imposed upon by trimmed specimens, is to take them on the original document or in pairs and strips only.

117. **WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THE BLACK SURCHARGE ON THE LAST ISSUE OF U. S. REVENUES.**—The government was defrauded by washing and using a second time that had been used. To make such fraud more difficult the government adopted a delicate gray color for all the dollar values and had the value printed in black on the face so as to make it prominent and to avoid mistakes. Scott's catalogue does not mention this surcharge on the grey issue of 1900, but it is mentioned on the green issue of 1902.

118.—**WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BE-**

TWEEN THE HARTFORD AND PHILADELPHIA DIES OF THE CENTENNIAL ENVELOPE? The Hartford die has a single thick line under "postage," the Philadelphia die has has two thin lines instead.

119.—**WHY ARE THERE SO MANY UNUSED STAMPS OF PORTO RICA, CUBA AND THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS IN THE MARKET?**—The lower values of these stamps are very low, 1 milenia being equal to one tenth of a U. S. mill, that it was always an easy matter to get them unused. Then during the war, some, no doubt, were captured, and later on brought on the market. Finally, I think, some remainders were sold, but I do not know when, where or to whom. Who can tell?

120.—**HAS ANY BODY A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL THE PHILALELIC SOCIETIES IN THE U. S. AND THE ADDRESSES OF THEIR MEMBERS?**—I doubt it, but the list might be gotten by a little effort of the several secretaries. This would make a fine showing.

121.—**WHAT SHALL I COLLECT?**—This is the question often repeated, variously answered and never settled. I would say: collect shoe nails, long ones and short ones, thick ones and thin ones, etc., ad libitum and ad infinitum—if it pleases you to do so. In other words, let everybody do as he pleases—unless you are a dealer who has a special stock and wishes to sell it, in which case I need not tell you to try and make people collect what you have for sale, but for a general principal let each have his own way. General collecting, specializing, minor varieties and minute subvarieties are all nice words to know about, but they are not worth quarreling, neither does it seem wise to ridicule any collector

for any specialty that pleases him. The man who gets the most pleasure out of a seemingly senseless hobby seems to be the wisest; the one who submits like a slave to rules set up by others is a poor fool, if he thinks he must do so, whilst, if it pleases him, he is at liberty even to enslave himself. That is one side. The other is: What will other collectors think of me if I go my own way? There the general trend must be considered as well as individual inclination. If you do anything, you will soon find others asking you the why and wherefore. If then you know of no reasonable answer, you will be thought foolish, but if you know and can show your reason to others, they will consider you instructive, some will follow you and others will oppose, or at least they will insist on being permitted to collect on other lines, for they too have their reasons. Beginners need not at all be confused, neither by the specialist, nor by the "generalist," nor by anything else. Let them collect what is within their reach, let them collect knowledge of all ways of collecting and of the reasons for them, and then let them decide for themselves what line they will follow.

122. HOW FAR BACK ARE U. S. STAMPS GOOD FOR POSTAGE?—To the issue of 1861. All those before the beginning of the civil war were on account of the secession declared void in the federal mails. But since then no such declaration has been made, and the stamps of 1861 may be used alongside of those of 1902. However, a collector would hardly do that, for the unused stamps of the old issues are much rarer than the used ones.

123.—WHAT PICTURES APPEAR ON NEW FOUNDLAND STAMPS OF 1898-01?
— $\frac{1}{2}$ c Edward Albert, Duke of York,

born 1894; 1c Victoria Alexandrina, the late Queen of England, born in 1819 and died 1901; 2c Edward VII, present king, born in 1841; Alexandra, present queen, born 1844; 4c Victoria Marie, Princess of Wales, born 1867; 5c George Frederick Ernst Albert, Crown Prince of England, born 1865.

124.—WHAT ARE OFFICIAL STAMPS?—Those stamps, no matter of what country or in what form they may be issued are not sold to the public, but either sold or given to the officers of the government for use on official mail, i. e. mail belonging to government business. U. S. Department stamps are official stamps. They are now replaced by "penalty envelopes," i. e. envelopes which carry their contents free of postage and which call for a penalty of \$300 if used for other than official correspondence.

125.—DOES ANYONE IN AMERICA HANDLE THE BRIGHT & SONS., A. B. C. CATALOGUE?—This is a question I can not answer. I would like to take occasion though to make a few remarks. We have no dealer in philatelic books from whom all philatelic books could be obtained, or, if we have, he is very negligent in regard to advertising this part of his business. It is very likely that anyone of the principal stamp dealers will order any foreign book for his patrons, but why does not one or the other say so? The philatelic book market is yet a neglected field in our country and might pay cultivation.

126.—WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO TYPES OF 4d VICTORIA 1885 AND 1886.—The first has the head of Queen Victoria on a solid background of color, the second has a lined background. The same difference may be noticed in other stamps of that time which otherwise resemble each other, as in the 2nd. The issue of 1901 is characterized by the words "stamp duty" being left out and "postage" substituted, which latter term now appears on the whole set.



Australian Stamp Notes

By JAS. WELSH,
North Fitzroy,
Victoria

NEW ISSUE OF STAMPS

An Australian Production

The Postmaster-General intends to shortly issue complete sets of Federal stamps in all the states. It was suggested that this should be done last year but the central postal authorities explained that the idea was impracticable in view of the bookkeeping provisions of the Constitution Act. At the present time each state postal department is carried on as a separate institution so far as its revenue and expenditure are concerned. If a Federal stamp, exchangeable throughout the Commonwealth, was sold in Melbourne and used in Sydney, Victoria would gain the revenue, and New South Wales would have to perform the service of transmission and delivery. This would not be in consonance with the bookkeeping sections, and consequently the suggestion was not entertained.

Since then some of the state Premiers, fearing that the central administration might be tempted to introduce uniform stamps, have protested against the idea, and pointed how their interests might suffer by such a departure. Senator Drake, however, sees his way not to interfere with state rights and yet to introduce what he describes as "Australian stamps." Designs have not been called for publicly, nor for that matter departmentally, but a design has been received by the Postmaster-General and it will probably be accepted. "It is the work of an Australian." "We might get finer

draughtsmanship by going abroad, say to the United States, but I prefer to have the stamp designed, engraved and printed in Australia, so that it may be in every sense Australian."

It is understood that the King's head will not appear on the Federal stamps, but that something symbolical of the Commonwealth will be substituted. Beneath this symbol the name of the state within which the stamp will have currency and its value will be printed. By this device of issuing sets for each state separately the Federal stamps will not be interchangeable, and therefore the constitution will be observed. The stamps now sold in the various states will not be withdrawn, but no more will be printed, and as the sheets are exhausted, Federal stamps will be sold instead.

Sample sheets of the new issue are now being printed at the Government printing office at Melbourne. When ready, and the dies for all the states have been cut, the Postmaster-General will decide when the stamps will be made available for public use. Senator Drake will also have to determine where they are to be printed. The cost of producing the number of sheets required for the first issue will run into several thousand pounds. It is therefore of consequence that they should be printed as cheaply as possible. The Government printers of the several states will be asked to quote prices for the work, so that if the stamps can be struck off for the same or less cost than in Melbourne they may be printed in the different capitals for local issue.

PICTORIAL POST CARDS

The Postmaster-General is considering the advisability of issuing pictorial post cards similar to those procurable on the Continent. Many designs for such cards have already been received by Senator Drake, who favors a scheme by which perhaps half a dozen illustrated cards typical of something in each state would be printed, and sold at a slight advance on present prices to cover the cost of production.

S u r c h a r g e s

By J. C. H a r v e y

ONE of the most interesting branches of philately is the study of the different surcharges found on stamps. Such stamps are surcharged, or overprinted, for five main reasons. First, for Colonial use. The stamps of Great Britain surcharged Zululand, Cyprus, etc., are instances of stamps surcharged for this first reason. Second, the change of currency of a country often makes need of a surcharging of certain values. The 1878 issue of Mauritius affords a fine example of this. In this case eight of the pence and shilling values were surcharged cents and rupees. Third, the lack of certain values. This use of the surcharge is the most common. A recent example of this is the surcharging of 25c on the 1, 2, and 6 cent values of the 1900 set of Guatemala. The two Canada surcharges of 1899, also emanated from this cause. Fourth, a need of revenue stamps, when postage stamps are surcharged revenue and vice versa. The 1898 I. R. surcharges of our own country illustrate this point. This may also be seen in the stamps of some of the British Colonies in the West Indies. Fifth, for the commemorative issues, as in the case of the 1897 jubilee issue of Leeward Islands.

The first surcharged postage stamp is in the 1870-1869 issue of South Australia, where the 9 pence of that issue was surcharged 10 pence. The next instance was that of the 1865 issue of Italy. The 15 centesimi of the 1862 issue was surcharged 20 centesimi. In this same year 1865, a new issue of Turkey appeared, surcharged in Turkish letters. During the following year, 1866, Uruguay caught on to the surcharge, and gave us 4 new values.

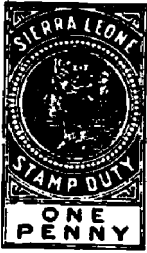
In 1868 the current set of Portugal was over-printed for use in Madeira and the Azores. These opened the highway of surcharging, and gave a start to the hundreds of surcharges which have appeared since that time. Nowadays, surcharged stamps are seen nearly as often as unsurcharged ones, and are becoming commoner every day. Some of the most popular stamps are those which have been surcharged. The widely known, but not so widely possessed, 1899 set of Guam and many of the popular Seychelles, are among these. The latest surcharge news is an idea promulgated in Mekeels Weekly Stamp News, No. 649, where a correspondent suggests that the government surcharge the current, 1903, set of U. S. stamps with a suitable design, for use during the Saint Louis Worlds Fair, instead of making a new issue. If this suggestion is adopted, another popular set will be added to the long list of surcharged stamps.

How to Make a Stock Book.

The Perforator.

Duplicates should always be kept flat, any old blank book can be easily arranged to keep same. There is on sale at all fine art stores a narrow white linen tape, (with one side gummed), cut strips the width of the page in blank book and have a cardboard pattern a little shorter and a little narrower than the tape; lay tape on a piece of blotting paper and with a small brush and water run around the cardboard pattern, moisten the two ends and lower edge of tape, they can then be uniformly mounted on each page of blank book, using only one side of each page.

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Revenue Dep't.

Conducted by
Charles A. Nast.

THE following letter which explains itself, was written in answer to my question regarding the existence, use, and circumstances necessitating the adoption by the Antikannia Co., of such an unusual value as $\frac{1}{8}$ cent. The letter I regard as a valuable contribution to the literature of the Spanish-American Revenues.

St. Louis, Mo., June 26, 1903.

Chas. A. Nast, Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your favor of the 23 inst., we beg to state that when the Internal Rev. law went into effect on July 1st, 1898, we bought what might be called a job lot of Revenue stamps from the U. S. Int. Rev. office in St. Louis. These stamps were of all denominations from the $\frac{1}{4}$ cent to the $2\frac{1}{2}$ cent, and the quantity furnished did not supply our needs for more than two or three days. We therefore had provisional $2\frac{1}{2}$ cent stamps printed on white paper and we used these provisional stamps for about a week or ten days before we received notice that the $2\frac{1}{2}$ cent regular stamps could be obtained.

When using the smaller denominations of stamps on or about July 1st, 1898, we found that to make $2\frac{1}{2}$ cent for each package required an additional $\frac{1}{8}$ cent stamp. This the government could not furnish so we had printed a small quantity of $\frac{1}{8}$ cent provisional stamps to be used with the regular stamps, to make $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents. We cannot recall just the denomina-

tions of stamps we used with the $\frac{1}{8}$ cent provisional, but there may have been a 2 cent and $\frac{3}{8}$ cent, and a provincial $\frac{1}{8}$ cent to make up $2\frac{1}{2}$ cent. There were various denominations which added together would make $2\frac{3}{8}$ cent thus requiring an additional $\frac{1}{8}$ cent stamp, but just what values we had, we cannot now recall. The $\frac{1}{8}$ cent provisionals were printed on yellow paper to distinguish them from the $2\frac{1}{2}$ cent provisionals, and very few were used, probably not over 500, but possibly 1000.

Trusting that this answers your inquiry to your satisfaction, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

The Antikannia Chemical Co.

Frank A. Ruf, Pres. & Treas.

Will my readers now please add to last months check list the following type printed cancellations of this company:

$1\frac{1}{4}$ —10-29-1900

$2\frac{1}{2}$ —1-12-1899.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ —8-1-1899.

$3\frac{1}{4}$ —2-11-1901.

The above are vouched for by careful collectors.

From time to time, inquiry is made respecting the identity of certain initials. I will give a few which have puzzled me in the past, and no doubt others.

A L C—L. L. Calder, Dentifrice.

A B in Circle—A O Brown.

B J J S C—B J Johnson Soap Co.

B B T—B B Thompson.

B & Co.—Battle & Co!

B M Co.—Brown Mfg. Co.

C K C Co.—Chubeck Kidney Cure Co.

Dr. S M F Co.—Dr. Shoup's Free Medicine Co.

D C Mfg. Co. (New York)—Denver Chemical Co.

D K—Donald Kennedy.

D N's Sons—Dr. Needham's Sons.

Dr. G N Co.—Dr. Green's Nervura Co.

E S S—E S Sloan.
 E A O—Packers Tar Soap.
 E B Co—Fred Brown Co.
 F C & Co—French Cave Co.
 G T Co—Garfield Tea Co.
 G L—George Lorenzo.
 H & Co—Hickox & Co.
 H F M Co—Hericks Family Medicine Co.
 K M Co. (small)—Koenig Medicine Co.
 K M Co. (Large)—Kohler Mfg Co.
 M N F Co—Moxie Nerve Food Co.
 P E Co—Ponds Extract Co.
 S D Co—Sheffields Dentifrice Co.
 T P—Thomas Popham.
 The B M & M Med Co—The Baker,
 Moore & Mein Med Co.
 W M T Co—Weber Medical Tea Co.

Recently I had submitted to me a book of Part Perforated U. S. Revs. in which the perforations were on the top and bottom leaving the sides plain. Now I have always had the impression that the perforations occurred only on the sides, i. e. the long way of the stamps. This is proven by all the specimens of pairs or blocks I have ever seen. It is not to be wondered at then, that part perforates are looked at askance, when we see a big house sending out fakes of that-kind. The best way to collect imperfärates, it is said, is to get them only in pairs. It is much more important to get vertical pairs of part perforates. At any rate be sure of big plain margins on top and bottom.

Recently our publications have had the ads of firms who offered the \$1.00 Passage Ticket and the \$1.00 Mortgage catalogued respectively at \$6.00 and \$3.00 at ridiculous prices, about one-sixth of catalog. The stamps so it was said, had been "pudched with a hole but nothing gone." The "nothing gone" is supplied by punching out a piece of the one dollar Inlaud exchange worth about one cent to fit exactly the highest priced hole.

I explain the cheapening of many U. S. Revs. in this way: Since the Spanish-American revenues came on the market the persistent advertising of "cut" and "uncut" specimens has caused collectors to look up their civil war revenues. Many found their choicest stamps cut with the old "her-ring fish bone" machine. These have been plucked and thrown on the market, hence the tumble in many places. But the really fine uncut, un-cancelled Civil war revenues will come up again in price as a result of this weeding out process.

Hawaiian Revenues are being sought after now. These are very fine dignified looking stamps, if I may use the expression, and have the advantage of looking like revenues, not postage stamps. Again, the values are expressed in our own words, "dollars" and "cents" which lends interest, and invites to their admission into our albums.

Rudolph Krause sends to the WEST a set of the new issue of Mexican Revenues. They are very beautiful. Some of the denominations are bicolored, while some are printed in three colors. Heretofore Canada has held the palm for beautiful revenues, but these last from Mexico are superior to anything that country has yet produced in the stamp way, and with the increased interest in fiscals the world over, they are bound to be sought after. Mr. Krause has promised the WEST an article on Mexican Revenues which will appear shortly.

W. C. Stone of Louisa Va. sends me a State Revenue stamp which is in use now. The stamp which is printed in black is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in size. The design consists of the state coat

of Arms, and the law requires that every acknowledgement shall have the seal of the clerk or notary impressed on one of these stamps. Price one dollar, collected by the clerks. The only defect I see in this stamp to gain for its inclusion in the list of State Revenues is the utter lack of any numeral or value indicating its worth. Hence it is simply a seal, not a revenue stamp in the strict adaptation of the word. However, the price is \$1.00 each. They are printed in sheets of 4 stamps.

While writing of Virginia it is noteworthy to add that at the next session of its legislature a bill will come up for passage, requiring liquor to be sold only in sealed packages, not to be drunk where sold, and there shall be affixed State Revenue stamps at the rate of one cent per one-half pint upon each package.

A writer in "Hobbies" asks the pertinent question in regard to the revenues of England: "Why are telegraphs neglected?" He divides them broadly into two sections—civil and military. He instances the issues of the Soudan and of South African Colonies in war times, as possessing as much romantic and historical association as any postage stamp ever issued and adds: "Is not a telegraph stamp practically the same thing as a postage stamp? A telegram after all is simply a letter sent by wire, and the stamp used in its pre-payment is in our opinion, postage stamps in everything but name."

Dr. Brooks, of Missouri, in a contemporary writes entertainingly of our own Match and Medicine Stamps and complains that there is no album on the market to fitly accommodate these. If the collectors the country

over will make a demand for a U. S. album including U. S. and State Revs. up to date I think we will get it. In 1873 John W. Scott issued a Revenue album in which there was space for the fiscal stamp of this country and a large number of Foreign ones. Then there was an edition in 1886, a copy of which I have before me, called the National album, published by John W. Scott also (not the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.) which had spaces for U. S. Postage and Revenues, including Match and Medicine and different State Revenues. If this latter volume could be brought up to date, I think it would sell readily. So many new revenue collectors have been added to our ranks lately by reason of the Spanish-American war, and the consequent fiscals, that I believe the venture would pay. Let fiscalists agitate the matter by writing to the various stamp album publishers.

They Are All Collectors.

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 a speculator. A boy with a 10 cent packet may be a true philatelist, while the proud owner of a collection worth thousands of dollars may be a mere stamp accumulator.

A Life Study.

The Sunday Advertiser.

The fact that philately is a life study and that once numbered as a follower the pleasure and knowledge obtained make it sufficiently strong a fascination as always to hold the devotee's respectful attention. That philately has come to stay, that the number of philatelists is steadily enlarging, and that the interest in it is daily increasing are assured facts. Eclipsing in various ways the other collecting sciences, the benefits derived from this alluring study are numerous.

The Wells Fargo Express By H. T. GREHERNE

There is no institution on the Pacific coast more interesting than the Wells Fargo express. In the "early sixties" it was the universal business agent of the entire region from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific ocean. Its offices are in every town far and near; a billiard saloon, a restaurant and a Wells Fargo office were the first three elements of a Pacific or coast mining town; its messengers were on every railway car, steamboat and stage in all these states. It was the champion of civilization, the universal agent of the miner, his banker and his post office. It was much more than an ordinary express company, it did a universal banking business and brought all the bullion and gold from the mining regions to the market and shared with the government the carrying of letters to and fro. The company broke none of the Post Office laws in this action as it paid the government the full price for every letter it carried.

The process was worked in this way. The company bought envelopes bearing the government stamp and then put their own stamp upon them and sold them for 10c each. In these doubly stamped envelopes all letters by express were carried. When the letters were overweight additional government stamps were placed on the envelopes and charged by the company. The extent of their business was shown by the fact that in 1863 they bought over two million 3c envelopes, 15,000 6c envelopes and 30,000 10c and 18c besides 70,000 extra 3c stamps and 12,500 6c ditto.

One long side of the great San Francisco office was devoted to the letters and lists of these received each day were regularly posted up, so that any one could tell at once without enquiry if there was a letter for him.

Often the express ran special treasure wagons with escort and frequently its messengers were exposed to great peril from robbers and Indians. Those from Idaho had to be wide awake day and night with guns and revolvers ever ready. The stages on this road were robbed eight times in 1864.

On March 2nd, 1861, the post-master general was directed to run a pony express from New York to San Francisco in ten days for eight months and twelve days for four months. The contractors were to carry for the government 5 lbs. of mail matter free of charge were to have the privilege of issuing postage stamps, charging the public \$1.00 per ½ ounce letter and were to receive \$100,000.00 per annum. The contract expired on July 1st, 1864. Wells Fargo, having accepted the contract, issued the well known stamps showing a pony express rider at full gallop.

The "Catchy Thunderbolts".

These catchy little thunderbolts across the post-horns which distinguish the Russian stamps of 1882 from those of 1890 have a meaning. The posthorns signify the use of the stamps for postage, and the thunderbolts are the sign of the telegraph which began in 1890 to use the same stamps as the postal department.

Mr. Leonard Short of Portland, Me., died some time ago and left his stamp collection to Bowdoin college. A stamp club has been formed at Bowdoin and the collection will be rearranged, so that it can both be added to and exhibited.

If you have an idea or any suggestion as to how we could render the WEST of still greater service to its readers and advertisers we should be pleased if you would write to us. Good advice is always welcome.

Modes of Travel, Ancient and Modern, as Depicted on Postage Stamps *

BY LEON V. CASS

GREAT changes have taken place since the advent of the postage stamp.

The transmission of the mails has been and is yet carried by strange steeds in many parts of the world.

Let us see what we can learn of different modes of travel and mail carrying from our stamps. The U. S. 2c 1869 issue depicts a post rider with a mail bag and a locomotive on the 3c.

Compare that locomotive with the locomotive on the 2c Pan American issue and you will realize to some extent the advance that has been made in locomotive building within the last thirty one years.

Look at the one cent 1860 issue of New Brunswick, the 1p 1896 Jubilee issue of the South African Republic and the 5c 1895-99 issues of Uruguay and you will see other types of old and odd locomotives.

The bicycle is found on the famous Fresno and San Francisco locals, also on the special delivery stamp of Cuba.

The stamps of British Guiana depict the old time sailing vessel under full canvas.

The 13c 1866 issue and the 10c 1887 issue of Newfoundland also show two more types of sailing vessels. While the 10c 1897 Jubilee issue of the same country gives us a picture of the old time ship of the early explorers.

The Vasco de Gama issues of Portugal and her numerous colonies also depict old time sailing vessels.

The Columbian issue of our own country also depicts the crude ship of the 14th century.

The Pan American stamps show the modern steamship and another conveyance coming rapidly into favor, namely,

the automobile. Another steamship is depicted on the 10c current issue of Cuba.

Fine representations of modern vessels are also shown on the 1900 issues of the German Colonies. The famous and handsome "camel post" stamps of Soudan show us the mode of travel generally used by our neighbors in the far east.

The sailing vessels of the more or less savage inhabitants of the South Sea Islands are depicted on the 6 and 8c 1793-97 issues of North Borneo and Labuan and the 1893-96 issue of the Fiji islands.

The canoe with which the savage Africans traverse the coast and streams of the "dark continent" is shown on the handsome 40c stamp of the Congo Free State. While an old time steamboat is shown on the 10 franc of the same country.

If the stamps of the next half century show as great an improvement and in the various vehicles and vessels as do those of the last half century, people can well think that the time for further improvement in vehicles and vessels is well nigh past.

If we study our stamps we cannot help but learn much about the advancement of the world in various arts, as well as many other things.

Who is there that dares say stamp collecting is a senseless pursuit?

The Elusive Lithograph.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

The collector who finds it difficult to distinguish between engraved and lithographed stamps may well rest content when he considers that the existence of the lithographed Chilean stamp should have remained unknown for so many years, especially as the first issue Chili has been subjected to close scrutiny by careful collectors looking for paper varieties. It is admitted that early examples from lithographed plates are not easily distinguished from engraved stamps.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

A set of Samoan reprints were canceled at the postoffice at Apia. None of the postoffice officials discovered that they were reprints and would not believe it when told by a philatelist.

About 20,000,000 New Zealand stamps were printed with advertisements on the back of the stamp. Sir Joseph Ward, the postmaster-general in 1893 originated the idea but it was discontinued because of the many complaints about ink on the face of the stamps.

The "Paz" issue of Uruguay, 1897, was issued to celebrate the termination of the war with Paraguay. "Paz" is the Spanish for peace.

Ex-Postmaster Gordon of Chicago claims to be the originator of pre-canceled stamps. On the wall of his office there hangs the first sheet of stamps pre-canceled at the Chicago postoffice.

Many of the telegraph stamps of Belgium have been seen which had been used postally. This is because telegraph stamps could be used for franking special delivery letters, until the end of 1902.

The English parliament once passed a bill authorizing the postoffice on the Isle of Man to sell fourteen 1 penny stamps for a shilling. At length the number of stamps purchased by each inhabitant every day passed the thousand mark and it was found that merchants sent there for their stamps. So this bill no longer holds good.

The oldest pre-canceled stamp is 3-cent United States, issued in 1851. These stamps were used on letters carried by the Adams or Wells-Fargo Express companies.

Guatemala being in need of a 25c stamp it was decided to surcharge the remainders of the 1886 and 1900 issues with the needed value, and so the following stamps have come out:

25c on 1c dark blue, 1900 issue
25c " 2c carmine, " "
25c " 6c light green " "
25c " 10c bistre brown " "
25c " 72c carmine rose, 1886 issue
25c " \$1.50 dark blue, " "
25c " \$2.00 orange yellow, " "

These stamps came out about two weeks before this was written and at the present time none of the last four values are obtainable at the postoffice, as very few were issued, (only 5700 of the \$2.) and those were immediately bought by private individuals. Three errors in the surcharge of the 6c have been printed: one, with the surcharge inverted, up to now only one or two sheets have been found, and these are in the possession of the postmaster who may cause them to be destroyed. Another has the "centavos" wanting, i. e., only "1903" and under, "25"; the other has the "centavos" on the top, instead of under the "25", viz., "centavos", then "1903" and under that, "25". These last two errors came out on account of a sheet being creased in going to press. Of that sheet only a few were errors, the greater part being regular. As to more of these, we are unable to say how many came out, for this is the only sheet we have seen of its kind. The 1902 Pictorial Issue stamps are being sold very rapidly and as the post-office receives only a limited amount from England, every month or so, at times it is very difficult to obtain them in quantities: for example, the 5c and other values are only sold at present not over 100 at a time, also as to the sale of each of the other values they have fixed a limit. As yet no inverts are known to have been printed.

Notes for U. S. Collectors

By E. R. ALDRICH

Among the more recent precancelled arrivals are Cedar Rapids, Ia. on the 1902 one cent, both types being found as formerly the ordinary R in Rapids and the "elongated tail" R, Racine, Wisc, first type, on the four. But 1902 reading up, St. Paul on the two cent 1902 reading down and St. Paul, Minn. on the same reading up.

All the current precancelled one cent Chattanooga appear to be surcharged in blue, the only black ink specimen I have seen being on February mail.

Mr. F. L. Smith reports Providence on the new issue, while he did not mention value it is probably the one cent. I have seen the 2c Pan American from Providence but not having any lists at hand do not know whether it has been mentioned before or not.

Whether St. Louis will be honored with a commemorative issue for the Louisiana Purchase or not seems yet in doubt. The department has very strongly intimated that the series would be limited to very few values, if it was determined to issue any at all. Meanwhile speculation is ripe attempting to determine the designs if any issue should be given forth and by some system of reason, only a portrait design seems to be thought of, which in view of the designs of the three previous commemorative issues would seem a novel departure as those heretofore employed have been pictorial. For a commemorative issue a neat little design depicting some historic event connected with the occurrence in honor of which the issue is made or with some subsequent event which is associated with the development or progress of the section of the country where the exposition is held seems more appro-

priate than the portraits. It should not be difficult to select designs for four or five values from the many important events which have occurred in the Louisiana Purchase Territory, while the grand central figure of the purchase, President Jefferson has figured so long on some of the general issue that there would be no novelty in the employment of his portrait. The only design which suggests a novelty in the portrait line is that of Napoleon and just how far that would meet with approval is yet questionable. It has been said, but whether justly or not, that this would not be acceptable to certain foreign nation which feel that too much prominence is to be accorded to French interests, but it seems puerile to carry this feeling so far as to use it as an anti postal portrait argument, as Bonaparte, at the height of his power represented Europe, rather than France.

As yet it is only the fortunate ones who have seen proofs or the larger number of fortunate subscribers to European journals, where illustrations have appeared, who have any adequate idea what the design of the higher values of the new issue looks like.

Turks Islands Reminders.

Mekeel's Stamp Collector.

Turks Islands reminders were bought by a firm of salt merchants in the Islands, in 1900 when the new issue came in, and are now offered in lots of \$25.00 worth and upwards at from 20 to 100 per cent advance over face, different percentages of advance being charged on different values. The lot consists of

- ½p yellow green
- 2½p ultramarine
- 4p dark violet and blue
- 5p olive green and violet
- 6p yellow-brown
- 1sh black-brown

All the 1p have been sold.

Postage Stamps and Their Value.

By Walter F. Slusser.

ONE of the first things that a young collector is troubled with, is the apparent depreciation of the value of his stamps when he negotiates a sale, and learns that he is a lucky lad if he can get one-fourth of catalogue for them. Here is a reason for this and he is open for information.

At the present time there are in circulation several standard catalogues of postage stamps, with prices net. These catalogues describe the stamps as genuine, perfect, and in good condition, and the prices are the lowest that these particular stamps can be sold at. So, far, so good. But in these same catalogues, approval sheet sales are solicited, and a discount of from ten to fifty per cent. is allowed.

Now there is something wrong.

All collectors know that the cheaper stamps can be purchased as low as one-fourth catalogue value; that the medium priced stamps are sold at about catalogue; and that the stamps of the value of three figures or more are hard to get at any price.

In this lack of equality, lies the evil. The standard catalogues on the market today are conceded by those conversant with existing conditions, to be of inestimable value, but according to the laws of supply and demand, they are far from perfect, and until their figures are placed on a more equitable basis, the young disciple of philately will learn that "all is not gold that glitters."

In order to thoroughly acquaint myself with this subject, I have used different methods for determining results, and probably the most productive was in sending to different dealers for selections of stamps on approval.

I received all sorts of stamps in all sorts of condition, and with a variety of prices that made me wonder if there was such a thing as standard catalogue in existence. Of the lots received only one came up to conditions as advertised, and I rewarded the dealer by purchasing the entire lot. I failed to find any stamps in first class condition that were priced under catalogue; while those in excess of these prices were profuse.

One dealer facetiously informed me that I should not go by catalogues, as they could not be depended upon.

Mutilated stamps should never be allowed on the approval sheet. I notice that nearly all dealers send out stamps which are deficient in some respect, and they do not hesitate to ask full price for them. As a collector of advanced order, I believe that the prices of stamps as quoted in our standard catalogues are equitable and just, and I have always been willing to pay the full price if the stamp was in first class condition.

The law of supply and demand will always cause a variation in existing conditions, and therefore a catalogue can not become perfect. But realizing the importance of the work done I will give our standard catalogues their due, and if all dealers would send out only first class stamps, this cry of 60 per cent discount would soon cease.

Collect Minor Varieties.

Mekeels Weekly Stamp News.

Though we have inveighed against the minor variety when it is elevated to a position of exaggerated importance, yet it is not to be said truthfully that it may be objected to on the score of expense. While there are some instances of the very minor variety bringing high prices, yet they are isolated. In the ordinary walks of philately the minor variety collector can make his pickings at the prices of the stamps of the regular type.

Washington Notes

By Usona

The Year book of the Department of Agricultural for 1902, just issued, has a great deal of interesting material to those whose hobbies run in the lines covered by the work of the Department. It might be well to state that in writing for government publications it is always well to take pains with the letter. The writer sees many scrawls come in, in pencil on old scraps of paper, dirty and thoroughly unbusinesslike, and yet asking, by a perverted title, for some book which can only be of interest to an educated person. If there are plenty for distribution, even such a slipshod request may be honored, but if the book is scarce and of particular value, they are rejected for more businesslike requests. In writing, use ink and paper, give the exact title, or if that is not known, an intelligent description of the book, and you will receive far more attention. If there is any line of inquiry you are pursuing, a request for the names of other government publications than the one for which you are asking will often lead to results, and invariably secure a polite and often comprehensive reply.

Those readers who have really carried their hobbies to the point of earnest study should note that from time to time examinations are held for the purpose of filling government positions in these lines. The entrance salaries are low, but promotion follows quickly where there is merit, and the short hours of work, with the unexcelled opportunities for study, enable many to develop their knowledge. The Department of Agriculture employs the greater number of these, but the Smithsonian Institution and Geological Survey also use many. There are also openings in the Philippines. The method of entrance is

through the civil service examination, and those desiring employment in these special lines should write to the Civil Service Commission at Washington, stating their qualifications, and asking for information. Of course, such examinations are comparatively rare, but when there is one the chances are good.

Another class of places for which examinations are held, rather more frequently, is for expert photographers and photographic assistants.

The new design of the two cent stamp has not yet been given out, and the stamp itself will not be on sale for some months. The Sherman postal card will be issued in a few weeks now, and then the designs for the St. Louis stamps will be started on. The matter of postage stamp handling has not yet received the attention of the inspectors who are making a general investigation of the department, but it is probable that this will be reached in due time. It is to be hoped that the findings will be printed as a congressional document so that the public may know the truth of the matter and not be compelled to rely on the exaggerated statements of the daily papers.

All Specialists.

Metroplitan Philatelist.

In its day the catalogue was a great institution and help to stamp collecting but that day has passed, its principal use at the present time is to act as a scarecrow and show would be collectors the impossibility of having a complete collection. Ten years will probably see the last of the "complete" catalogue as a popular book. The increase in size and price will make its production unprofitable. Collectors will gradually confine themselves more and more to the stamps of their own country, these will greatly increase in value and popularity.

Our Illustrations

E. R. STURGESS

is a native of England having been born in that well known and lovely country Somerset. He came out to Australia in 1890 and carried on the business of Upholsterer. Has been a collector of Curios nearly all his life and is besides a devoted Fancier, having bred and owned some of the finest specimens of Show Antwerp Pigeons ever seen in Australia and often judging at various shows. His mania for stamps originated since his arrival in Australia chiefly owing to the importunities of a gentleman living in Williamstown who has a splendid collection of stamps and never missed an opportunity of showing him his old bits of paper and enlarging on their many intrinsic qualities. Being an infectious disease he quickly caught the malady and caught it badly, too. For some years he remained a collector pure and simple but owing to pressure from all parts of the world decided to become a dealer also, and has amongst his clientele many of the largest dealers of the world. The gentleman who interested him in Philately is Dr. Duncan who is well known amongst Stamp Friends. E. R. S. is also an ardent musician and fills in what spare time he has with vocalization. He is now going in for Marine Curios in addition to stamps and hopes to hear from those in want of some from our side of the Hering Pond. His own private collection is restricted to Britian and her Colonies of which he holds a respectable collection, amongst them being many rare and valuable stamps of Australia. See his ad on another page.

WALTER F. SLUSSER

the subject of our illustration, was born in Marysville, California, and for the past ten years has been interested in stamp collecting. He is 26 years of age an electrical engineer by profession, and has been in the service of the United States government for the past four years.

Mr. Slusser has traveled extensively and the valuable collection of stamps which he possesses has been acquired by personal quest and application. He has had several business reverses, owing to the inefficiency of his associates, and profiting by his past experience is now "padding his own canoe."

As a writer, he has contributed to a number of the juvenile magazines, and is at present a regular correspondent of the Seattle, (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer.

The photograph of Old Fire Arms appearing in this issue, represents part of the collection of Mr. Charles Noe Daly, United States Consul at Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Daly has been a collector of Old Fire Arms for a number of years and though our photograph only shows one corner of his trophy room it gives a very good idea of what we might expect to see where the other three sides of his apartments visible. His collection comprises three hundred varieties of arm irrespective of duplicates which only appear in the case of pairs such as duelling and cavalry pistols etc.

Mr. Daly has for some time been a member of the American Society of Curio Collectors and at all times is very willing to correspond with those fratern-



Go West of City Hall for Chicago Phil. Secy rooms
where Collectors meetings will be held Aug. 19-21



Some of the Collectors at the Rapids,



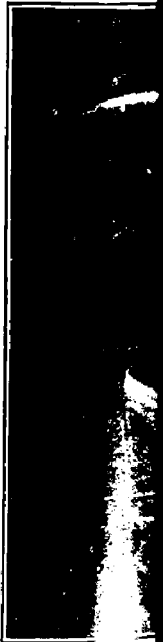
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Relic Hunters Pack Horse, which carried
more Indian Relics than any other Pony
in the Country.



E. A. Runyon, N. J.



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Take in Four Collectors' Meets in Chicago,
August 19-21

alls, N. Y., taken August, 1901



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W. F. Slusser, of Wash.

E. R. Sturgess, of Australia

nally interested in the collection of Fire Arms. executive with great credit for three years.

EDWARD N. EDWARDS,

born 1866 in Missouri. Finishing at McClune College in 1884. Went west at age of 21, and for a number of years lived at Denver and other points in Colorado engaged in Mechanical and Electrical Engineer's pursuits, for which had natural talents and training. Also has Orange Grove interests at Geneva, Florida near famous Indian River orange belt. At present is Postmaster at Springdale, Mo., and actively engaged in local Telephone business as expert electrician. Has been enthusiastic amateur Photographer for 20 years and has a valued collection of 3000 prints collected in his extensive business travels from Rocky Mountains to Atlantic Ocean and Canada to Florida also collected 1200 prints through ad medium of WEST. Has collected stamps for 15 years and has Imperial Album full of choicest specimens only. Well posted on Philatelic Subjects in general. Has in past year disposed of fine collection of Indian relics collected from various localities.

MORRIS C. RUNYAN, JR.

one of New Jersey's most prominent philatelists, was born in historic Trenton, 1882, on the very soil where Washington, a century before, won the first great victory of the war of American Independence. Became interested in the collection of stamps in 1890 and says that never for once from that time on did his interest in his favorite study wane. He is also a collector of coins, relics and antiques.

He is prominently identified with the Trenton Y. M. C. A. and it was due to his efforts that a stamp society was organized at that Association, on October 18, 1899. He was elected President and continued to serve as the society's chief

His talks on Philatelic subjects before the society of which he was president were highly instructive. He is the author of numerous articles, written in philately's interests, the latest of which is entitled "Stamp Collecting".

He made a valuable discovery of Indian bones and implements on Burlington Island, N. J. on July 4, 1901. He has these relics in his collection of which he is justly proud. He has a general collection numbering over 8000 different stamps, including many rareties, any description of which would not do it justice. needless to say it cost the owner much time and money.

MILLICENT I. WOODSIDE

is Irish, but much interested in America where she has twice been and hopes to return some day. Has been collecting picture post cards for nearly three years, now has a collection of 6,000 all different, from all parts of the world, and all personally addressed. She is also a stamp collector and has a fairly large collection.

Says her ad in the WEST has had splendid results and has received cards from all parts of the world in answer. WEST is a grand paper and everyone should take it who is interested in collecting of any kind.

Desulphurization

For the universally adopted method of restoring the color by means of H_2O_2 —peroxide of hydrogen, the stamp so treated is said to be deoxidized, which is absolutely incorrect—it is desulphurized by the extra oxygen in the H_2O_2 and the white lead in the original coloring material which had blackened by the formation of sulphide of lead, in course of time, is reinstated as a portion of the color, hence the stamp appears in practically original color. This is allowable and yet in a way it is faking, though no one would insist that a stamp so treated should have "restored color" printed on the back.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

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

THE other day I was reading how these popular little curios, stuffed horned toads are prepared for the market, and the process is worth remembering. The toads, after being captured, are dropped into a jar and chloroformed, this ceremony occupying about fifteen minutes. Then with a sharp knife a straight slit is cut on the under portion of the body from head to tail. After all fleshy substance has been removed, a preparation of arsenic is applied to the skin. They are then stuffed, sawdust being used for the main part of the body and cotton for the tail and legs. When this is done they are put aside to "cure" or season like so many lemons or fruit cakes. The seasoning process requires about two months, after which they are mounted for sale. Some are mounted in small pasteboard boxes, and retail at 50 cents, but the form most in demand is that in which they are perched coquettishly upon slabs of polished orange-wood about eight inches long. Another popular method is to mount them upon large cards together with a tarantula, scorpion and centipede, for which fierce assortment there is much demand.

Speaking of these "horned toads," so called, reminds me that very few collectors, of the many I have met, can tell you the proper name of this curious little fellow. He is really not of the toad family at all, but a kind of

a lizard, perfectly harmless. His correct name is crowned tapayaxin or phrynosoma. The full grown specimens often measure eight inches from the head to the tip of the tail, while many little ones are found only an inch long. Those found in New Mexico and Arizona, in the desert country, are of a much lighter shade than those found elsewhere, being almost the color of the yellow alkali sands. Like the chameleon they change to a darker shade when transferred to black soil.

A London paper that came under my eye a few days ago had this interesting item: "Nowadays it is difficult to pick up a bargain in the way of of curios or plate. Old silver realizes prices that are beyond the reach of all save the wealthy; the value of furniture rises steadily every year; china fetches its weight in gold; and even pewter and brass are sought after with an enthusiasm that sends prices up with a bound. There is at least one "craze" that, so far, has not extended beyond a small circle in England. It is that of bank note collecting. Only the other day a friend of mine had the good fortune to obtain for less than double the face value, at a West End sale, No. 3 of the first issue of £1 Bank of England notes. A greater prize he does not possess in his entire collection.

For the last few years a gentleman in Europe has been collecting cigars, and cigarettes which once belonged to celebrated personages and he has now over a hundred, each of which is duly numbered and cataloged. One of the cigars, a very large Havana, formerly belonged to a British general; another was obtained from Sir Wilfrid Lavrier, the Canadian Statesman; a third was presented to a friend by the King of Portugal, and a fourth was bought by General Mercier during the Dreyfus trial at Rennes. Another of the cigars was formerly in the possession of Leopold Rothschild, the English banker; two were the property of the hangman Billington; another was taken from the box of a young man of nobility who died in an asylum after killing several people in Australia, and six of the others were presented to the collector by German officers, who said they had received them from their hosts when they went to London, to represent their government at Queen Victoria's funeral.

W. W. Breen, of Elko, Nev., is the finder of an old Indian graveyard near where he lives on Squaw creek. He recently unearthed, while prospecting for ore, a large number of human skulls in various stages of preservation, to say nothing of other old pieces of human skeletons, he got a wheelbarrow load of Indian relics, quarts of beads of many sizes and colors, some an inch long and egg shaped, some round and many tiny little ones, 100 one-cent pieces, dating from 1810 to 1820, nearly all of them having holes punched in them; several quarters and fifty-cent pieces, the latter date being 1860; which were evidently moulded from clay and baked, and had been used as money by the early tribesmen.

A spot that is rarely visited by

strangers in Washington, D. C., and which ought to be an object of greater attention is the old war museum at Navy yard. There is no place in Washington which contains more interesting relics of former wars than this. There are guns here captured from the French and the English. Here also is a quaint old gun brought to America by Hernando Cortez, which was captured by the American troops during the war with Mexico. This gun is made of copper. It has a breech block which looks like a crude flat-iron. Each gun of this type was supposed to have two breech-blocks, from which the charges were fired. After one fire the block was taken to the rear and reloaded, while its companion was placed in position and fired by means of a torch. Yet primitive as this gun is, it was in active service during the war with Mexico against the American troops, manned by volunteers from the City of Mexico. Still more ancient are some of the smaller relics stored in this museum, and of equal interest are some of the more modern exhibits. There is a gun—a breech loader, designed by John B. Floyd, when he was Secretary of War under Buchanan. The gun was sent south at the beginning of the war and was captured by the Union forces at Aarper's Ferry. Of interest also are the boarding helmets worn by American sailors and marines during the war of 1812—queer looking leather affairs with steel band frames to protect the head from cutlass strokes.

An Indian from the Flambeau reservation in northern Wisconsin recently came into the fishing resort of Squaw Lake with a curiosity in the way of deer horns he wished to sell. Failing to make a sale he took the horns back to the reservation and has not been seen by white men since then. His

treasure was three sets of antlers inexplicably interlocked, and they were worth considerable money to horn collectors. Two sets of antlers interlocked are rare, but not unknown. It is believed, however, that this is the only set of three locked antlers ever found. The Indian said he found the horns north of Flambeau lake, about a mile from the water. They were lying on the side of a hill, and there were no bones near them. The condition of the horns showed that they had not lain there more than two years. The antlers were all of full grown bucks, showing eight and ten points each. The third pair had been driven into the others just above where they joined, and the branches of them were about equally locked with the branches of the others. The horns were all so stoutly joined that they could not be moved, being as rigid as if moulded in that fashion.

E. G. Greenbaugh, of South Weymouth, Mass., recently bought the tin tobacco tag collection of Earl L. Robinson, paying for it \$325.00. Robinson had been a tag collector for many years, and had 3,500 varieties in his collection. There were 75,000 tags in the lot altogether, and they filled two boxes, each two feet square by twenty-six inches deep, and a half-barrel besides. Robinson sold the collection because of lack of time to devote to it. Greenbaugh is the best known collector of tags in the United States and with this collection added to his already large number he will have by far the largest collection known.

Take big space for immediate results. Smaller space continued longer may pay as well in the end, but this is not yet fully established.

Kansas Phil. Soc'y

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 Official Organ, The WEST.

Another month has passed away, and the time draws near for our Annual Convention and election of officers. Where will our election be held and who will put in nomination a full set of officers? I should be glad to hear from our members on this subject.

I am happy to report one more applicant for membership to our society, as follows:

Cyril F. Elwell, Aalo Alto, Calif., age 20, student of Stanford University. Reference: V. Gurdgi, Wangani Phil. Society, Midland Counties, Society of England. This gentleman is a resident of New Zealand, who has come to California to complete his education, and we hope many members of our society will write to him and welcome him to our country.

I am sorry to hear from Mr. O. H. Phinney that two of our Kansas City, Kansas, members have suffered greatly from the big flood last month—one of them an attorney, H. W. Broadbent and his neighbor, C. W. Brenneisen, and their albums were ruined, as also many of their stamps. It is suggested that we aid our brothers and help the Kansas City Society in purchasing albums for these members who have lost so much. I would also suggest that any of our members who have duplicates that are worth something, send on a few stamps to these members and show a personal interest in their great loss. Please give this matter your attention and write to them.

I have had a lot of new membership cards printed and will soon be ready to send them out to the few who are still owing us for dues the present year.

Yours respectfully,
 F. A. LILLY, Secy.

Arizona's Petrified Forest

BY OSWALD A. BAUER

A. S. of C. C. 325

Few mineral specimens present a more pleasing aspect to the eye, from the point of view of beauty, than a well polished specimen of agatized or petrified wood. Every mineral collector has in his collection a specimen of this peculiar product of nature, or at least has seen one. Not many however have seen the home of this mineral tree in Arizona. Situated in the eastern part of the territory and near the town of Hoi-brook, is this forest of fallen giants turned to stone. Not a tree stands. The area covered by the forest is nearly one hundred square miles and everywhere lie the trees in profusion generally broken into sections large or small as the case may be. In size they run as high as 30 feet in circumference and two hundred feet in length. As this is solid rock throughout the enormous weight may be imagined. The mineralogical classification of petrified wood is that of a quartz variety with silica predominating in its composition. In this petrified wood of Arizona are blended all the tints and colors of the opal, the jasper and the agate.

Primarily the question presents itself as to how and whence these mineral trees emanated. This is what geology tells. When Babylon was at the height of its power, when Adam first appeared upon the earth, this forest had lain just as it does today for five hundred thousand centuries. Millions of years before the ice age, thousands upon thousands of centuries before the coming of the Mastodon, far, far back in the Mesozoic age, 50,000,000 years ago, when giant reptiles lived in undisputed possession of the earth, this forest fell and was turned to stone.

Before the existence of the Rocky Mountain chain and when the peaks

alone thrust their heads above the vast expanse of water covering the earth to form an irregular line of islands there grew upon one of these the giant trees we see today. From one cause or another they fell into the water and were covered by the sand. The silica in the sand gradually took possession of the cells of the wood and the tree of wood became one of stone. Slowly sinking to the sea bottom they became covered with mud to a great depth and so remained for millions of years until the sea bottom was again upraised to form dry land. When this took place the land whereon the trees rested was raised considerably above sea level forming a plateau. At the time this occurred the trees were still buried many hundred feet deep. Gradually the storms of ages uncovered them again and they reappeared upon the surface as they are today. While this explanation sounds like a geological romance in some respects it is the most plausible that we have and must be accepted in lieu of a better.

It is indeed a most impressive sight to view this work of nature, one of the most curious of her feats. In the valleys and upon hillocks the trees abound as far as the eye can see, in all their marvellous colors. In one place a tree has fallen in such a way as to form a bridge over a gorge nearly a hundred feet long. It is used in fact as a bridge and is one of the many wonders. Luckily it is only within a few years that the spot has been well known. I say luckily for no sooner had its existence become widely known than the usual procession of relic hunters and persons having commercial schemes appeared on the scene and proceeded to despoil. Fortunately, before much headway was made Congress awoke and created the forest into a national park and it is now amply protected from future attacks. Such a work of nature is not for the

hand of the vandal but is to be preserved entire as a priceless relic. The forest lying as it does in one of the most arid portions of our continent is certainly one of the wonders of the world. These trees resting as they have through the ages, remain a monument and a link between the present and the past, pointing backward to the remotest aeons gone before, when the earth was already old as man reckons but still young on the great scale of Time.

A New Florida Fossil

BY OWEN T. BREWER
A. S. of C. C. No. 443.

On arriving at a "hard rock" phosphate mine, one mile west of Floral City situated in the south eastern part of Citrus County, Florida, I ventured to see what I could find in the line of curios as that was the first mine I had ever visited in the many years I had spent in the beautiful "Land of Flowers".

I questioned several workmen as to whether any teeth or bones were found in this rock and was answered in the negative. Feeling sure there were curios of some description here, I determined to find out.

After looking around the plant a short time, I concluded to walk out to the rock pile, a few rods away, where all the refuse rock and flint was being hauled. Noticing a kind of fossil sea urchin, I soon collected a dozen or so, but found most of them broken by the tenacious dredge boat. Assorting them I retained only the most perfect ones.

This fossil was all I could find, the rest of the pile being flint and similar substances, though I secured some fine different colored flints.

Walking away a few steps I came to several large rocks of curious formation they being about the color of volcanic rock. The inside contained pretty sea

shells of different varieties and shining crystals. Most of the shells were too rotten to be removed and some were but impressions in the flinty stone.

The rocks were partly underground and resting on a hillock, which seemed to be formed of this stone altogether perhaps deposited ages ago. Looking over the rocks that had been thrown out of a well, which had been dug for examining the phosphate, I found a small piece of bone of a reddish color, which had been taken out of the well some forty feet in depth.

These fossils and several other curios found in different localities of Florida, go to prove that this state was formed by the sea. No doubt hundreds of years ago the Gulf Stream was more forcible than at present, and, being aided by the drifting sediment, detritus, shells, corals and so forth, lodged on shallow sand bars and with erosion in other parts of the ocean in course of time wonders were achieved by forming this peninsula.

Selecting a few more flints, I ventured back, as the sun was getting a little warm. On arriving at my room I found I had two fine specimens extra, one being a mourning dove's egg and the other a *Helix jejuna*. After having the fossil examined, I received *Radiata*, *Echinoderm*, *Asteroid Family* as a special name.

"Long may the curio collector survive and his good work increase."

The Chinese are great at fish farming, and one of their little dodges for hatching young fish is most ingenious. Taking a fresh egg they suck the contents through a tiny hole, and refill the egg with the tiny eggs of the fish they want to hatch. The hole is then sealed up and the egg placed under a setting hen. In a very few days the fish ova are so far advanced that one has only to break the shell into moderately warm water and the little fish spring to life at once.

Trip Around the World

(Concluded.)

ner, while above are embossed the Coat of Arms in grand rich colors, and below on the bottom of the card is seen waving a gold ribbon on which are written "Coronation of Edward and Alexandra, 1902. This was mailed from London. Another card brings us to Regent street, the main and busiest street in London, by which this street has become noted; it is plainly seen on the card. The buildings are built in a perfect quarter circle instead of a corner, where the street is seen turning off to the left. Another card brings us to "the Inns of Court Hotel," London, showing also the Trafalour Square, a beautiful park-like place, with grand fountains, monuments and shrubberies, trees, walks driveways and above all Nelson's great monument looming many hundreds of feet high up in the air. This being erected in his victory at Trafalgar in the year 1805. Still another cartemobile trip in England fetches us to Manchester. On this we see the Royal Exchange building, Manchester, is situated in Lancashire on the Irwell. Salford on the opposite bank is really a part of Manchester. This is the center of England's cotton manufacture, also one of the chief cotton centers in the world. The Royal Exchange here represented is a prominent building in the French Renaissance style of architecture. On another card is seen the Royal Infirmary and Owens' College on the next card. Manchester is connected with Liverpool by a ship canal, so we will set out our cartevoyage from here to Liverpool. This is said to be a great seaport, only three miles from the Irish sea. It is also the terminus of many steamship lines. It is one of the chief manufacturing towns. One card from

there shows St. George's Hall, a beautiful, modern classical architectural ornament. Another shows the many large docks. Leeds, Yorkshire, is also included in our visit, being the largest city in Yorkshire, England, and a place of great interest. It is a very important railway center. Yorkshire Colledge is one of the views we get, also town hall, and Mill Hill Chapel. One card sows a very artistic view of the "Seven Arches" Bridge, a railway bridge in the suburbs of Leeds.

Other cards are seen of the beautiful watering place, "Buxton," in Derbyshire, some twenty miles from Manchester. This is a celebrated place for its mineral springs, and beautiful gardens, perfect Gardens of Eden, as seen from the card. Its crystal waters are seen in little pools and minute waterfalls are seen here and there flowing in various streams from out a cluster of rocks. These gardens must be delightful to the eye that views them in reality. Nothing can equal its refined beauty.

Other cards show the pump room, the "Crescent," Poole's Hole, Diamond Hill.

Having left London, yet still turns up things which bring me again in the near vicinity of that city. It is the Capital of Surrey, England, some twenty-nine miles southwest of London. It is a very old town known for its grain trade. Castle Arch is shown on the card. An old-fashioned castle is seen, and an immense arch connecting the castle and an immense wall, between which is seen a driveway. Tower bridge from London is seen on another card, showing three towers of the grand bridge, viewed from a distance, an endless number of steamers, boats and tugs are also

about the middle of Edinburg on a high rock. It is claimed that there are preserved the royal regalia of Scotland. These buildings are built chiefly in Renaissance style having arcaded and rusticated basements. It is famous for its fine University founded by James VI. from which sprang many great minds and from which Walter Scott was fitted to become the poet laureate of his own time. One card shows part of the city surrounded by walks old and weather beaten and overgrown with moss and shrubbery, adding greatly to the picturesqueness of the romantic scenery. Our next cartemobile winds its way to Peurith, a town in England near the Scotch border, so I will include it in our Scotland trip. One card shows a panorama view of the picturesque town situated on a slope of green trees trending down toward the city. Card two shows St. Andrew's Church, a large oblong stone building, in front of which is added a large high square tower, a very primitive but massive style of architecture.

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The roll of membership will be published in installments beginning with next number.

Fraternally Yours,
EDW. P. HENNESSY, Pres.

Damage to a Curious Collection.

Through the carelessness of a workman, the valuable collection of busts and skulls (once the property of Gall, the founder of phrenology) in the museum of Baden, near Vienna, has been seriously damaged. The man had been directed to break through a wall, but did so at the wrong place, with the result that some hundreds of specimens on the other side were thrown down, and for the most part broken to fragments. The exhibits were original and irreplaceable, and it will be possible to repair only a very few of them.



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Please help to get more new members. As soon as we have about 100 names, a list will be published and sent to all members.

R. W. GEAUQUE,
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MINEROLOGY

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—This department will be devoted exclusively to mineralogy, mines, etc., and the allied branches. All communications addressed to the editor at Glendive, Mont. will be answered as far as possible in this department. We invite questions on this subject and will also be pleased to hear of any rarities or new finds in the mineral line.—Forest Gaines, Ed.]

Some Montana Minerals *By Forest Gaines*

MONTANA is very justly noted as being one of the chief mining states of the Union. The western portion of this state is the chief mineral producing portion. In fact, it is now affirmed that the neighborhoods of Butte and Anaconda comprise the chief copper mining regions of the world. Day and night the metal is extracted from the ore by the mammoth mining appliances.

The chief copper ores of Butte are borite, chalcocite, cuprite and chalcopyrite. Beautiful aggregations of quartz and other crystals are also often encountered in the "leads."

Montana, taken as a whole, is the chief sapphire producing region of the world. The first and also the best sapphires found in the state came from the Missouri river sands, east of Helena. Although roughened on the exterior by abrasion when found, when cut many of the stones have a sky-blue brilliance rivaling the diamond.

In the rough these sapphires are worth from three to five dollars a carat. Of course these sapphires are becoming scarce now, and bring a higher price than those found later.

The chief mines of the state which produce sapphires are now located near Yogo, in Fergus County. These sapphires are secured by the means of hillside tunnels and hydraulic process. These stones, though, are far inferior to those above described, having a whiter color, but lacking much of the brilliancy. There is a ready market, however, for all of those mined. Many

jewelers use them for so-called "diamonds," under one name or another.

Around my home town of Glendive, in East Montana, are found quite a variety of minerals. The chief one of these and, at present, the only one mined, is lignite.

As yet, the mines are crude, being run into the sides of the "Bad Lands" by hand, without the use of machinery but the lignite is so abundant that it seems probable in the near future extensive machinery will be imported and put in use, the same as in many sections of North Dakota,

Practically all the families of the county use lignite for heating purposes. Many of the ranchers and farmers indeed have their own coal mine right on their own place.

Formerly it was impossible to use lignite industrially, but of late years, by means of forced draughts and other appliances, it is almost altogether used by some companies. Our electric light plant and water system are run entirely with it. It has also come to be used to some extent on the railroads in the form of "briquettes," so called, which were lately invented and tested by a German professor.

Selenite crops out in many places around here. The deposits are usually very shallow, though, and are not worth working. Many of the crystals are very perfect, except when weathering has abraded them. In some parts of the state gypsum is worked extensively.

Another mineral of interest found here is celestite. It occurs in needle like crystals massed into rounded nodules and is found on Cedar Creek some little distance west of here.

At various points through the "Bad-Lands" occurs irregular boulders of impure or "earthly" siderite. It is very soft and looks totally unlike a

typical siderite. On the outside it is usually oxidizing to limouite.

A peculiar lava is also found in the Bad Lands. It has the consistency of clay slate and is tile red in color. Around here it is known as scoria. The beds of it are usually seamed with numberless cracks, probably caused by the enchroachment of water on the once heated material.

Petrified wood occurs in abundance and much of it is of very recent origin. Large quantities of it can be found on the banks of the Yellowstone river, which is only partly petrified, but would become so in a few more years.

That found on the hills, of course, is of more ancient origin. Often whole petrified trees are met with in railroad excavating, etc. The color varies from white to black, through all shades of gray.

Agates of white color are abundant, as are also moss-agates. The latter are cut and worn extensively, and some very beautiful moss and tree forms have been produced in the polishing process. They are sold very cheaply.

An important discovery that was recently made on the bank of the Yellowstone, less than three blocks from my home, must not be passed over. A gentleman broke open a flint rock and found a peculiar glistening pebble within. He took it to a local jeweler where it was pronounced a very fine opal. It has been sent to Tiffany's to be cut and mounted.

As far as can be ascertained this is the first opal ever found in Montana we will look for further like discoveries in the near future.

Sixty dollars was paid in London for a curious volume of the fifteenth century sermons in Italian, containing the second earliest known reference to playing cards.

Natural History Collection. *A* *A* *A*

MRS. ANDERSON, widow of Dr. John Anderson, F. R. S., has presented to the British Museum the whole of her husband's natural history collection. It consisted chiefly of mammals collected in Egypt with infinite trouble and considerable expense, and is of considerable scientific importance and interest, as it contains the material on which Dr. Anderson based his great work on the Egyptian Mammalia, including all the types of the species described in that monograph. The collection further includes the series of specimens obtained by the late Mr. Theodore Bent in the Hadramaut district of Arabia, and the specimens procured by Mr. Witherby and others in the Soudan districts, hitherto poorly represented in this class of animals in the Museum.

History on Postal Cards.

To stimulate popular interest in the early history of New York City, the City History Club has prepared a novel series of postal cards each of which bears a reproduction of an early print of some portion of the city.

One of them gives a view of Broad street as it was in 1876, showing Federal Hall; another a portion of Broadway in 1865, with the stages that ran in those days all the way to Albany, and Baruum's old museum. Others are views of the Chatham Square as it looked in 1865, City Hall Park before the Post Office was built and when a church stood opposite on Park Row, and Wall Street with the old Jefferson Insurance Building, one of the first insurance buildings in the United States.

The object of this series is to put the old prints within reach of every one.

A Search That Brought Good Results

One cold winter afternoon about ten years ago, I could find nothing to do about my own home, so I decided to pass the afternoon at my grandfather's home.

He lived in a large house which was partly brick and partly wood, and it was surrounded by a fine twelve acre farm.

The walk to his house was a short distance, but as snow had fallen to the depth of several feet the day before, I had quite a hard time getting there. When I reached the house I warmed my feet before a large stove. During the conversation that followed between my grandfather and myself we began to talk about coins, I, being a collector of different curios, asked him if he had any coins to give me.

At first he could think of none but after a while he recollected having laid away an old purse containing some coins. He decided to hunt in the garret I followed him to the garret which was very dark and we could scarcely see the things that were in it. After we had looked around for a short time we became so cold that we had to give it up till some other day.

I was very much disappointed but though it was best to leave it till some other day. After getting warm again I returned home. For several weeks I thought no more about the coins. During this time my grandfather suddenly died and the goods about the house were sold or given away. On the day of the sale, while going through his house, I thought of the coins. I went right up to the garret and began hunting for them. At one end of the floor there was a lot of furniture. I pulled it away and found a small cubic chest. It was not locked, so I opened it and found a suit of clothes. When I pulled the suit

out I found an old fashioned purse in the bottom of the chest. I opened it and to my delight found quite a number of copper and several silver coins. There were thirteen in all. Thirteen is said to be an unlucky number but it did not prove to be very unlucky to me.

The oldest and most interesting coin to me was a copper one from the Bermuda Islands. It was about an inch in diameter and was very badly worn off. It has no value. On one side there was a picture of a sailing vessel with the word "Bermuda" above and the date "1793" below. On the other side there was a picture of George III of England with the inscription, "Georgius III. D. G. Rex", around the edge of the coin.

There were several copper coins from the United States. A one half cent piece of 1833 is in almost perfect condition. A one cent piece of 1839 was in fairly good condition. There was also two coins of the same size and with the same design but one was dated 1838, and the other was 1851. They were quite good copies. There were two other coins from the United States of little value.

There were also two copper German coins of 1 pennig 1876, and one silver coin of 5 pennig 1875.

There were also two Great Britain and one Austria coin.

I still hold on to these coins and always intend to as long as I take any interest in curios.

Big Prices for Old Furniture.

At a sale, held in New York, of fine old Sevres porcelain, French decorative furniture and old Gobelin tapestry just held, says the London correspondent of the Herald, a curious marquetry commode of the Louis XV period fetched \$20,500. The next highest price was for a Louis XVI regulator clock with ten dials, showing the years, months, days of the week, phases of the moon, etc. It brought \$16,265.

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EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Since my annual report from April 13th I have received 16 filled books
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20 value 449 71

\$1042 99

Less 11 books returned to owners (from which had been sold \$119.23)..... 253 40

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25 value..... \$789 59

Respectfully Submitted,

CHARLES ROEMER,
Superintendent.

(Report Continued from Last Month.)

SECOND SESSION

The Convention was again called to order at 3:30 p. m.

The committee on credentials reported the following officers elected:

President, S V Pfeuffer... with 21 votes
First Vice President, Otto Staerker..... " 24 "
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Said committee also reported that San Antonio was suggested by 15 members for convention seat in 1904 and the New York Philatelist by 17 members for official journal.

The committee on finance reported that they had examined the books of the Secretary-Treasurer and found same correct.

The committee on articles of association reported that there exists no urgent demand for a change or amendment and that the same be left as now in force.

The committee on library and exchange department reported that the suggestion made by the librarian with reference to asking the Galveston Public Library, for the use of a few shelves, be left to the city of Galveston, to act as their judgement seems best. Said committee also reported that they found the exchange department well and ably managed and showing satisfactory results.

The committee on official journal reported and recommended that the association retain the New York Philatelist as official journal.

All reports were upon motion adopted as read.

The chairman next announced that he had received an invitation from the San Antonio members and another invitation from the mayor and business men's club of San Antonio, both of which were read asking the convention to select the "Alamo City" for 1904 convention seat of the association and upon motion San Antonio was unanimously selected as such.

The convention was thereupon adjourned at 5 p m, after which an elegant oyster supper and refreshments were served. An enjoyable time was had and several toasts were made. President Pfeuffer in behalf of the visiting members, then thanked the Galveston members for their hospitality.

**A Relic-Hunter's Pack-
Horse** # # # #
By **GEO. J. Remsburg**



By request of Editor Brodstone I will give to my collecting friends seated around the A. S. of C. C. Round Table, a brief explanation of the illustration, "A Relic-Hunter's Pack-Horse", which appears in this issue of the

WEST. Like our mutual friend and honored President, Roy Farrell Greene, the erst-while cow-puncher and present poet-lariat, who at one time could mount a bucking broncho as easily and gracefully as he now mounts Pegasus, I have always been an ardent lover of strenuous Rooseveltian equestrianism, or "rough-riding", which-ever you may choose to call it.

Many of my most successful collecting trips have been made on horse back and my favorite pony, or "a relic-hunter's pack-horse", as I have seen fit to dub her, has carried a goodly portion of the specimens that compose my extensive archaeological collection. The first collecting trip of any importance I ever made was astride this pony. The observations of that trip jotted down in my field book composed the nucleus of many subsequent years of archaeological investigation in northeastern Kansas and northwestern Missouri during which time I have explored the whole region adjacent to the Missouri river in these states, located more than one hundred aboriginal village, camp, workshop and burial sites and gathered what is said to be one of the most valuable collections of Indian antiquities in Kansas.

To be more flowery, "Daisy" is the real name of my proud little steed. She is a typical Indian pony bearing the brands of the plains. Of course she may never have carried a real live "red-skin" on her "buck-skin" back, but she has toted many skeletons and relics of the people who doubtless rode her ancestors. If my old saddle-bags could be invoked to speak they would amply attest the truth of the above statement.

My pony has always been faithful. She never went back on me, but she once went down on me, although she is generally pretty sure footed. I was riding down an embankment on the site of an Indian village when she slipped and fell, my leg being underneath her body. I felt a rock under my body and the first thought that struck me was that it might be an Indian relic. I remembered that I had always been lucky at finding relics under peculiar circumstances, so I lost no time in reaching under me to ascertain what I had found this time. Here is the result: It was a common sandstone pebble under me; it was a "horse on me".

Though my pony bears the unique distinction of having carried more Indian relics than any equine in this region she has not acquired the "big head" as her portrait would have one believe. This is an unintentional trick of the camera. I am so proud of the faithful pony that has carried me and my "hobby" for many long years that I feel sure my brother "hobby riders" will excuse this drawn-out narrative and even allow me to add a few stanzas of tribute in closing:

On public road and in sequestered lane,
O'er rocky hill, across the grassy plain,
Thou'st carried me and ne'er didst thou
complain

My equine friend!
Oft times thou'st had a rough and tire-
some beat,
E'en in the trackless wood thy nimble
feet,
In winter's chilly blasts, in summer's
heat,

Hath trod to lend
A most obedient service unto me.
Docile, yet agile, all thy movements free,
Well done, thou faithful servant, mayst
thou see

A peaceful end!

Coins that are Worthless and Coins that Bring Fortunes.

By **FLOYD A. HAAS**

The collecting of coins is a characteristic of man so old that it is impossible to state when it first became a human attribute. From the time when Abraham weighed to Ephron "four hundred shekels of silver in payment for the field of Machpelah" until the present day the collection of coins seems to have been the chief end of men or at least of a great many men.

But within the past few years a new kind of coin collectors have sprung into existence. These are the persons who are collecting coins not for their value as a means of commercial exchange, but for their value as curios. Not only have these persons succeeded in acquiring great stores of these coins, but they have succeeded in placing upon rare coins a value many hundred per cent greater than could have been placed there by any government.

Many persons not familiar with the habits and customs of the coin collectors imagine that it is the age that puts the price on the coin. This is not by any means true. It is the scarcity of a coin that makes it valuable to the numismatist. A coin minted during the days of Alexander the Great may be purchased for as little as 4 bits—about its face value—from the regular dealers, while there is an American coin less than fifty years old that cannot be purchased for less than 1300 times its face value of one dollar.

But the work of a coin collector has done another thing which is of far greater value to the world at large than the simple increasing of the price of a few old coins.

Through the impetus they have given the industry—for it has come to be an

industry—lost history has been revealed. The coins that reveal history are known as the Greeco-Indian coins, which have given to the world the names of some dozen or more of the lieutenants of Alexander the Great who divided his empire up among themselves after his death.

In speaking of the value of old and rare coins, one thing must be borne in mind, namely, that there is no arbitrary value for any old coin. A rare coin is worth just exactly what it will bring in the open market. If a collector is willing to pay \$100 for a coin today in order to fill out his collection and tomorrow fills the order, the value of that coin goes away down. The value of any coin depends on how madly some one wants that particular coin.

The oldest coin of which there is any record in history is the sheckle. It is supposed to have been worth about 56 cents according to the American Numismatic Manuel. These coins are very rare. One of them together with a half sheckle is owned by the St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co. It was found in what was known as the Dexter Collection, the property of a Denver banker and sold at auction when he died. There were in this collection two of each of these coins. One of them sold one day some time ago for \$50.

These particular sheckles were coined about 142 years before Christ during the second year of the reign of Simon Mac-cabeaus. One side of the coin bears the inscription in Hebrew, "Sheckle of Israel Year 2" on the other side "Jerusalem the Holy".

Another old coin which was purchased in St. Louis not long ago is an ancient Macedonian coin minted during the time of the highest Greek art. It is a fine piece of work and bears the likeness of Perseus the last King of Macedonia who reigned B. C. 168. This coin is also valued at about \$50.

But there are any number of coins for sale by dealers of the days of Alexander the Great that are listed from 65 cents to \$1.25. Coins of the Emperor Caligula who shod his horses with gold and fed them out of marble mangers are quoted at twice 30 cents. Nero comes a little higher, his small bronzes bearing a maddallion showing him to be a very good looking sort of a man, bringing as high as \$30. American coins are held at the highest price by those owning them, as at present there is a good demand. A dollar of the year 1838 was sold in St. Louis during December for \$167.00.

What is known as the Birch cent is another high priced American coin. As a matter of fact, however, the Birch cent is not a U. S. coin. It is what is known as a pattern coin, in other words, it is simply a model of a coin submitted to the secretary of the treasury and never accepted. There is quite a number of these coins in existence, but the Birch cent is among the most valuable from a collector's standpoint. It is quoted at \$150. A peculiar coin, if so it may be called, is a Swedish daler and half daler of 1741. In fact there are some of these that represent eight dalers. They are huge pieces of copper, the 4 daler one being about nine inches square. In reality this coin is a mette bank note for the stamp on it simply shows that the copper plate will be redeemed by the government when it is able, by the payment of four silver dollars. These chunks of copper were issued right after the wars that so impoverished Sweden during the early days of the eighteenth century.

Coins valued at great prices by collectors are not by any means as numerous as many persons imagine and as stated depend entirely for their factitious values upon the demand there is for them.

One of these is a \$50.00 gold piece is-

sued in California in 1855 by Wass, Moller & Co. It is held at four times its face value.

Among the rare coins for which there is always more or less demand by collectors may be mentioned the following:

The eagle and half eagle of 1795, and half eagle of 1795. One of the varieties of the latter bears the effigy of a well formed and pretty face, which has been denominated that of Martha Washington. It has been stated that she sat to artist for this picture. Whether true or not the declaration has been sufficient to impress upon some persons its credibility and the coins have become an object of search by coin collectors.

The quarter eagle of 1796. But few of these were ever issued.

The quarter eagle of a year later 1797. There were but 855 of these coined.

The quarter eagle of 1798. Only 614 of them coined.

The half eagle of 1801. There were 26006 coined and yet not one is known to be in existence. The same is true of the eagle of 1802. 15090 were coined and not one is now in any collection. It is supposed that the whole lot fell into the hands of the British.

Quarter eagle of 1803. Only 423 coined, and not one known to be in existence.

Quarter eagle of 1826.

Dime of 1804, which is almost as scarce as the dollar of the same date. Many collectors are of the opinion that there were no silver dollars struck during the year 1804, but that they were struck as late as 1842. They bear the date, however of 1804.

Half dollar of 1815. There are only a few in existence. The mint report does not acknowledge the coinage of any half dollars of that year, but there are a few in one or two collections.

Dimes of 1810 and 1811. Although

the mint report shows that a respectable number of each were coined, only a few of the latter date are in existence and not one of the former is said to exist in any collection.

Quarter dollar of 1723 and of 1827.

Dollar of 1836. They are made after a design drawn by Christain Gobrecht, which was not adopted. Although the coin is considered only a pattern piece, 1000 of them were struck. They are extremely rare, and command a large premium. While they are not as rare as the dollar of 1838, of which only 18 were struck. They are among the most valuable from a collector's standpoint.

The reason for the exceptionally large premium on American coins paid by collectors is that all collections which are considered at all valuable contain a complete series of American Dollars. The absence of one spoils the entire collection from a numismatist's point of view, so they are willing to pay almost any price for a single coin which will complete a series.

Gold Medal for President.

The world's fair executive committee has sent to President Roosevelt a gold medal as a souvenir of his visit to the city on April 30, during the dedicatory ceremonies. The medal is of solid gold and about an inch and a half in diameter. On one side is a picture of Thomas Jefferson, and on the other a cornucopia in front of the rising sun and the words, "Dedication Ceremonies, Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, U. S. A., April 30, 1903." The handsome silk plush covering is ornamented with fleur de lis. The initials of President Roosevelt form a pretty monogram in the center. Above are the words "Louisiana Purchase Exposition" and below "April 30, M. C. M. III." The medal was designed by Mr. Burningham of this city and has been registered in the patent office in Washington. The case was designed by Miss Bulkeley of St. Louis.

Book Collecting **By F. C. ALLEN**

The collecting of old books, though not indulged in by the greater number of collectors, is one from which much pleasure may be derived. Of these pleasures and the charms of old books, Richard Le Gallienne, has written most charmingly in "An Old Country House." To him, the corner of "warm old leather" in the library is very dear and it is from the time stained pages of many a folio "of ye olden tyme" that spring many of his charming fancies and beautiful thoughts.

Many hours have I spent among my few old volumes pouring over their yellow tinged leaves and gleaning from them quaint bits of the life of many years ago and of history as it was chronicled. To me there is a peculiar fascination in an old volume in its yellowness and venerable age. The quaint spelling and phraseology is interesting as is also the engravings which illustrate many old folios. Other volumes have an interest to the collector, in their history, or that they have belonged to some noted personage and contain an autograph or bookplate. It is sometimes only from old volumes that the lesson writings of some famous authors are obtainable and many curious books which have not lived. Again, there are the first editions of famous books which are very interesting, especially if it is a presentation copy and contains the authors signature. These however are usually beyond the reach of the average collector.

Around most homes are a number of old books of grandfather's which will form the nucleus of a collection. Maybe grandpa has a few volumes of a hundred years ago which he will donate. Perhaps a visit to the second hand book store may reveal a number of quaint volumes at a nominal price. Sometimes, when buying old volumes through other channels than the regular dealer, a volume may be obtained which has an intrinsic value far above what you gave. The average collector, however, can hardly hope to obtain rare and valuable volumes, and it is not from their value that the true pleasure of collecting is derived, it must be obtained by reading and enjoying the charms of his few poor volumes which may yield more pleasure than the rare volumes the millionaire locks in his vault.

TWIN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Twin City Philatelic Society meets second Friday of each month at No. 535 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.

President—E L Porter, 413 Wood street, Pittsburg, Pa.

Vice President—Dr T L Hazzard, 56 Montgomery avenue, Allegheny Pa.

Secretary—Geo W Rode, 255 Fifth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

Treasurer—Anton Platz, 314 Fourth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Sales Superintendent—J M Crom, East Pittsburg, Pa.

Librarian—Max Arnheim, 908 Liberty Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Counterfeit Detector—H E Wilson, Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.

T. C. P. S.

The regular meeting of the Twin City Philatelic Society was held in the Society's rooms, No. 535 Smithfield street, Pittsburg, Pa., on Friday, June 12th, 1903. President Porter called the meeting to order at 8:40 p. m., fourteen members being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The committee for the celebration of the society's fifteenth anniversary reported it had arranged for a banquet on Tuesday, June 23d, 1903. The WEST was selected as official organ to succeed the New York Philatelist provided that its publishers will assume the present contract and renew same until July 1, 1904.

The annual election resulted in the unanimous selection of the following, viz:

President.....	E L Porter
Vice President	T L Hazzard, M D
Secretary	Geo W Rode
Treasurer.....	Anton Platz
Sales Supt.....	J M Crom
Librarian	Max Arnheim
Counterfeit Detector	H E Wilson
Member of Executive Com- mittee	W S Coe

The usual auction sale resulted in the disposal of 74 lots at good prices.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$104, after all bills have been paid.

After the transaction of some routine

business the meeting adjourned.

GEO. W. RODE,

Secretary.

REGULAR MEETING, JULY 10th, 1903

President Porter called the meeting to order at 8:20 p. m. Ten members were present at roll call. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The committee for the celebration of our 15th anniversary reported that the banquet had been a success and the 21 members had been present at same.

The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved.

The chair announced the following appointments for the coming year, viz:

Literary committee, Messrs. Doebelin, Burgoyne and Wilson. Auction agent, Anton Platz.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$101.88. Adjourned.

GEO. W. RODE,

Secretary.

Mosquitoes and Color.

Mosquitoes are attracted and repelled by some colors more than by others, in the opinion of Mr. George Nuttall, a scientist who has spent much time in studying these insects.

"Mr. Nuttall," says *Medecin Moderne*, "arranges the colors which attract mosquitoes in the following order:—Sea blue, dark red, brown, red, black, gray, dark green, violet, light blue, pearl gray, pale green, white, orange and yellow. Dark blue he claims, possesses for them the strongest attraction, and yellow the least. If this be so, it follows in view of its color that a khaki uniform is the best adapted for those who have to live in countries infested by mosquitoes."

Some men expect too much from an advertisement. No one would expect a traveling salesman to make large sales on his first round in an unexplored field. But there are many who refuse to advertise a second time in a medium which failed to bring in trade on a single trial.—Printers Ink.

Button vs. Emblem

By T. K. Burrows

NOTICING a projected movement towards securing an emblematic button to adorn the devotee towards philately. I take issue with this project upon the ground of it being being beneath the dignity of collectors, especially the advanced ones, to promenade the streets with the lapel on his coat adorned with a button portraying the facsimile of some well known stamp. It savors too much of the cheap man going around with a "Good morning Carrie" style about about him and on coat tail "lapel" emblazoned with an "I'm a Jay Bird" notice on it, that he collects stamps, maybe? at 15 cents a thousand.

If philately in the broadest and best sense, wishes to make a name and emblem for itself. I would suggest the forming of a National Philatelic Union. Throughout the United States and have a firm of repute, manufacture a silver or gold Maltese cross with Victoria Heads in the centre, the same as the Malta 5 — 1886 but without the frame. Victoria's head in the centre would be commemorative of the first issue of National stamps, and the four points of the cross, could have enameled the letters "N. P. U. A." to-wit: National Philatelic Union America, and all that would be necessary to designate other National Unions, after affiliating with the Mother Union would be to change the letters to suit the country, bearing in mind that the National character of the union must be maintained, and not to make it a sectional one. This would bring about the formation of a National Journal devoted to Philately, which would undoubtedly hold a very high place with all collectors, and the head-

quarters of the union could be held Annually at some important centre, and prizes offered for the best collections to stimulate and foster collecting, similar to that lately held at Mulace Alsace last April.

Please air this well and let us hear from those interested in such a movement as this, for if anything needs well doing it is the banding together for mutual support and progress the welfare of Philately. To my mind it is certainly more becoming to denote by an emblem the fact of one's being a part of a great national movement comprising a body incorporate and not a pig tail at a base ball game.

The 20th Auction Sale of J. M. Bartles, held June 20th was an innovation, being held on Saturday afternoon, and as the half holiday season is on the attendance was very good. The prices in some cases showed the effect of the summer season while others brought record prices. The following are some of the prices realized:

UNITED STATES.

1861 August. 1 to 90c, no 12c, India proofs	\$6.90
1890, 1 to 90c, cardboard proofs	2.50
Newspaper, complete set, 1c to \$60.00 "Specimen"	35 00
1851, 5c fine used copy	4.90
1869, 90c unused, perfs cut design at left	10.10
1871, 12c unused National	3.75
1890 2c lake, imperf, pair, mint	3.60
2c carmine " " "	2.90
4c " " "	2.50
5c brown " " "	2.50
1895 2c No 267a " " "	3.30
Revenues, \$20.00 Conveyance, block of 18	10.00
Revenues 3rd issue 30c Inverted	
Medallion	18.50
Revenues, 1898, \$50.00 gray and black	6.90

American Society of Curio Collectors

President—Roy Farrell Greene, Arkansas City, Kas.

Vice Presidents—Jacob Weigel, North Pasadena, Cal.; Mrs. F. May Tuttle, 2-C P—AMC—h m h h t t t t taaCahaa Osage, Ia.; Guy T. Bogart, Brookville, Ind.

Secretary and Treasurer—Wm. Warner, Jr., 1701A Division Ave., East St. Louis, Ill.

Official organ—The WEST. Department of Mineralogy — Forrest Gaines Glendive, Mont.

Department of Conchology (Marine, Atlantic Division)—J. Lewis Wheeler, 30 Lenox Ave., Providence, R. I.

Department of Conchology (Marine Pacific Division)—Chas. Russell Orcutt, Superintendent, San Diego, Cal.

Department of Conchology (Terrestrial Division)—Charles Russell Orcutt, 365 12th St., San Diego, Cal.

Department of War Relics—A. H. Bailey, Superintendent, Marietta, Ga.

Department of Entomology—Prof. C. Abbott Davis, 131 Elmwood Ave., Providence, R. I.

Department of Numismatics—E. L. Bangs, 1401 Clarkson St., Baltimore, Md.

Department of Botany—C. R. Orcutt, Superintendent, San Diego, Cal.

Department of Archaeology—Arthur B. Coover, Superintendent, Roxabell, O.

Department of Birds and Mammals—Department of Geology—F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa.

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.; F. G. Hillman, New Bedford, Mass.; Basil G. Hamilton, Moose Jaw Association, Ontario, Canada; A. W. Conner, 640 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.; Oswald A. Bauer, Piermont, N. Y.; W. G. McLain, Edison, Ohio; W. C. Alken, Angwin, Cal.; Archibald Crozier, 810 W. 5th St., Wilmington, Del.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Again I want to warn our members to

be careful when purchasing or trading for Indian relics of flint and stone from Virginia and Tennessee partners. There seems to be more fake specimens coming from these states now than ever before. Especially be careful when dealing with parties in Hodel, Va. Certain parties there are sending out spurious flint specimens in exchange and if one questions the postmaster there as to the reliability of the parties one gets a letter full of praise of them, but strange to say the postmaster's letter looks to be in the same handwriting as that of the party who sends out bad specimens. Be careful of these.

ROY F. GREENE

REPORT A S C C FOR AUGUST

Fellow Members:

I submit to you the following report for August.

NEW MEMBERS

499 H Percy Wickham, 1135 20th St, Des Moines, Ia. Coins, old fire arms, rocks, curios of all kinds

500 Arthur H Dente, Oregon City, Ore. General.

501 W J Kerley, Bem, P O, Mo. Minerals, petrified specimens, Indian relics, quartz.

502 M Lane, 25 Grove St, Great Barrington, Mass. Minerals, stamps, old guns and pistols, china, etc

503 Robt H McCauley, 116 S Potomac St, Hagerstown, Ind. Indian relics, shells, minerals, coins stamps, etc

504 Cook Greene, 317 Bank St, New Albany, Ind. General

APPLICATIONS

505 Lucia T Falconer, Shelburne, Ont, Can

506 Walter Edward Lee, 609 West Lexington St, Baltimore, Md

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

150 Wm Warner, Jr from 1701 A Division Ave to 1802 A Division, E St Louis, Ill.

348 Estella B Brokaw from 270 E Villa St to 1409 Morton Ave, Pasadena, Cala

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Southern Philatelic Association

NEW OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

President Joel H. DuBose, Huguenot, Ga.
 Vice Pres. F. W. Coning, New Brunswick, N. J.
 Secy-Treas., W. P. Kelley, Kansas City, Mo.
 Sales Supt., Chas. Waring, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Int. Secy., F. Noyes, Alice, Texas.
 Librarian, E. L. Maxon, Winter Park, Fla.
 Trustees, H. A. Herzog and H. G. Askew of Aus-
 tin, Texas.
 Official Organ, The WEST.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In accordance with the condition upon which I accepted the office of president, I wish now to announce that I am not a candidate for re-election. Two other nominations having been made, assures a successor, either of which gentleman would no doubt make a good and efficient officer.

The secretary will announce the committees with ballots.

Brother C E Severn, 518 Oxford Bldg, Chicago has been selected chairman of the committee to receive the ballots which should reach him not later than the 19th of August.

As I cannot be present myself at the convention I have a recommendation I wish to make. It is that you discuss there the advisability of raising our dues from 25c to 50c per annum. This would I think allow us to issue a year book containing a full list of our membership which would alone be worth the 25c additional, besides other advantages which would naturally follow.

JOEL H. DUBOSE, President, S P A
 COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

C Severn and T G Crosby, Chicago

Ballots and proxies will be mailed August 1st. All ballots and proxies should be mailed thus: Chairman Committee on Credentials, c-o C E Severn, 518 Oxford Bldg, Chicago, 92 LaSalle st.

Members who intend to attend the convention should write me at once. I will attend and wish to receive proxies of any members who cannot go. Any instructions will be carried out. Hoping to be with you at the convention, I remain

Yours Respectfully,

W P KELLEY, Secy-Treas,

3324 Peery Ave, Kansas City, Mo.

Notice: Time and place of meeting will be announced later with ballots.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

P B Bradley, Richmond, Va.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

T G Crosby, General Delivery, Chicago, Ill, 18, clerk. References W W Sutton, Chicago, W P Kelley

Otto F Harrington, Nueva Gerona, Cuba, 18, student. References W T Percy, Cuba, W P Kelley

J C Auf Der Heide, Box 479, Amsterdam, Holland, age 24, stamp dealer. References L T Brodstone, W P Kelley

John N Clements, 416 Clark St, Knoxville, Tenn, age 13, student. References J S Clements, C Waring.

C Dascalokis, Athens, Greece, age 32, stamp dealer. References Brodstone, member many foreign societies.

A D Blair, Jr, 600 W Church St, Elmira, N Y, age 20, clerk. References J A D Park, W P Kelley

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

46 D W Osgood, Alamoso, Colo

We have several new applicants this month. Send for application blank and keep up the good work. The benefits are many and the dues are very low.

Respectfully,

W P Kelley, Secy-Treas,

3324 Peery Ave, Kansas City, Mo.

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Have received the following nominations for officers for 1904.

For president F W Coning, New Brunswick, N J; Chas Roemer, San Antonio, Texas

For Vice President F W Coning, New Brunswick, N J; F Noyes, Alice, Texas; C Namack, Brooklyn, N Y

Secy-Treasurer W P Kelley, Kansas City, Mo

Int Secy F Noyes, Alice, Texas; H Fenton, Cincinnati, Ohio

Supt of Sales Chas Waring, Knoxville, Tenn

Librarian E L Maxon, Winter Park, Fla; Dr R L Allen, Waynesville, N C

Auction Mgr C R Homan, Quincy, Ill; H S Vanderburg, Lithgow, N Y; J O D Park, Buffalo, N Y

Counterfeit Detector J Luff, N Y; F Noyes, Alice, Texas; D W Osgood, South Fork, Colo

Purchasing Agent C Leonard, Detroit; J A D Park, Buffalo, N Y

Trustees N Port, Scallan, Goodhue, Cincinnati, Ohio; H G Askew, H A Herzog, Austin, Texas

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 Gen G B Bryan, Ticonderoga, N Y; J H Collord,
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CONTESTS.

B.—To all Members: To the person
 securing us the largest number of
 members between now and November
 1st we offer a suitable prize in either
 cash or stamps. The larger the num-
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 and third prizes.

C.—To General Managers: To the
 member securing us the largest num-
 between now and October 1st we offer
 a suitable prize in either cash or
 stamps. Same rules applying to value
 of prize in above offer. Also second
 and third prizes.

D.—To any Member: The member
 securing us the largest number of
 members between now and October 1st
 we will give the choice of any stamp
 not cataloguing over 15c.

**A.—Any dealer securing us 4 members
 at 25c is entitled to a one inch ad free**

in the official organ. The same per-
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THE STATE CONTEST.

A new one. We have formulated
 plans whereby the state having the
 largest number of members on Decem-
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 will have the privilege of free ads and
 notes for this month, and many inter-
 esting articles concerning philatelists
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 lished. In fact this issue will be given
 up entirely to the winning state. The
 members who secure the three largest
 numbers in the state will be given
 three fine prizes, according to number
 secured. There will also be three
 other prizes for the three persons
 securing the highest number regard-
 less of what states they are in.

Everybody get to work and set out
 your lines. No two prizes to one per-
 son, Here is the line-up so far:

New York 13	Pennsylvania 3
Nebraska 4	Illinois 2
Connecticut 1	Ohio 1
Dist. Columbia 1	Maine 1
Oregon 1	Massachusetts 1
Wisconsin 1	Rhode Island 1

Books and literature that will help
 you to get members can be got by
 applying to any of the officers.

We would would like offers from all
 printers who want the job to print our
 official organ. Make prices to print
 pages of all different sizes, etc. We
 want up-to-date-work. More anon.

We want ads for our first issue of
 the Metropolis, our official organ,
 which we will launch promptly on
 September 15 and monthly following.
 Rates on application. 50c an inch to
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NOTES.

The below persons would like to exchange with other members. Send your stamps.

J. H. Collard, 62 Highland Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

H. D. Munger, Corning, N. Y., would like exchange parcels of foreign stamps, common in quantities, will give good U. S. or Canada.

John Solomon, Last Greenwich, Conn.

Approval sheet at 50 per cent. discount, give reference. 100 varieties stamps for 5c, or 150 varieties for 15c, or 1000 well mixed for 10c. Wholesale value \$1.25 on sheets for 25c, write Miss Alma Appleton, Goodale's Corner, Me.

Young collectors remember the Chemung Stamp Co., of Conning, N. Y., is a member and solicits a share of your patronage. We are breaking up an album at 75, 50 and 25 per cent. discount from catalogue. Many rare U. S. Write us for sheets.

Note that we have some new representatives in England, Canada, Queensland, Costa Rica, and Spain, and philatelists in these countries are requested to write our manager for blanks, etc. It's only 25c in stamps that will pay your way.

T. O. Young is a member, and if you want some first class printing write him.

We want representatives in every country and offer a free membership to the first responsible person applying in any country not represented yet. Write Munger concerning duties, etc.

Mr. Cass has resigned the office of vice-president on account of over-work and Mr. Mueller and Munger have appointed J. A. D. Park of Buffalo, N. Y. to succeed him. If this is satisfactory he will be appointed to the office.

Mr. Cass will continue to act as Sales and Auction Manager and announces that he will have the rules ready by July 15. Everybody write him who wishes to be put on the circuit to receive books. The address is now L. V. Cass, New Oxford, Pa.

Mr. Munger reports that the Exchange department will open Sept. 15 and rules are now ready. Write him at once if you have any duplicates to exchange.

Our benefits are numerous and you will regret it if you don't join now while the price is 25c, as the raise will come on or before September first.

All philatelists in England are requested to write to W. N. Simayni, 37 Robsart St., London, S. W. and receive blanks and information about a branch of the M. P. A. to be run in England. It is a good thing and Mr. Simayni wants you all to write and join. Dues 12½d till Jan. 1904.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I make the following report this month. I would be glad to hear from every member this month with another new member. Get your friends to join and write me for blanks and literature.

NEW MEMBERS.

Wm. Wimbers, Towamba, Queensland
T A Drews, The Dalles, Oregon.
Miss Alma Appleton, Goodales Corner, Maine.
E McKenzie, Yauntan, Birmingham, Eng.; Wm. Snyder, Bennington, Neb.; Miss M F L Browne, 710 Kenoga ave, Havenhill, Mass; A Distelhorst, Dorchester, Wis; T G Crosby, Gen Del, Chicago, Ill; J C Auf der Heide, Amsterdam, Holland; Robt Brown, Deniston, New Zealand; John A Solomon, East Greenwich, Conn.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

L D Clute, 601 west Water st, Elmira, N Y; T A Drews, 305 Tillamwook st, Portland, Ore; L V Cass, New Oxford, Penn.

AWARDS OF PRINTING.

J L Koantz, circular letters, two lots. Elmore Pub. Co. circulars. Chas. Phildius, circulars and advs. Brodstone, advertisement; Phil. Pub. Co., advertisement. T O Young, blanks and circulars.

Wishing all the best of success, I beg to remain, Yours sincerely,
F. A. MUELLER, Sec-Treas. M. P. A.



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Yours,
H. Wendt,
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Will soon be time for our convention and nominations are in order for same.

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Trust many of our members can be at Chicago August 19 to 21st, and take in meetings held then.

N Moore, Oxville, Ill., Complains of C Moore, of East Brady, Pa., any others.

Other complaints not heard from, we are always glad to get names of those you think are frauds with full particulars.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

I think it would be a good idea to advance dues of S C P A to 50c a year and have a year book. Suppose we have a vote this on question at the convention.

Yours sincerely,

JORL H. DuBOSE.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

Through an error arising from late publication of New York Philatelist and change to west, errors in members in last

issue and omission of applications published in March issue occurred. The corrected list is as follows:

NEW MEMBERS.

- 364—Otto A. Filippino, 220 West Fayette St., Baltimore, Md.
- 365—Edward J. Wolf, 1100 Hoffman St., Baltimore, Md.
- 366—C. E. Dowsing, 221 No. 21st St., Birmingham, Ala.
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- 371—C. W. Kempt, 305 Congress St., East Detroit, Mich.
- 372—Roman A. Bissell, 177 West Fort St., Detroit, Mich.
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- 376—Henry T. Mason, 385 Washington St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
- 377—W. G. Adams, Burton, King Co., Wash.
- 378—J. J. Hoffman, Box 113, Evans City, Pa.
- 379—John G. Cowper, Deadwood, So. Dak.
- 380—Harry Lindquist, Iron Mountain, Mich.

APPLICATION.

- 381—Homer Sanderson, 1155 12th St., Detroit, Mich., 21, clerk; Chas. D. Collins, Will J. Stanton.

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- 129—Otto Zoll.
- 297—Geo. F. Marlier.
- 277—S. J. Walker.
- 258—F. L. Lewton.
- 286—H. G. Otis.
- 155—Wm. D. Eldredge.
- 191—A. M. Hanline.
- 321—Oscar T. Hartman.
- 19—A. L. Becker.
- 151—N. G. Ehrenstrom.

All members have ballots and proxies for the coming convention, and I trust all will be represented in person or by proxy, as much important business is to come up. Up to date of going to press the committee of arrangements and committee on credentials had not been received from President Miller. Will announce same in Weekly Era as soon as received.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. DODGE, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts—
Balance on hand last report.....\$17.76

Fees and dues, February 1 to July 1 53.22

Total\$70.93
Expenditures—
Secretary postage February 1 to July 1\$14.62
Balance on hand 56.36

Total\$70.93

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. DODGE, Treasurer.

SUSPENSIONS.

The following members have been suspended for non-payment of dues, but may be reinstated, if no objection is made, upon payment of dues, 35 cents.

- 145—F. G. Blaisdell. 294—A. J. Turner.
- 154—C. W. Bissell. 335—K. L. Dalgleish.
- 318—Will' A. Trabert. 295—Morrill Adams.
- 280—Frank K. Hills. 265—R. H. Clore.
- 261—G. C. Theine. 284—Andrew J. Pietsch. 329—H. S. Herman.
- 304—Alice S. Hodgson.
- 148—R. E. Smith. 300—H. L. Bingham.
- 29—L. Lazarus. 34—J. H. Makins.
- 109—W. O. Bailey. 246—H. H. Storms.
- 291—F. J. Hall. 311—R. Sullivan.
- 226—Jos. B. Hender. 241—E. E. Lee.
- son. 272—E. J. Bernstein.
- 243—Wm. P. Browne. 249—J. F. Capron.
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- 89—Wm. J. Kirk. 203—John E. Vlosnik.
- 108—L. L. Buckmins. 174—Chas. H. Robin- son.
- 218—John W. Patter. 344—John H. Ever- son.
- 247—C. B. Salisbury. 293—Donald S. Childs
- 282—E. G. Schmeiser. 324—Frank C. Young.
- 214—Edgar Nelton. 123—C. S. Stiles.
- 221—Dan J. Malar. 312—J. B. Marston.
- key. 253—Aug. Bucholtz.
- 103—L. O. Brosie. 169—H. E. Wilson.
- 177—Geo. Feick. 236—A. Mueller.
- 162—M. Olson. 111—D. D. Doolittle.
- 298—W. A. Hemphill. 156—F. A. Quinby.
- 184—P. Parker. 343—F. R. Dennison.
- 231—A. A. Van Wie. 256—B. H. Dayton.
- 276—J. T. Kraus. 124—Geo. E. Marx.
- 113—Geo. R. Tuttle. 51—R. O. Kielling.
- 213—J. E. Solm, Jr. 192—Jos. L. Weber.
- 313—A. J. Marston. 186—Henry Hunt.
- 164—Thos. F. Best. 171—Otto Frank.
- 183—C. Platz, Jr. 187—Hull Wilson.
- 278—Wm. B. Hough. 300—John Kern.
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- 219—H. C. Rugg. 326—E. W. Parker.
- 131—Wm. Thlessen. 319—J. A. Dube.
- 38—Herbert Clark. 141—B. Junier.
- 264—Charles Lahm.

I trust most of the above, if not all, will send in 35 cents at once, so that their ballots may be valid. If 70 cents is sent it will save you the trouble of sending again in January next and your card will read to January, 1906.

J. F. DODGE, Secretary.



Camera Notes



Editor, F. J. CLVIE, San Francisco.

The Experience of an Exchange Member

(By E. N. Edwards, I. P. E. No. 101 and W. W. P. E., No. 939 Springdale, Mo.)

For the benefit of others who are unacquainted with the work of these two societies which have been recently amalgamated, I will give a statement of the results secured and a few conclusions arrived at after an experience of nearly two years as a member of both the original Exchanges. My collection of prints secured by exchange now numbers about twelve hundred. These range in size from the modest two-and-a-half by two-and-a-half up to the pretentious eight by ten. They are on all kinds of paper and every toning process and style of finish is represented. About one-half the number are really good to very fine, some two hundred are fair to good, while the remaining four hundred are valuable only as showing the numerous varieties of "bad scalds" and mistakes of which an amateur photographer is capable. I must qualify this last statement. They are valuable as well as an object lesson for serious study, showing as they so plainly do just what one should avoid in their own work.

Taking these defective four hundred prints, let us examine them and tabulate the chief faults. Nearly one-half of them are yellow, faded, spotted, and dingy; the result of using gelatine paper and a combined bath or from insufficient fixing and washing with the regular and more rational

separate baths. About one hundred are on developing papers that are faulty from over or under exposure and are therefore very weak and lacking in contrast or else dense and black. The remaining hundred suffer from a variety of faults, chief of which can be mentioned too thin negatives printed on an unsuitable paper; architectural subjects with buildings "leaning back" or "falling in" at the top; and trees showing excessive halation where they come against the sky. Others again are spoiled by a large, indistinct, "ghostly" object in the foreground, often covering a good portion of the picture. This is caused by some object coming close to the camera at the moment of exposure being overlooked and leaving an out-of-focus image of itself upon the plate. Again others are technically and mechanically perfect, showing the highest manipulative skill on the part of the maker, but entirely lacking any indication of selective ability or appreciation of what is required to make a "picture" by the same individual. These same defective prints I should perhaps have returned as not desired, according to the rules of the Exchange; but I felt in most cases that the makers were doing the best they knew how and I did not wish to discourage them, preferring to try as best I could to encourage them by turning out the best work of which I was myself capable, and in my own eyes, this sometimes seemed none too good. There is nothing like the exchange of prints to encourage one to improve their own work and the close touch into which one is

brought with such a variety of work-
-rs can not help but assist one in so
doing.

Among the good pictures there is a
no small number that are the result of
a most happy combination of perfect
technique, right point of view, good
harmony, careful selection and proper
lighting. Correct exposure and devel-
opment have followed. The tone and
finish of the print chosen to fit the
subject. The result in these cases has
been that the man behind the ground
glass shows himself to be an artist.

With few exceptions I have found the
members of the Exchange entirely
honest and reliable. Some whose
prints were not up to the standard
made up for the deficiency by their
promptness and courtesy. Some that
were slow in making returns made
good compensation by sending very fine
prints in the end. All in all, I have
been delighted and instructed as well
as benefited photographically, mental-
ly and socially by my membership in
the Exchange and my subscription to
the West; and all at a small, almost
trifling, outlay. I do not know of any
method by which I could have derived
a small part of the benefits and pleas-
ure I have from my membership, at
many times the cost. I would most as-
suredly advise any one interested in
photography to become a member of
the Exchange and share in the benefits
to be derived. Mr. Clute is at all
times glad to furnish any information
desired and send application blanks to
those desiring them.

SUNSET EFFECTS

Choose an hour in the early morning or at the
setting of the sun, when there is a plentiful sup-
ply of clouds in the sky. Point the camera di-
rectly at the sun, including of course, some fore-
ground, and make your exposure just as the sun
is obscured by one of the clouds. F. 32, with one
twenty-fifth of a second, will be about right on a
medium plate. A slow plate and a larger stop
will give less contrast. Water in the foreground
will give more pleasing results, as it requires
less exposure than would any other subject.



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Note.—W. W. P. E. and I. P. E.
members are cautioned not to write
these new members without first con-
sulting the regular "Exchange Notices"
accompanying their names in the cur-
rent issue of the "Photographic Ex-
change," as many of them desire only a
certain class of prints, lantern slides
or stereoscopic pictures, and will not
honor requests in which such notices
have been ignored.

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INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY.

One of our most enthusiastic members asks in a recent letter if short articles of a practical nature will be acceptable for the pages of the Exchange. Most assuredly they will. Just such short articles from our members are the life of the little magazine. This brings me to another of our wants—namely, the names and addresses of photographers to whom I may send sample copies and an application blank. Better still is the individual work of the members in securing new names to be added to the roll. Application blanks are always in stock. A request will bring you a supply.

In your dealings with each other a little more attention to the rules should be displayed. Several of the members whose notices have seemed rather inviting have been besieged with requests for exchange far in excess of their ability to turn out prints. This necessitated an amount of letter writing that in itself was a task, but the entire neglect of a large proportion of these writing to comply with Rule 5 as to enclosing return postage, makes it still worse—a no small expense. This

rule must be observed, at least until such time as any two members may find an exchange mutually agreeable and desire to dispense with the formality. I have advised several of the members who have complained of this negligence that they are at perfect liberty to ignore all letters not complying with the rule. Should you fail to receive a reply in any particular case, be sure that it is not for this reason before finding fault with your fellow member. Your letter may be one of a large number that has caused him to so act in self-defense.

THE REDUCTION OF CONTRAST.

Various methods have been suggested from time to time for reducing the contrasts of harsh negatives, such as the production of a faint positive and binding this on the back of the negative, or the use of the powder process, and thus producing on the back of the negative a more or less faint positive. Within the last three or four years ammonium persulphate has been used for the same purpose, as this has a tendency to reduce the high lights in preference to the shadows. In 1881, we think, Eder suggested the conversion of the image into silver chloride and re-developing until the shadows and half-tones were reduced and not the high lights right through to the glass, and then fixing. This is an extremely valuable method, but one which requires some experience to carry successfully to just the right point. Dr. Hauberisser, however, strongly recommends this process and suggests for the bleaching, besides the well-known bichromate and hydrochloric acid, a mixture of 1 per cent of potassium permanganate and 2 per cent of hydrochloric acid. When bleached the negative must be well washed and re-developed. For this purpose Dr. Hauberisser recommends developers containing alcohol, such as pyrocatechin 1 part, caustic soda 0.5 part, alcohol 200 parts, as they penetrate the film but slowly.

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Answers

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C. F. W.—Quick Prints From Wet Negatives—With a little ordinary care this can be easily done without in any way injuring the plate. After fixing, the negative is submitted to a slight washing for a few minutes under a tap. While this is in progress a piece of bromide paper is soaked in water, face down, in the dark room, of course. The wet negative can now be slipped under the paper as it lies in the bath flat and limp, and, avoiding air bubbles, they are removed and any water on the glass side of the plate wiped off. Exposure can now be made by either holding the negative and paper before an ordinary artificial illuminant or standing the same on a drying rack. The bromide is then developed in the ordinary way and the negative receives its complete washing.

you wish to countersink, a little different plan should be followed. The same die, but cut from block tin or zinc, will be required. In addition you will require two sheets of the same material the same size as the mounts. Run the mount or paper through a common clothes wringer between two damp blotters a few times. Then place between the two sheets of metal with the die in position against the face of the print and again pass through the wringer a few times or give a little pressure in a copying press. A few trials will make the process easy. Great care must be exercised to prevent slipping of the die in either method of working.

F. C. F.—Keeping of Developer—This correspondent desires to know if carbonate of soda keeps in solution, as he has found that his developer does not work as well when soda solution has stood for a long time. Either carbonate of soda or carbonate of potassium in solution of any strength will keep for any length of time, provided the water is pure and the bottles containing them are kept well corked, so as to keep out impurities from the air. But with either soda or the potassium, if sulphite of soda is present, the solution deteriorates rapidly, especially if exposed to the air. For this reason it is always best to mix the carbonate of soda or carbonate of potassium in a separate solution.

E. D. C.—Using Cut Films—Cut films may be placed in a plate holder by taking a piece of stiff cardboard the size of the holder and the thickness of a plate and coating it with a solution of gelatine and glycerine. The film is then squeezed to the cardboard, celluloid side down; the whole is placed in the holder the same as a plate. The film is easily stripped from the cardboard when it is ready for development. The cardboard must be hard and strong, so it will not warp when the gelatine and glycerine is applied.

Of course a better method is to use the regular film holder.

S. L. C.—Countersink Plate Marks—If you wish to give this effect to prints on paper with a wide, white margin, proceed in this manner: Cut from a piece of firm, hard, bristol board a piece the exact size and shape of the desired plate-mark. Lay this on a piece of paper and mark all around the edge, afterwards cutting out the part within the mark. Lay this paper mat over the picture and adjust so that its opening allows an equal margin all around the picture. This determines the position of the cardboard die. Place the latter in position and holding all securely together, reverse onto some hard, smooth surface. Still holding the paper from slipping about on the die, carefully go all around the edge with some hard, smooth instrument, like the handle of a tooth brush. If it be mounts or heavy paper that

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New Members: 628, ML Mellon, Ponca—has Premo camera for sale cheap, write for samples; 629 CC Cobb, York; 630 CO Brown, Kearny; 632 Prof Lange, Fairbury, Premo 5x7 camera, western views; Applications: 633 L Lindquist, Ainsworth, western views of all kinds; 634 GOF webster, Lexington; 635, H Ketchum, Byron; 636 J Plummer, Hastings, RFD1; 637 B Barry, city bank, weeping water. Expect to hold meetings during the Aksarben week, Omaha.

NOTES FROM THE ILL COL OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Of our former students we have recently heard from John Turkleson, D. M. Elish, Harry Fox, J. G. Payne, Harvey Shoemaker and many more of dates more remote whom we cannot at present recall. All report much prosperity and satisfaction.

A new heating system is being installed in Rembrandt Hall which will be a great additional convenience to the departments in that building.

The students and many friends from the city spent a very enjoyable Fourth of July at the college grounds. The occasion was celebrated with a tennis tournament, sack races, egg races, horse riding contest, etc. Later refreshments were served and the program was continued in the evening with an excellent musical entertainment. Everyone will retain pleasant memories of the day.

We were pleased to welcome back Miss Nancy O'Rear of Mt. Sterling, Ky., who since leaving the I. C. P. one year ago has been quite successfully conducting a studio at the above address. It is a noticeable fact that many of our most successful students are ladies.

The latest convert to matrimony from among our students: Mr. D. Omer Martin of Kingwood, W. Va., wedded to Miss May Elizabeth Peacock of Des Moines, Ia. We extend

our parental benediction.

Mr. Fred Strickland, a graduate of the June class, has taken a responsible position at Riverside, Cal. Mr. Strickland was a very able man and a popular student, and carries with him the good wishes of all his acquaintances.

It is whispered that Mr. Arthur Dudley of West Salem, Wis., has made arrangements for a young lady manager from this city.

Mr. Raymer attended the third annual convention of the Kentucky-Tennessee photographers held at Chattanooga, Tenn., and reports that they had their usual grand time. The Kentucky and Tennessee boys (and girls) are noted for their hospitality, and the photographers are no exception to the rule. The work shows a marked improvement over last year, and the enthusiasm even greater. Mr. Raymer gave a demonstration and lecture on portrait lighting and developing under the skylight of Mr. Judd—the vice president of the association—Wednesday, and a flash light demonstration on Friday. The gold medal offered by Mr. Raymer for the best flash light made during the year was won by Mr. A. J. Thuss of Nashville, Tenn., from a number of contestants.

FOGGED PLATES.

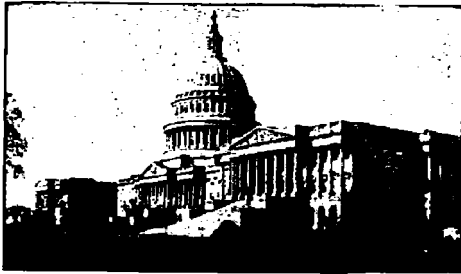
Silver bromide plates, whether fogged or not, are exposed for 100 minutes 8 inches from gas or lamp, or a few seconds to daylight. Then by yellow or red light in the dark room soak the plates 8 or 10 minutes in the solution below:

Pure water	1000 parts
Potassium Chloride..	6 "
Copper Chloride.....	50 "

Then wash fifteen minutes in running water and dry in the dark room. The plates have now become chloride plates and will require under a negative 20-30 seconds exposure by daylight, or 2-5 minutes by gas or lamplight. They may be developed in ordinary lantern slide developers and fixed in hypo 1-6.

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MEDALS IN BAS RELIEF.

I saw a new photographic scheme the other day which interested me so extremely that I secured its details, mind distributed among his friends a number of metal medals, which upon examination proved to bear a photograph of himself, in bas relief, exactly like the medal.

The plan is novel and unsusceptible of many uses. Moreover, it is much simpler than you would expect such a scheme to be.

The person whose head is to adorn the medal is first to be photographed in profile against a dead black background. Prior to the exposure the head and face, particularly the hair, is to be powdered so as to furnish a strong contrast against the black of the background. The light should

come from the side, and just enough exposure given to insure a strong, vigorous negative.

The next step is to make the bas relief, which is to be produced in gelatin. Make up a 15 per cent solution of gelatin and coat an ordinary piece of glass with it quite quickly. Put one heavy coating on, and after it is dry give it another. When this film is dry, it must be sensitized and this is done by immersion in the following solution:

Bichromate of potassium 20 parts
Aqua ammonia..... 2 parts
Water 500 parts

After immersing the plate in this solution for several minutes, take it while wet in the dark room and allow it to dry there. Print in the sunlight from the original negative for about fifteen minutes. Then wash until all the bichromate is gone and the gelatin film will show the outlines of the portrait in strong relief. From this the medal is made. Mix up some ordinary plaster paris and make a die. To do this put some soapsuds on the gelatin relief plate and place it face up on a pasteboard box. Wipe off any superfluous suds and then pour on the plaster paris. When it is dry, pry it off very gently, and you will have a cast from which the medal itself can be made. Any medal which can be melted over a fire will answer.

Brilliant Negatives

(By James Epps.)

An amateur, a few days ago, brought me a number of exposed plates for development. I developed them and in every case there was at least a trace of fog. A few were almost spoiled by fog. He was a reasonable creature, and accepted my suggestion that the fault was probably in himself, or his camera. There are so many possible causes of fog, and it sometimes happens during development.

By brilliant negatives I mean those without fog; they may not have a scrap of clear glass in them—probably they will not; for clear glass is often a sign of under exposure.

Fog is a matter of degrees. Theoretically all plates, after exposure in a camera, are more or less fogged. The lens projects an image on the plate, but its circle of illumination is larger than the plate, and the edges of the bellows, or the sides of the rigid camera, catch the light. The creamy plate, too, reflects light into the camera, adding to the illumination of the sides. Indeed, the camera is anything but a strictly dark chamber during exposure. We keep this fog down to a negligible minimum by keeping the inside of the camera clean—this also helps to keep clear of pinholes—and keeping it a dead black. For some very bright subject a lens shade is a further precaution. To a certain extent a hat of the focusing cloth held above the lens, and just out of its field during exposure, is a remedy. The best hood is a rectangular one of dimensions proportionate to the plate, lined with black velvet, and of such size that it does not at all impinge into the field of the plate, but cuts off those outer portions of the circle of illumination which normally fall on the sides of the camera.

A general fog sometimes covers a plate which has been kept too long—or, rather, which has been improperly stored. The remedy is to use fairly new plates and to keep plates stored in a dry, cool place, and with the boxes standing on their sides.

Plates may fog during development. The developer after a certain time becomes merely a reducer and attacks the remaining silver indiscriminately all over its surface. This fogging is very likely to occur where plates have been underexposed. They are forced to bring up the detail which is not there, and instead they yield fog. The prevention is to give a sufficient exposure, whenever possible, or to use a weaker or more restrained developer than normal. In this connection it is

worth noting that those developers which "flash up" all the detail in a few moments—such as metol—are more liable to give fog than are the developers which slowly yield detail as they build up density.

If the plate fogs in development the photographer usually recognizes it and can accuse himself. But if he cannot imagine where the trouble is it is usually some extraneous light which has reached the plate. The dark room may leak, or the lamp be unsafe; or it may be some defect in the camera or the plate holder. If all these possible sources are made secure the chances are that the fog difficulty will be over. —Snap-Shots, N. Y.

THE CARE OF LENSES.

A word of warning may not be out of place at this season of the year to photographers concerning their lenses. The air is charged with moisture, and we are experiencing considerable fluctuations of temperature, which cause condensation on the surface of the lenses. Some of the glass used in the manufacture of anastigmats is far more susceptible to deterioration from atmospheric causes than the old varieties. We had strong demonstration of this a short time ago in an expensive lens which had "rusted." It had been carelessly exposed for a very considerable time in a dealer's window, and from the dust upon it there was no doubt it had not received any attention. When the lens was cleaned, it was found that the surface of one combination had suffered considerably, and the lens had to be returned to the maker. The photographer, if he respects his pocket, should be careful of the condition of his lenses. They should be cleaned periodically and kept in cases. Two tightly-fitting caps also afford good protection. Keep lenses in a dry, moderately warm place. The best method of cleaning them is first to brush off the dust with a camel-hair pencil, then slightly moisten the surface with the corner of a clean linen rag moistened with methylated spirit, and finally to well dry and polish by rubbing with the clean linen duster folded into a small pad.



Our leader this month is from the pen of an enthusiastic member of the International Photographic Exchange—and what member is not an enthusiastic one? Mr. Edwards gives his experience and makes a few deductions therefrom that should be of value to the many that are in doubt of the advisability of connecting themselves with such a society. There is not the least doubt as to the immense advantage to be derived, particularly by the isolated worker or the one in a large city without a desire to join the local club, from a membership in such an organization. Several of the prominent workers of today have mentioned in their own description of their early struggles; the benefit, the incentive and the encouragement they have received from their membership in the old World-Wide Photo-Exchange, one of the two societies amalgamated to form the present perfected organization. In thus speaking a good word for this important factor in the advancement of photography Mr. Edwards is pointing out a way by which other amateurs may profit and enjoy to an added degree the possibilities of their cameras. He has our thanks.

In photographing moving objects it should always be borne in mind that less apparent motion will be visible in the finished print if the object is photographed from a point somewhat in front of rather than directly opposite to the line of motion. In other words, if a horse and carriage chance to be the subject of a picture, the camera should be placed in such a way that the horse will be seen moving obliquely toward it and not directly across the line of vision. The reason for this

will be apparent when one remembers that the movement of a horse's feet or the spokes of a wheel, for instance, is much more apparent from right to left than when seen in perspective, and it is only with the most expensive lenses and the quickest working shutters that this kind of photography is possible with satisfactory results. A goodly distance should also intervene between the camera and the moving object if distortion and blurr are to be avoided.

In my rounds I have found a reducer that works like a charm. When you have a negative that is harsh and contrasty and you want the high lights reduced and not the shadows, try this. We will call it "Ben's Reducer," as he is the protographer who gave it to me:

(a) Potassium permanganate, 1 oz.; water, 4 oz. (b) Sulphuric acid, 1 oz.; water, 4 oz.

To reduce, use 1 dram of A and 2 darws B and 10 to 20 ounces of water.

Now, if you have a negative you want to reduce in the shadows more than the high lights, I prefer the red prassiate of potash and hypo.

If you have a negative you want strengthened, I find bromide of potassium added to the bichloride of mercury works clearer. Here is the formula:

(a) Bichloride mercury, 60 grs.; bromide potassium, 60 grs.; water, 6 oz. (b) Sulphite soda, 1 oz.; water, 4 oz.

To strengthen, use A; when strong enough, wash and darken with B.

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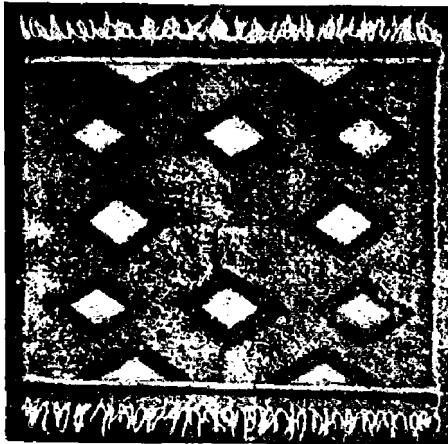
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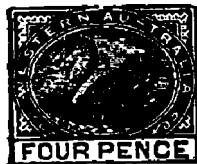
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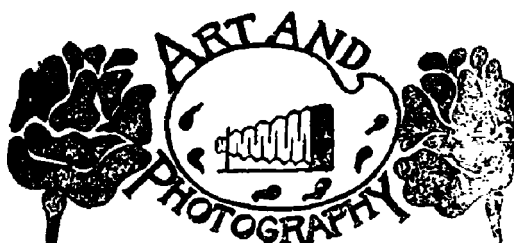
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The Stanford Company.

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Yours truly,

The Stanford Company,
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The Clever Magazine
Company, Ltd.,
Kansas City, Mo.

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Of the "Jesuit Fathers," more than 300 years old, given by them to the Indians in very early times, now extremely rare. I have of the above taken from graves one copper kettle, (one gallon) with bail, 2 ancient silver bracelets, two other silver pieces, and 25 silver buckles all found in kettle, all to go as one lot at only \$5.00 and are well preserved, also a few silver buckles of same kind separate at only 25c each post paid. Also 20 nice Oregon gem arrow points at only \$3.00. fine California obsidian points at \$2.75 a dozen p. p., fine grooved axes 75c to \$1.00, or \$9.00 a doz., fine celts 50 to 75 or \$6.00 doz., fine holler pestle \$1.00. If you want to know any more about above enclose 2c stamp, but if you want any of above order to-day; don't delay. They may be gone.

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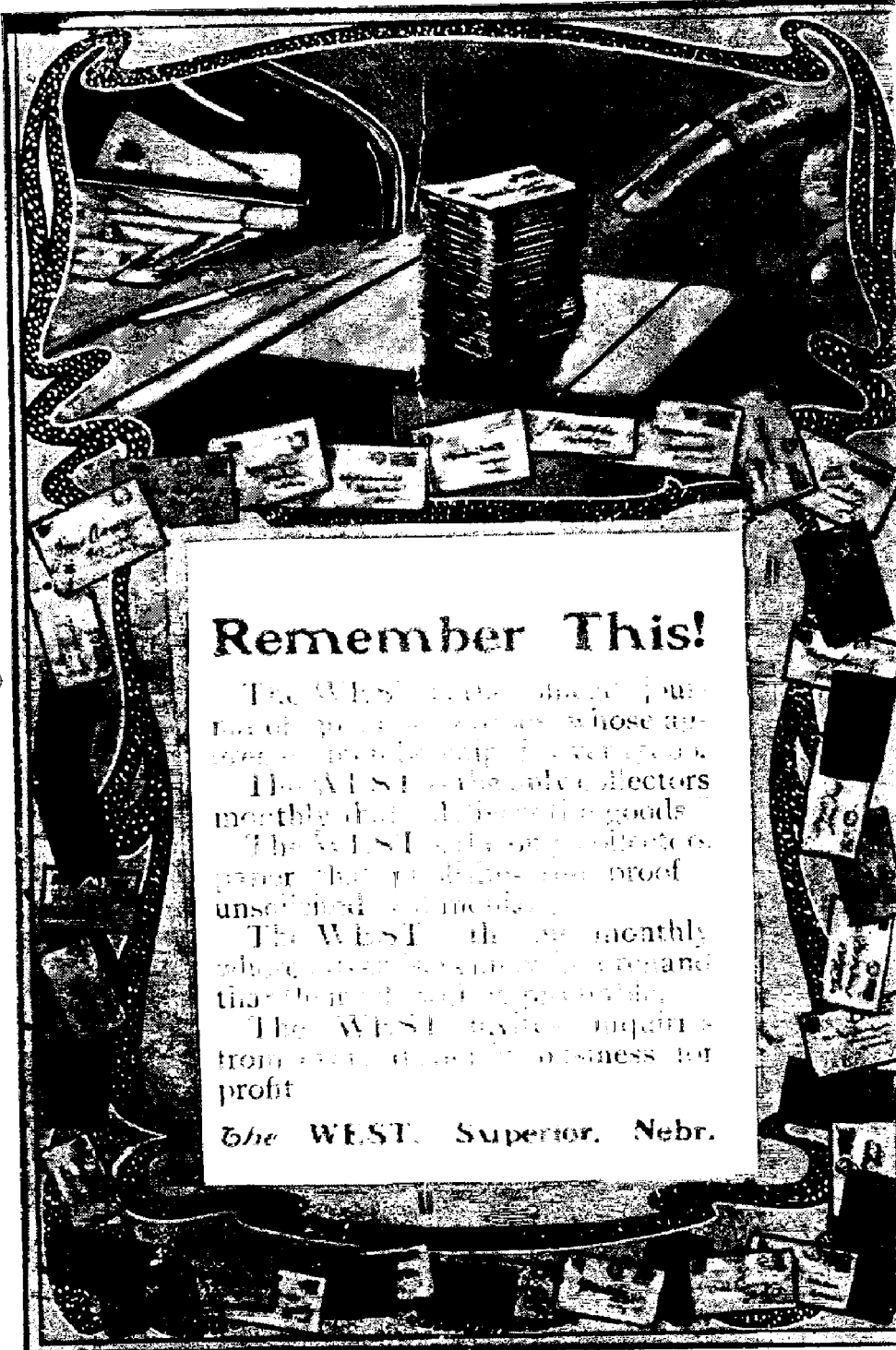
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And it is hoped that the low prices at which the following items are offered will induce your orders. Our stock is very large, and we are the cheapest house in this country.

1740-1790.	Spanish Silver Cob Money, rudely struck at the mines of Peru and Mexico to circulate for one real, very odd	15c
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	Augusta, Ga. Bank and Insurance Co., \$1, \$2 and \$10 Bills, pretty, each	3c
	\$5, \$10 and \$20 Confederate Bills, set of three	11c

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Don't Worry.

We have stamps you don't want and a bunch you do want to secure the stamps you do want send name on postal today for trial selection of our stamps on approval

BEAR STAMP CO., Brooklyn, N. Y.
112 Nostrand Ave

A Chance 4 U To get a watch free. We shall give 25 watches away on Dec. 24, '03, to the 25 boys out of 100 for making the largest sales from our approval sheets at 50 per cent. off. Write today. Send references. Egyptian Stamp Co., 61 Elmwood, Ave., Detroit, Mich.

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Have you seen the new stamp store at Nassau Street, New York City? \$5000 worth of rare and medium stamps on view. British Colonials 60¢ others (including Hayti all issues, Philippine 1st and issues Hawaii, etc. at 66½ less than Scott. We know you can buy at ½ cat, but can you get the class we offer at this rate? Get your lowest possible quotation and we will quote less. We don't hang out for 5 cents, if our prices don't suit you, make an offer, if 5¢ over cost you get them. Big turnover and small profits being our method of doing business. We sell them to many dealers at the same prices we offer you (they do not ask cheaper). Will send on approval against references. We pay the highest possible cash (full retail) prices for £1 and £5 Great Britain and high value South Americans. Houghton & Allen, 76 Nassau St., New York City.

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For thirty days, I will give a rare Confederate bill to each person who sends to me for a selection of choice stamps on approval. Send a business reference if you are unknown to me.

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Please send me some numbers or a complete volume and I will try to please you.

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

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Apply to

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I have accumulated a great many damaged specimens of good stamps, some only slightly defective, including many rare ones which can be mended and make good space fillers. Send me any amount from 25c upward and receive 10 to 12 times the value in damaged stamps. Enclose return postage if you want less than 25c worth. Try Them. I have sold many dollars worth during the past few months. Look up my ads in April WEST.

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A good agent wanted to sell New Zealand stamps on commission. E. C. Lyon, Whangarei, New Zealand.

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50 per cent and 75 per cent discount.

References please.

100 varieties.....	\$.05
150 ".....	.15
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BUT I THINK MY APPROVALS
ARE THE BEST
MAY I HAVE YOUR OPINION?
100 var perfect stamps - 6c
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Set 25 Philip-
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 Set 40 Mexico . . . 20c
 Set 5 Persia 6c
 Set 5 Newfound-
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 Set 25 Columbia . . 20c
 Set 6 Pan-Amer-
 ican 9c

Set 7 Omaha 7c
 Set 10 Columbian 8c
 Set 15 1890 U S 9c
 Set 10 Hungary 3c
 Set 50 Hungary 25c
 Set 70 Hungary 40c
 Set 60 Sweden 35c
 Set 100 Sweden 60c
 Set 6 Costa Rica 3c
 Set 10 Costa Rica 5c
 Set 50 Costa Rica 30c
 Set 75 Costa Rica 65c
 Set 100 Japan \$1.00
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 100 var U. S. 15c
 1000 Japan Stamps 40c
 1000 France Stamps 45c
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 2c part perf first issue rev. \$1.00

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Breinigsville, Pa.

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Our prices are always the lowest. Orders under 50c postage 2c extra.

Agriculture		used	unused	Post Office		used	unused
1c yellow	.....	\$1 65	\$1 50	1c black	.....	\$ 20	16
2c "	.....	50	50	2c "	.....	15	08
3c "	.....	25	10	3c "	.....	03	01
6c "	.....	60	30	6c "	.....	10	06
10c "	.....	3 00	2 50	10c "	.....	68	60
12c "	.....	4 00	3 75	12c "	.....	40	35
15c "	.....	1 75		15c "	.....	75	40
24c "	.....	2 50		24c "	.....	75	50
30c "	.....	2 50		30c "	.....	60	40
				90c "	.....	1 25	1 00
				The set complete used for			3 00
Executive				State			
1c Carmine	.....	4 00	2 50	1c dark green	.....	1 20	1 00
2c "	.....	4 00	3 75	2c "	.....	2 50	2 00
3c "	.....	3 25	3 00	3c bright green	.....	50	40
6c "	.....	8 00		3c yellow	.....	1 75	1 75
10c "	.....	5 00		3c dark green	.....	1 25	1 00
				6c bright green	.....	50	35
				6c dark green	.....	1 00	1 00
				7c " "	.....	1 50	1 20
				10c " "	.....	1 50	1 25
				10c bright green	.....	1 50	1 25
				12c dark green	.....	2 00	2 00
				15c " "	.....	2 00	2 00
				24c " "	.....	4 25	4 00
				30c " "	.....	3 50	3 00
				90c " "	.....	7 00	5 50
				Treasury			
				1c brown	.....	50	05
				2c "	.....	20	05
				3c "	05	01
				6c "	15	04
				7c "	1 00	70
				10c "	35	10
				12c "	30	05
				15c "	25	12
				24c "	6 00	1 30
				30c "	25	12
				90c "	1 00	25
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				War			
				1c rose	03	03
				2c "	05	03
				3c "	25	01
				6c "	03	03
				7c "	85	85
				10c "	25	10
				12c "	25	10
				15c "	10	07
				24c "	10	07
				30c "	25	20
				90c "	50	45
				Set complete, used or unused			1 90

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Greater New York Stamp & Coin Co.,

128 East 23rd Street.

New York.

Chas. A. Nast,

U S Revs at 60 per cent discount
Set of Emerson Drug Co 4 var used 18c
" " " " " " " " unused 40c
" " '98 Props 1/2 to 5c (12 vars) 12c
Wanted—Lots of type-printed cancellations on the 1898 Proprietaries. Also revs in blocks and strips. Send with lowest cash price.
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British Colonials, obsolete and current used and unused, in sets. Very complete list at rock-bottom prices mailed on application.

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Souvenir Cards.

I have taken the agency for a first class house in Europe, publishers of high grade Souvenir Cards. Dealers and collectors in towns, where no cards are published will do well to ask for particulars (and samples, if stamps are enclosed). Anton Klein, 8 Bethune St., New York, N. Y.

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"A Penny Saved Is a Penny Earned."

We give you a chance to save them in bunches of FIVE and at the same time secure a profitable investment.

15 Cents a Line.

Pays for your ad in our next 2 issues. The regular rate is 20 cents. Your saving is 5c on each line placed, and if you have a good proposition to offer, your advertisement should pay you handsomely. Get copy in by the 15th. Address the WEST, Superior, Nebr.

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By special arrangement with the most go-ahead and largest of British papers
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We will register any subscriber to WEST as a subscriber to the above named paper for one year on payment of 25c or its extra, sent with renewal or with new subscription.

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or American Agent.—L. Brodstone.

Superior, Neb., U. S. A.
Send card for sample copy
To Publisher in England.

Badger Stamp Co., Highgate, Vt.—
Much pleased with our ads in the
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Free! 1903 Price List.

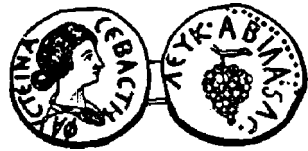
Our 56 page 1903 PRICE LIST of our U. S. and Foreign, single stamps, sets, packets, albums, etc., is mailed

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Have you seen our 50 per cent approval sheets? Sent upon receipt of reference.

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Rare Coins, Old Paper Money and Postage Stamps.



50 different stamps by mail 7 cents, with order 5 cents.
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33	Argentine, '92, 2c green	61	.61
34	Argentine, '92, 5c carmine	560	5.60
35	Austria, 1900, 60 Hellers	25	.75
6 *	Barbadoes, 1902, 10p, (Chariot) O. G. face 20	1	
37	Bavaria, '81, 1 mark (large)	100	2.00
38	Bavaria, '90, 25 orange and 50 maroon, 100 each	200	
39	Bavaria, '90, 10 sets 25-50-1M	30	
40	Belgium, '95, 1 No. 223	10	
41	Belgium, '95, 1 fr. No. 224	20	
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78	France, 1900, 15c orange (obsolete)	77	
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81	* Great Britain, '87, 1-green, O. G.	1	
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5 00	" " " "	20
10 00	" " " "	40

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33	" " " 33	12
25	" from Australia	10
25	" " Central America	25
1000	finely mixed foreign	14
1000	" " U S	12

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3	Antwerp Exp	04
5	Alexandria, 1900	10
7	Bulgaria, 1901	12
3	Brussels Exp	02
6	China	10
5	Crete '01, 1-251	10
10	Egypt fine	10
3	Entire Egyptian Envelopes	12
3	Ecuador Jub '96	08
10	Greece, very fine	10
11	" '01, 1 1 1 dr	20
10	" Olympian, 11. 2d	50
7	Hayti	16
25	Italy, a bargain	10
10	Japan	04
7	Nyassa Giraffe, com	20
10	Paraguay	20
10	Philippine Island	10
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10	Servia	10
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130	5c blue and black	6c	4c
131	10c orange and black.....	12c	6c
132	12c purple and black	15c	10c
133	20c rose and black	25c	15c
134	50c brown and black	60c	35c

Chili

35	50c brown	10c	
39	5 on 30c carmine	6c	5c
40	30c orange.....		8c
101	1c vermillion....		2c
102	2c brown.....		3c
103	5c blue.....		1c
110	5c blue.....		3c
120	2c brown		1c
121	10c olive yellow		1c
122	20c blue.....		1c

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No		new	used
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134	20c purple.....		18c
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153	20c brown.....	10c	3c
154	50c violet.....	20c	
155	1p blue.....	15c	
156	5p red.....	50c	
158	5c orange brown	5c	
159	5c red.....	5c	
166	50c blue.....	10c	
270	2c brown.....	2c	
271	4c red	2c	
271	5c green.....	3c	
272	5c green.....	3c	
273	10c pink.....	5c	
274	20c brown.....	8c	

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50c blue.....	09
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1900, 50c brown.....	08
Congo, 1898, 10 gr. green and black.....	90
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Hungary, 1888, 3 Fl.; baown and gold.....	07
*Hawaii, 1893, 25c violet	67
Japan, 1892, 1 yen. carmme	03
Netherlands, 1891, 2½ gul, rose and ult.....	25
1899, 2½ gul, brown lilac	25
5 gul., claret.....	65
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Panama, 1896, 50c bliithe brown.....	15
1 peso brown carmme.....	20
Russia, 1889, 1r brown and orange.....	08
*Serbia, 94-96, d dinar blue green	03
*Sierra Leone, 1897, 1d lilac and green	15
Siam, 1887, 64 arts, lilac and brown	15
Soudan Camel Post, 1898, 10 pio, purple.....	25
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* 56	'02. 1p "Orange Riv. Col."	03
* 58	'02. 4 on 6p	18
* 58	'02. 1 on 5sh	45

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105	'85. 1sh green	05
* 111	'87-'93. 2p on 3p violet	10
* 120	'93. 1d on 6d blue	08
* 138	'95. 1/2d on 1sh	05
* 139	'95. 1d on 2 1/2d	07
* 141	'95. 1d dull rose	04
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149	'96. 1sh bistre and green	05
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* 179	'00. 1d surch "V. R. I."	05
* 180	'00. 2d surch "V. R. I."	07
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* 182	'00. 3d surch "V. R. I."	11
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"WHEREAS, It has become all too apparent to the members of the Philatelic Sons of America in convention assembled that the position of the Philatelic Sons of America has become untenable as a body claiming incorporate powers; and,

"WHEREAS, Complications that seemingly defy adjustment confront any attempt to rearrange conditions and rehabilitate the Philatelic Sons of America; and,

"WHEREAS, All intelligent effort has been expended in striving to improve the situation; therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That the lease of life of the Philatelic Sons of America be considered expired."

To those who have followed the affairs of the society during the last year, the above action was inevitable. To bring order out of such chaos as existed when the Denver convention convened was a task which, although loyally accepted by the directors there chosen, became beyond human achievement when the incumbent of that office which is the keystone of official affairs—the secretary—failed to assume even the smallest part of the official burden.

Associated with and interested in the P. S. of A. since its inception, and as its president during its final year, I may, I believe, without presumption voice the thoughts of those men, who most unselfishly gave their time, their talent and their means to its support. Assuming this privilege, then, the philatelic world is reminded that even though the end be so inglorious, the P. S. of A. has left its mark on philatelic history as an upbuilder and an uplifter, encouraging high ideals and fostering the fraternal spirit. Societies may come and societies may go, but the P. S. of A., though non-existent, goes on forever.

Let those whose loyalty remained unshaken to the end remember the above and be comforted by it. But let those who have been tried by a jury of their peers and who have been judged guilty of encompassing the destruction of the P. S. of A. by crafty plotting, or by inaction after soliciting and accepting office, view the ruin they have wrought and hear the anathematization that cannot be silenced.

REVIEW

In No. 219 of the Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly the editor of our sprightly contemporary complains of seeing the WEST only twice a year. Mr. Brodstone explains that it is due to the reluctance of the Fortnightly to place us on its exchange list, since Mr. Brodstone has to pay for his copy. We thank the S. C. F. for its appreciative words and shall be pleased to exchange regularly.

(Publisher here states, WEST is glad to exchange with all papers, but wishes them regularly. This notice is for all foreign papers to send exchange copy)

The S. C. F. has shown its enterprise in giving full, occasionally verbatim reports of the Official Stamp Case. The case has now been set for jury trial and its outcome will be awaited with great interest.

I quote the following from an extract from the Bangkok Times:

"The recent change in Siam's postal tariff involves naturally a rearrangement of the set of Siamese stamps, a fact of interest to the collector. This country has been too much given to obtaining new stamps by surcharging old ones, but that expedient is not to be resorted to in this instance. The new stamps have been ordered and may be expected here soon. Three of the present set will be abolished, viz. those of 10, 12 and 24 atts, and three new ones will be introduced of the value of 6, 14 and 28 atts. The following will then be the postage stamps in use in Siam: 1 att. 2 atts. 3 atts, 4 atts. 6 atts. 8 atts. 14 atts. 28 atts and 64 atts. New postcards of the value of 6 and 12 atts. are also being

"prepared in place of the present 4 and 8 atts. ones."

The change is due to the fall of silver. 14 atts are now equivalent to the international rate of 25 centimes.

Our Spanish contemporary, El Filatelico Espanol, has gone in for revenue stamps almost entirely. In No. 34 it begins an article of great interest on the revenue stamps of Spain, giving their historical causes and details as to their designs and engravers. This runs in conjunction with the catalogue of Spanish fiscals now being issued in parts by the same paper. In No. 35 this article is continued and deals especially with the War Stamps, whose purpose is but little understood by many collectors in regard to whom it is still a disputed question whether they are to be considered fiscal or postage stamps. The decree speaks of them as "un impuesto transitorio de timbre": a temporary stamp box. The 5c war stamp of 1873 was to be affixed to every letter circulating in Spain and its Colonies, without regard to weight. — In this same number the catalogue of Spanish Postal cards appearing in parts reaches its conclusion; it has reached 94 pages.

M. Lemaire in No. 23 of La Cote Reelle makes the probability that Pres-Loubet Napoleon or Louis XIV may appear on the Louisiana Purchase set his text for a lecture to the French postal authorities who leave it to others to illustrate the glories of France. He concludes with these pathetic words:

"We may be sure that we shall see our glories make the tour of the world on foreign stamps before our ruling powers get the idea of honoring them at home by placing them on our stamps. Let us therefore be content with these weak reflections

" of our former glory, no matter from how far they come to us."

Another article is headed, "The Stamps of Rurutu and Rapa-ti." If you inquire where on earth these hail from, the article gives the pleasing information that the present single set for the French colonies in the Pacific is to be replaced by some seven sets for the following island groups:

1. Society Islands, comprising Tahiti, Morea, Borabora, Maupiti, Tapamanoa etc.
2. Marquesas Islands or Mendana Group, comprising Nouka-Hiva, Hiva-Oa, Fatou-Hiva, etc.
3. Tuamotou Island, Rairoa etc.
4. Toubai Islands, Vavitao, Rurutu,
5. Gambier Islands
6. Clipperton Island
7. New Caledonia.

These then are the dreadful results of the Niue, Penrhyn and Aitutak; surcharges of New Zealand. The prospect is pleasing, indeed,

Two papers now represent philately in the Dominican Republic: Santo Domingo Postal, published at Santo Domingo, and El Eco Filatelico, published at Puerbo Plata. Of the former No. 6 is before me, of the latter No. 8. Neither is so far much more than an advertising sheet, but both promise more in future numbers. We wish our Dominican colleagues all prosperity. Both are valuable to collectors desiring exchange relations with Latin America.

In No. 6 the Revisto de la Sociedad Filatelica Cubana the article on postmarks of Cuba is brought to an end in a blaze of glory, nearly a hundred cuts illustrating all kinds of postal marks

used during the American occupation, such as, "Forwarded", "Missent", "No Address", "Unclaimed", "Refused", "Returned" and the like, also those used by the 28 railway postoffices. These articles reflect much credit on the Revista and on Dr. Barreras, the author.

A noted British collector, Mr. Harward, has visited Havana and there bought the specialized collection of the stamps of Venezuela belonging to Sr. Aurelio Ferrer for \$400; also the collection of the Cuba up to 1898 belonging to the same gentleman for \$300. There are evidently some good collections in Cuba.

In No. 7 Dr. Barreras begins an article of much interest, though not directly relating to stamps. It describes the postal arrangements of Cuba from the beginning and is illustrated with portraits of old time postmasters general, beginning with Dr. Lorenzo Galindez y Carvajal in 1514, in whose family the administration remained up to 1768. All the data are taken from documents in the archives at Havana. The article is concluded in No. 8 illustrated with a map of the postal routes of Cuba in 1791.

It may not generally be known that we just escaped another Cuban surcharge. So great was the demand for 1c stamps in October 1902 when the 1c on 3c was issued, that the new supply of regular 1c stamps again ran short and the department prepared for the worst by surcharging 500,000 3c stamps with 1c and another 500,000 of the same value on 2c. But the arrival of the new supply made these unnecessary and on July 15 these were burned at the electric light plant at Havana together with a lot of other useless stamps etc. Three representatives of

philatelic societies were present by invitation. The entire list may be of interest. The following were destroyed:

I.

Stamped envelopes of the United States surcharged for Cuba.

4999 envelopes at 2c No. 1	\$105.58
4999 " " 2c " 2	104.98
4954 " " 2c " 7	106.02
4999 " " 4c " 7	208.96
4999 " " 1c " 6	54.99
1999 " " 2c " 13	42.38
1999 " " 2c " 10	42.38
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	\$665.29

Redeemed Stamped Envelopes.

1000 request env. at 2c No. 8	\$ 20.00
3114 envelopes at 5c No. 8	155.70
4120 " " 2c " 5	87.34
23 " " 1c " 5	0.23
117 " " 5c " 5	8.85
282 " " 2c " 5	5.64
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	\$277.76

II.

Spoiled stamps returned by Postmasters.

23 packages, total value - - \$6099.37

III.

Useless stamps, etc., counted as good.

196 stamps at 1c	.....	\$ 1.96
2525 " " 2c	.....	50.50
1,000,000 " " 3c sur.		30,000.00
50,000 " " 3c spoiled in ptg		1500.00
1400 " " 3c in bad order		42.00
349 due stps " 2c	6.98
5000 env " 1c No. 5		56.00
500 " " 2c " 5		10.60
5000 " " 5c " 5		256.00
500 " " 2c " 8		10.90
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		\$31,934.94

The total face value was \$38,977.47. The envelopes under I include the total remainders of surcharged U. S. envelopes which had not been placed in circulation.

No 8 of the Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt describes some exceedingly dangerous forgeries of the late Greek surcharges, some of them have been produced by means of the original type stolen from the Government printing office at Athens. I would refer collectors to the detailed description as it is rather long.

Greek counterfeits also form the subject of an extended and well illustrated article in No. 22 | 23 of Friedl's Offerten Blatt. The forgeries were produced by a photographic process and are very deceptive. All the values of the first design in all printings and some of the second design have been illustrated. Collectors should be on their guard; I shall be pleased to examine suspected specimens for collectors desiring comparison.

The Swedish 12 oere stamp of 1858 has not heretofore attracted particular attention but in No. 6 of the Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift a writer reports finding numerous small variations on this stamp, especially in the figures of value in the upper corners. He looked through several thousand varieties, chiefly in the figure 2, which seem to indicate that during the long life of this stamp—fourteen years—the plates must have retouched repeatedly. It would be interesting to investigate farther.

The Argentine Revista in No. 104 gives the detailed programme of the stamp show to be held at Buenos Aires Sept. 5-8. There are gold, silver and bronze medals in profusion. Fiscal and telegraph stamps are included and likewise illustrated postal cards.



Revenue Dep't.

Conducted by
Charles A. Nast.

In a recent editorial in his paper, the Metropolitan John W. Scott says:

We hear many laments over the non-existence of an album for private revenues—the familiar match and medicine stamps of our two wars. Such a book might or might not pay, but it is doubtful if there is any publisher who is willing to risk the expense necessary to put such a work on the market. It would double the value of this class of stamps, but no dealer has a stock to amount to anything, even if doubled. The entire issue is in the hands of private parties, hence it is no one's interest to put up the price. It is the stocks that are closely held that advance in value. It takes more than rarity to command high prices. Properly advertised and exploited, there are match stamps worth \$5,000 each, if we are to take postage stamps of an equal rarity as a criterion. If collectors wish to get the full value for their holdings, they should start a subscription for the publication of a U. S. revenue stamp album, or by ordering say, ten copies each, they could probably induce the publishers of the "Best Album" to prepare pages for match and medicine stamps, which would do more to popularize these stamps than any other method that could be devised.

I advise all my readers to look up the old "National" Album for U. S. only published by Scott in 1886. It has outline designs for all match medicine and revenues up to that time including all the state revenues and plenty of stubs

and blank pages for later issues. I recently bought one at a dealer's for 75c and had it rebound putting leather on back and corners, keeping the original cloth and gilt board covers. It is a dream in blue and gilt.

My strictures last month respecting post perforates, has called forth a wild protest from J. H. Douglas of Champlain, N. Y. in which he says "Mekeels revenue catalog of 1895, compiled by E. B. Sterling, lists the 1c proprietary, 2c blue bank check, 2c blue express, 10c and 15c Inland Exchange, 25c Certificate, 50c and 70c Foreign Exchange, as perforated at top and bottom and imperforate at sides and prices them at \$2.00 each". This is indeed news to me. I never heard of any revenue catalog in 1895 nor do I remember ever having seen these listed in this manner in any work on U. S. revenues. I have before me Sterlings last edition of his revenue catalog published 1886 and in this book he distinctly says "post perforates are those having the sides only perforate, except where noted"; and on page 16 of this edition occurs the following note in head lines: "The following are found in unsevered pairs, being perforate at top and bottom with sides plain". Then follows only the 2c blue bank check, and the 2c blue express. It is true these are referred to as being in strips of three and four, and it is no argument to say that unless they come in pairs and strips there can be no legitimate singles. But I reiterate the term post perforate means with the sides only perforate, and the two values instanced are rare exceptions. In his letter Mr. Douglas enclosed a strip of three of the 2c blue bank check which were very fine, but this does not prove the variety of the other stamps enumerated by him above. However these discussions can only lead to the one result,

that of bringing out information, and if any of my readers have horizontal pairs or strips of post perforates, I wish they would let me know.

In a recent letter, Clarence H. Eagle informs me that he has recently acquired the only known copy of the 4c green Ayre, valued the same as the purple one, at \$300. It is not priced in the catalog for the simple reason that none could be had to sell.

On the Aug. 8th number of Mekeels appeared an illustrated article on provisional proprietaries by the editor of this department. Readers of the WEST had been treated to this news right along as it developed, the article in question was a resume of what is known to date. It attracted considerable attention, and called out one very important fact, namely, that C.E. Cooley, Peekskill, N. Y. is the possessor of the only $\frac{1}{8}$ cent Antikamnia provisional known to have been used. He says he took it off the package about July 5th, 1898 and concludes that it was used only a few days as he immediately wrote to the company for a few specimens but was told they were all used up. In his communication to Mekeels Weekly, Aug. 23rd issue he gives it as his opinion that these $\frac{1}{8}$ c stamps were used on doctor's samples. Now in the face of what President Ruf himself says regarding their use, this is very funny. He should read again carefully Mr. Ruf's letter. Furthermore he should know that samples of any kind and especially doctors samples were exempt from the tax according to the act of '98. So that opinion falls.

The newspaper stamps issued by Wells Fargo & Co's express and now in use are very pretty. There is quite a series of them. I have only the 1c and 5c

values. They are printed in black and carmine on white paper.

Geo. H. Blake of Jersey City, shows a beautiful unsevered pair of the 5 pound green revenue of Transvaal. This is probably one of the very last emissions of the Dutch republic as I can find no mention of it in any lists at hand.

J. C. Peterson & Co. of New York make a specialty of foreign revenues. They have promised to send to the WEST from time to time rarities to be noticed and chronicled. This time they show an unsevered pair of the 10c De Peso Cuba of the series "Transportes 1892-93" which is surcharged in red ink "Aduana Contaguira". It is said to be a rare variety.

According to an eastern contemporary publicity is given to a rumor that one of the foremost firms of stamp dealers contemplates adding a Fiscal Department, and that henceforth the student of British and British Colonials will receive the same facilities for adding to his collection as the collector of postal adhesives. During recent years the study of Fiscals has been quietly gaining ground, due entirely to the growth of specialism, which in turn has been prompted by the tremendous additions of late to the issues of all countries. In each country naturally the native collector gives his own country his attention first, and when he contemplates the avalanche of new issues with the promise of increased output in the future, instead of trying to collect generally the world over, he very wisely restricts himself to one, two, or three countries and does these thoroughly in every department. This is my explanation of the increased interest of late in revenues all over the world. There is everything to recommend their collection on the score of historical in-

terest as well as diversity of color and design. They have the added advantage just now of still being very cheap, while their study and collection is being fostered by the many excellent societies devoted to their study and collection. Take for instance the Fiscal Philatelic Society of London. Its monthly reports distributed to the various publications attest the scientific treatment and classification they are receiving there. All interested should apply to Hon. Sec. A. B. Kay, 2 Haarlem Mansions, West Kensington, London W.

Gods On Stamps

By **Ernest R. Holmes**

MERCURY (Greek Hermes) is represented on stamps because he was the messenger of Jupiter, thus the first postman, as it were, and also because he was the god of commerce. It is as the latter that he appears on French stamps. Mercury's head or figure appears on stamps of Austria (newspaper), Belgium (Antwerp exposition), Brazil (1897, 1,000 reis), Crete (1900-1901, 1 and 50 lepta), France, and all French colonies except Annam and Tonkin, Cochinchina, and the superceded Gabon-Congo, Greece, all stamps of all issues except the Olympian games issue, and in that on the 2 drachma in the form of the famous statute by Praxiteles; Salvador (postal packet); Shanghai Municipality, United States, Boyd's Dispatch local, Hussey's Special Message Post, and McIntyre's City Post; Uruguay, (1889, 50 centavos, 1895, 50 centavos).

Apollo, in his sun chariot, is represented on the 25-lepta stamp of Greece, 1896 issue. He is appropriate because a Greek god and because this chariot-driving was an athletic exercise and the issue is in honor of athletic games.

Cupid is supposed to be represented

on the 2-centavos Uruguay of 1901, but his usual attributes, the bow and quiver are missing, and the image may be merely fanciful.

Ganesa, eldest son of Siva and Parvati, god of prudence and policy, is on the stamps of Dutia, an Indian state, because he is invoked at the beginning of most business letters there. The Brahmanic deities used in the coats of arms on the stamps of Orcha and the surcharge of Jhind are too small and badly executed to be decipherable. The figure on Jhalawar stamps is usually described as a dancing girl, or a dervish, but may be god.

Minos, king of Crete, and later judge in the lower world, is not strictly a god, though belonging to mythology. He appears on the 2-drachma stamps of Crete, 1900, because connected with local mythology. This figure is usually thought to be Neptune, and as he was the tutelary deity of Crete, he would be quite as appropriate.

Talos, the "man of brass" of Crete, the legendary monster, who thrice a year crossed the island destroying men, is pictured on the 1-drachma stamp of Crete, 1900, and is similarly not strictly a god.

The figure in the sea-chariot on some Barbadoes stamps is not Neptune, but Amphitrite, the spouse of Neptune, and belongs in the longer list of goddesses.

The equestrian figure on Crete 5 drachma stamps is not Pegasus and Bellerophon, as some have guessed, but St. George, with the dragon, in honor of Prince George, ruler of Crete.

Portraits of Women

Pictures of women are common enough on stamps, but most of them are fanciful, and real portraits are scarcer than one would think. The following is believed to be nearly a complete list:

Queen Victoria: Great Britain and

about sixty British colonies.

Isabella II of Spain: Spain, Cuba, Fernando Po, Porto Rico and Philippine Islands.

Isabella I. of Spain: United States, 1883, 5, 10, and 15 cent \$1, \$3, and \$4; Salador, 1894, 10-pesetas.

Wilhelmina: Holland, Curacao, Dutch Indies, and Surinam.

Makea: Cook Islands.

Kamalulu: Hawaii, 1871, 1-cent purple.

Likeliike: Hawaii, 1882, 1-cent blue.

Kapiolani: Hawaii, 1882, 15-cent brown.

Erma: Hawaii, 1883-86, \$1 red

Liliuokalani: Hawaii: 1889, 2-cent red.

Alexandra: Newfoundland, 1898, 3 cent orange.

Duchess of Cornwall and York: Newfoundland, 1901, 4-cent purple.

Maria II. of Portugal: Portugal.

Virgin Mary: Virgin Isles (conventional).

Martha Washington: United States 8 cent 1903.

Pocahontas (or Minnehaha) United States, \$100.

The Federation Philatelique de France.

Stamp Collectors Fortnightly.

The Parisian philatelists are "coming in out of the rain". For many years past crowds of the faithful have gathered together to buy, sell and "swap" stamps in the Square de Marigny, Champs Elysees. Now they are moving indoors (according to the newspaper correspondents), a stamp club having been formed sufficiently prosperous to take handsome premises formerly occupied by the Grand Cercle Republican, at the corner of the Rue de Grammont.

The treasury of the United States of Colombia is depleted once more. Look out for a fresh invoice of surcharges.

Wonderful Forgeries

of Japan

From one of the readers we have recently received for our inspection and valuation, a large sheet of paper attached to which were many specimens of the stamps of Japan of all issues. Across the top of the sheet ran a printed inscription (obviously the work of some native printer in the Far East) reading, if we remember rightly, "All Old Stamps of Japan", with something added to the effect that the stamps were guaranteed genuine. And genuine they certainly looked! It was not until we, with the help of other philatelists, had subjected them to a very searching test that any discrepancy could be found. Finally it was discovered that all were forgeries, except the current or very recent issues, which it would not pay to forge.

But such forgeries! We had long known that the Japanese as a race were esteemed the cleverest forgers in the world, as they are unquestionably the most talented jugglers but we are scarcely prepared for forgeries such as these, which would certainly deceive nine out of ten philatelists if offered singly or mixed with genuine stamps.

Some months ago we mentioned a very simple test by which many of the forgeries of Japanese stamps might be detected—i. e., by means of the number of leaves or petals, of which the chrysanthemum forms a part, it will be found that there are exactly sixteen petals in the flower—no more no less. Every Japanese stamp showing a greater or smaller number of petals may safely be denounced as a forgery. Naturally this was the first test we applied to the forged "Japs" under notice, and to our astonishment all passed the "count" satisfactorily! This, therefore, is a test that one can only depend upon in a neg-

ative sense.

The large printed sheets filled with Japanese stamps are very extensively sold in the Far East, especially in the Treaty Ports of China, to visitors from Europe and U. S. who buy them sometimes merely as souvenirs, sometimes with a view to making an acceptable present to some stamp collecting friend or relative. Our readers must beware of them. In fact, a good rule to follow is never to buy stamps from a Jap or Chinamen especially at bargain prices. A Sergeant recently back from Hong Kong writes a most interesting letter:—

The men on ships when they go to Japan buy these sets of stamps at about 10c or 25c per sheet. I had several sheets, and one day a gentleman was looking at them, and said, "What do you think of them?" I replied I thought they were all genuine, as the petals of the chrysanthemums were correct. But, sir, he told me of a different way to test these stamps of Japan. He said that when the Government sold the old die there was then placed on it a little star, so that in future all stamps with this star on were not the original but printed after the die was disposed of. Now sir, I believe if you look into the stamps you will see this star, but the first mark is generally so placed as to cover this mark, if possible. I have been a collector for several years, and have brought some of these stamps home, and I had a friend only last week who came in delighted to show me some of the sheets that a friend had sent him from Japan. I cannot vouch for the truth of the test given me by the gentleman referred to, but he has a fine collection, and I believe that his is the version accepted by many collectors of Japan.

While our friend's information has some foundation in fact, we scarcely think he is correct in describing the mark placed on counterfeit Japanese stamps as a star. There is such a distinguishing mark, but we have always understood that it took the form of native characters indicating the word "counterfeit". The Japanese forger's cunning is proof against all restrictions and limitations. He makes it his invariable practice to wholly or partially cover up the "forgery brand" by means of a spurious postmark. Furthermore, we should strongly doubt that any of these stamps are printed from the original dies, or that those dies are ever allowed to leave the keeping of the Japanese postal administration. Stamps so print-

ed would not be forgeries, but unofficial reprints, and the "forgery" mark would be quite out of place. While it may not lend active assistance to the forgers, the Japanese Government does undoubtedly "wink at" stamp forgery, which goes on unchecked in Tokio and other cities.

Apropos of forgeries, some sensation has been caused by the discovery of imitations of those very scarce British varieties, the 10s and £1 stamps with Anchor watermark. The idea of a complete forgery of such stamps is so startling that it almost takes one's breath away, but it seems certain that the forger's have imitated not only the design of the stamps but also the watermark and perforation. There is but one alternative. If the forgers did not entirely manufacture these imitations, paper, perforation, watermark and all, then they must have secured sheets of the old penny lilac Inland Revenue stamps which were of the same size, same watermark, same perforation, as the scarce postals that the rogues wished to counterfeit. It would be possible, by chemical process, to drive out all the colour from the Fiscal stamps, leaving a plain, white surface on which to print the forged designs of the 10s and £1 stamps. The forgeries are dangerous ones, and inexperienced collectors must be wary in purchasing British stamps of this degree of scarcity from unknown persons.

We Shall Have that Button Yet

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

"Sound and well-balanced philatelists" would be the first of all to wear a sound and well-balanced philatelic button or pin, and that is surely not an impossibility. Now is the time for suggestions. Let us keep the ball a-rolling, and we shall have that button yet.

Avoid all stamps cancelled or post-marked to order, such as the rubbish of Labuan and North Borneo

W. A. S. Westoby, The Adhesive Postage Stamps of Europe.

2 Vols. L. Upcott Gill, London, England.

By L. G. D O R P A T.

HERE we have the book par excellence for the beginner; 399 and 461 pages, 5x7 inches, of a heavy glazed paper, filled with just the matter which the beginner wants to know, copiously illustrated by good cuts and nicely bound in a rich looking cloth, titled and embellished with gold, these two volumes reflect the merit of both the editor and the publisher and are apt to gladden many a collector's philatelic heart. The subject matter was first issued in the columns of "The Bazar," but the author has revised and enlarged his article for the present publication, so as to give us a handbook, the equal of which for practical purposes is hard to find. There are other works, especially memoirs, of the highest merit, but there is no other book which is both up-to-date and so thoroughly adapted to the wants of beginners as Mr. Westoby's. The author is now dead and Mr. F. A. Philbaick supervised part of the printing of the second volume. He says in a short preface: "Other writers there may be, more elaborate and technical, other descriptions more diffuse and detailed, but for a manual combining precision with accuracy, successiveness with clearness, it will be difficult to find an equal, and impossible to find a Superior."

This is no doubt correct. Both gentlemen, Mr. Westoby and Mr. Philbrick, have contributed to philatelic literature before; and their very names are a guarantee of something good. To give a better idea of the work in hand, we may note the head-

ings in the introduction (24 pages), to-wit: Modes of Printing Stamps, Paper, Impression, Perforation, Gum, Used and Unused, Reprints, General Notes. The countries of Europe are then treated as their names follow one another by alphabet, beginning with Alsace and closing with Wurtemberg (the last name, however, is misspelled). At the end of each volume there is an Appendix. European stamps are the easiest to obtain for the beginner, and, by using this book well whilst collecting them, he will become so thoroughly initiated in the mysteries of philately that he may proceed with the stamps of other continents with much greater advantage, than if he had to seek his way all along. Even the advanced collector will find a bit of information here and there that is new to him, so Mr. Westoby was ever on the alert to perfect his own knowledge and to make use of it for the benefit of his readers.

Finally it may be said that the most expert philatelist will not fail to read these volumes with pleasure, because of the happy style and mode of treatment, and, who knows, perhaps an inspiration may come from these volumes to some able person to treat the stamps of the other continents in a similar way. That would certainly be a most desirable event.

The Faker Postmaster.

The Monthly Journal.

Exercise great care in purchasing used stamps that have a much greater value than similar stamps unused, such as Heligoland, Virgin Isles, Bahamas Id., imperf., etc. The fakers take the genuine stamps, and apply such good imitations of the postmarks that often only first-rate experts can tell the good from the bad.

Washington Notes

” ” ” C. M. ” ” ”

The National Association of Postmasters have again brought before the department the scheme to adopt a system of stamp checks to take the place of adhesive stamps in remitting small amounts. The recent large robberies of stamps at Chicago and elsewhere, and the facility with which, under present methods, the plunder can be disposed of, give additional point to this suggestion. Congressional action, however, is probably necessary, and this takes time.

Those of the WEST readers who are interested in the pleasant and profitable pastime of raising squabs should write to the Department of Agricultural for Farmers Bulletin No. 177, a handbook on the raising of squabs, by William E. Rice.

An original souvenir of the Louisiana purchase has come to my attention. The National Association of Credit Men had their annual convention at St. Louis recently and the secretary of the branch there designed an emblematical badge for the delegates in the following manner. A one cent piece United States 1803, a centime of the first Napoleon of 1800, and a Spanish silver real of 1732 were made into a badge, an ingenious way of calling attention to the three nations interested in the purchase, with the dates of their several acquisitions of the territory.

The departments are gradually adopting the distinctive penalty design on their envelopes. That for the Interior has been out and described for some time and now the one for the Treasury appears. It is an inch in diameter, two double concentric circles an eighth of an

inch apart, between them in the upper two-thirds the words, "Penalty for private use" and at the bottom "\$300". Within the inner double circle is the shield of the department, a shield argent with chevron containing stars: in middle chief the scales, in middle base the scales with sprays of bay (?) leaves on either side of the lower portion of the shield. It is neater than the Interior Design. The corresponding designs for the other departments will appear as the stocks of the old form are used up.

By the time this appears in print the new design of the two cent stamp will probably be on sale.

The redemption of the Spanish Philippine coinage will proceed on the same plan as was adopted in the cases of Porto Rico and Hawaii.

It is stated that Prof. McGee of the Smithsonian Bureau of Ethnology has decided to resign. He is the leading expert of the United States on this branch of science and the loss to the institution will be a serious one.

How to Soak Stamps.

The Perforator

In soaking stamps have ready a sheet of glass or other hard non absorbant surface of reasonable size, clean it off, lay the stamps one by one face down on the glass, place a clean sheet of blotting paper over the back of stamps and put on top of that some weight such as books until the stamps are nearly dry, then remove,—if weight is left on too long the slight amount of gum still on back of stamps will cause them to adhere,—if the stamps have been in the bath for quite a while this will not occur and the weight may be left on; the stamps will come out as though they were ironed and will lay flat.

YOUR interesting paper which has come to me regularly three or four months has recalled my attention to my old collection which has suffered from neglect. Today I accept your invitation to write not about your paper but about myself and an experience which is connected with stamp collecting. Let these boys whose parents say that they are wasting time on their stamps take courage and consolation from me. I was discouraged at home in my efforts to enlarge my collection, but as I was of a studious turn of mind, I stole many hours from my lessons to study my stamps and classify them. Of course there were many subjects to be mastered; kinds of paper, texture of paper, perforations, colors, engraving, lithographing and printing, watermarks, thickness of paper and last but not least counterfeits. When in later years I went into business and finally banking, in which I am now engaged, I found this dear old hobby of much more use than I had expected. In my study of the paper money of this country, my knowledge gained in stampdom helped me materially. In examining currency we must also note colors, engraving, texture and thickness of paper, designs, etc and I found myself much more at home in this study than did my neighbor who had ten years of practice in handling money.

This is only one example of how the study of stamps may aid one in the future when he is called upon to solve greater problems. If this encourages a few boys and girls to stick to their hobby I shall feel repaid and shall be glad that I ventured to express myself.

If we were like Chinamen (and we should be thankful that we are not) there would be more postage due stamps used as it is a custom with some Chinamen to pay about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the cost of the letter thus leaving the receiver to pay the rest.

The only fault I have to find with some philatelic publications is, that they use up about half the paper in telling how good the other half is.

Uganda Upside-down.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News

Sheets of British East African stamps (surcharged Uganda) were only surcharged 1 row at a time. One sheet of the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna was placed in the printing machine upside down, but after only one row had received the inverted surcharge the mistake was noted. The sheet was then turned around, the remaining nine rows receiving the surcharge in normal position.

This sheet was received by Mr. C. A. Cole at face value in payment for some old magazines sent to a correspondent in the Protectorate.

Advice to the Cataloguers.

Philatelic Journal of Great Britain

Official issues, such as those of Ecuador, Nicaragua and Salvador, etc., as with most of their ordinary stamps, are simply made for sale to dealers for collectors; and these, with "Unpaid" stamps should be dropped from a standard catalogue of postal stamps, or the lists printed as separate supplements, collectors making it a rule to obtain only stamps issued for general use by the public and on sale at the post-offices of the country of origin.



Austra- lasian Stamp Notes

By JAS. WELSH,
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Victoria

A FEDERAL POSTAGE STAMP

A new ninepenny stamp has been prepared for immediate issue in the States of New South Wales and Queensland only, at present. This value making its appearance for the first time among the stamps of the latter. The issue for Victoria being deferred owing to the large stock of all denominations on hand. The general design in brown, name and value in blue on white ground. It made its bow as a "woodcut" in the daily press and met with universal condemnation, said to be taken from a medal in the possession of Senator Drake the postmaster general who apparently stands sole sponser for it. He has been handled somewhat roughly over this creation of his fancy, the press regretting the issue of what is claimed to be a distinctly Australian stamp without calling for designs from the best available artists. The Royal Victorian Institute of Architects carried a resolution of its meeting recording regrets that the first Commonwealth postage stamp should be so utterly weak and inartistic in design and expressing the hope that it would be withdrawn to prevent Australian designers being held up to ridicule. It has been suggested that the design was evolved from that of the "Butter-box Arch", a feature of the Melbourne street decorations at the time of the opening of the first federal parliament to which it has a resemblance. One correspon-

dent has delivered himself of the following rhymes as a pointer to the postal authorities for a truly Australian stamp and in ridicule of the one which has excited so much adverse comment.

Remove those dismal emblematic ghosts.
The flabby female, and the paltry posts:
Let the Black Swan, the wonder of the West,

Be evermore the true Australian crest,
And for a scroll to mark the kindred line
Let Britain's roses with our wattle twine?

The intention apparently was an issue covering all the values current in Victoria and uniform in design for each state of the Commonwealth, differing only in the name titles, but the postmaster general while defending this particular efforts has since stated his disinclinations to be bound down to one design. One daily paper hinting that if public opinion carried any weight with ministers, designs for future issues would be invited throughout the Commonwealth. Just issued, official envelope for departmental use, type of the punctured O. S. current 1d rose.

E. R. Sturges and J. Resuggan send the following clippings:

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE TO NEW ZEALAND

An Order in Counsel was passed at a meeting of the Federal Executive fixing the newspaper postage rates between the Commonwealth and New Zealand, as follows:—From the Commonwealth to New Zealand, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for 10 oz; from New Zealand to the Commonwealth, 1d for 20 oz. The date upon which the new rates shall come into force has not yet been arranged.

PICTORIAL POSTCARDS

At the present time people may only write on one side of postcards. The British postal department has, however seen the error of its ways in this respect and pictorial cards are now being issued in England, one side of which is wholly occupied by views of different kinds. The other side is so divided that the ad-

dress and a short message may be written upon it. The federal authorities will probably follow this good example when printing commonwealth illustrated cards shortly.

The colours in which the "Australian stamps" to be issued by the Federal postal authorities about the end of the month are to be printed have not been announced. International regulations somewhat circumscribe the choice of the Commonwealth officials, inasmuch as halfpenny stamps must be green, one penny stamps red, and two pence halfpenny stamps blue. Mr. R. T. Scott, secretary to the central administration examined specimen stamps of most of the countries of the world before making the recommendations which have been adopted by the Postmaster - General. Somebody suggested that black and white would appositely indicate the general public attitude toward the central bureau in view of the manner in which it has failed to realize anticipations, but the idea was rejected with scorn.

The N. Z. Stamp Co, Dunedin, N. Z. have forwarded us a specimen of the new King's Head wrapper issued by that colony. The design which consists of the head of King Edward surrounded by Maori scroll work, is very roughly executed and at first glance reminds one of some of the productions of the Indian Native States.

As to the Library.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News

The average collector should have a philatelic library, even though it be one of the most modest dimensions. A few books on philately may serve as a basis for it; these volumes, aside from their instructive value to the owner, could be shown to the skeptic as proving that there must be something substantial about philately.

Drugs on the Market BY FRANK BEST

DURING the last year or two I have noticed a large variety and quantity of stamps that do not increase in price, but if anything goes down in value; which is I think due to the fact that not more than one third of all stamp collectors pay any attention to them further than to note in advertisements in stamp papers the continued cut in prices.

What caught my attention more than any other in particular was the stamps of Cuba—the remainders which were found in the postoffice at I think Havana, in 1894—consisting of issues from 1871 to 1880. These stamps are genuine and have in nearly all cases original gum, and also have a ridiculous low prices attached to them. But an instance of the same kind only twenty-five years ago might be quoted as showing the ultimate value of remainders. In 1875 the complete set of 13 Prince Edward Island stamps were offered at 10 cents, and that price prevailed for more than a year. Now as far as is known there have been no more of the Cuban stamps found than of the P-E-I-, but of course there are far more collectors now and at that time '75, there were none in Canada who wanted the stamps of Canada, every collector being a collector of foreign stamps.

I also note the issue of 1889 Costa Rica and of 1881 Switzerland, all genuine with original gum remainders, but at what a low price these two sets can be obtained and how few takers there seem to be. In fact it is very strange that more collectors do not avail themselves of the prices and secure more than one set of each as none of the stamps mentioned, Cuba, Costa Rica and Switzerland will need 25 years to give them the boost that the Prince Edward Island stamps got.

What Emblem.

By H. Boers. Detroit

HERE appeared in a recent issue of the P. J. of A. quite an item by the editor condemning my idea of identification button. Those philatelists who have read it no doubt join in with others and dedounce such action as he has taken. He asserts that it would make its wearers ridiculous and the self respecting philatelist will have none of it, and again it would be nothing but child's play.

It seems to bother him a great deal as to what would appear upon the button. So as as to identify collectors.

The head of King Edwrrd would not be worn by Americans; nor the eagle of Germany be acceptable to France; nor the Chinese Dragon in Japan. It would not be easy to give this button an International characteristic of philately and not absorb of all suggestions I have seen made, no one as yet made any suggestion of the kind he wrote of.

We don't want anything like that nor do we want to show any partiality. Give us a button in some odd shape, brilliant in color, enameled, with one or more letters monogramed. Hundreds of designs could be worked up. They could be gotten up and sold for about \$1.00 or even less.

I am in receipt of numerous letters from collectors indorsing my idea, and even if it wasnt well thought of the different papers that have given spaces would otherwise have thrown the idea up and not devoted the space they have. While it is not a new idea, the editor says, it has been tried before. Perhaps it has. but that's years ago. Collecting is different now days. The P. S. of A. years ago had an emblem but how many collectors

were there that were members of the P. S. of A. and wore one. We want a button that can be worn by anyone, regardless of what stamp society, state or local he belongs.

Think of the collectors she can meet, the exchangins of stamps, etc. Come on fellow collectors, give your opinion to the WEST. Send in designs, after this is done we can get up a subscription and have a button.

That New Stamp.

The purchaser of postage stamps at the window of the general office is now supplied with stamps which he is likely to regard with a feeling akin to those which would take possession of him if some one should substitute for his favorite picture a tea store chromo. The stamp which we are used to and which met every requirement of the postal service and the public taste was simple, dignified and in every way appropriate. The picture was a profile of Houdin's bust of Washington, which the designer did not consider it necessary to label. The new stamp gives us Washington in full face, and is probably a caricature of one of Gilbert Stuart's many portraits. The face is smug and weakly amiable, and might be taken for Adams, Madison, and Monroe, if not labeled Washington to make sure that no one will doubt for whom it is intended. The border, ridiculously ornate, is composed of draped flags, and what seem to be "hands" of tobacco. It is more or less smutted in printing, which is almost inevitable when microscopic and unimportant detail is overcrowded. The only excuse for a change would be an improvement, and if this is what was aimed at it must be confessed that the experts of the bureau of engraving and printing will never win trophies for marksmanship. The change is to be regretted.

THE decision of the Post Office Department authorities to retire the foolish new postage stamp and substitute for it something less like a caricature is of a piece with its action in adopting the design in the first instance. There is no objection to the retirement of a stamp which offends the good taste of every citizen and tends to bring the Federal Government into ridicule; but if there was a good reason for adopting this design at all, a better reason for retiring from it should be required than that certain ribald persons have assumed to believe that the portrait intended for Washington is really that of Mr. Dooley in Continental masquerade.

There is evidently some one in Washington who assumes to exercise judgment in the matter of philatelic art without having any judgment to exercise. This becomes a serious matter when the work of his 'prentice hand costs as much as the plates for an issue of postage stamps necessarily represent. His education is such matters could be effected on very much more moderate terms of tuition. Meanwhile, there are a great many qualified people who could advise him wisely in matters of portraiture, design and engraving, and in view of his threat to try again, we urge his official superior, whoever he may be, to place a judicious restraint upon his indiscreet zeal in the matter of stamp designs—unless, indeed, the object in view is to increase the revenues of the Postoffice Department by multiplying impracticable stamps for sale to collectors all over the world. This would be rather small business for the United States Government.

THE editor of the *Perforator* alludes to the collecting of unused stamps as a "popular fad" and sententiously remarks that it "will last for many years".

To allude to philately or one of its branches as a "fad" is exhibiting an amount of temerity which we confess the average writer lacks. We heartily agree with an authority of an earlier day who, when the merry war of words was being waged by the scribes in their efforts to settle the oft mooted question, "What is philately—science, study, hobby, fad, pastime—what?", said that to allude to stamp collecting as a fad was offensive to good taste and an insult to philatelists. Call it hobby, if you please, but not fad. To be sure, our dictionaries make little difference between the meaning of the words, but the popularity accepted sense imparts more dignity and seriousness to hobby than to fad.

Our friend's written belief that the collecting of unused stamps "will last for many years" is astounding. What puny mortal dare measure time? If we are introspective we would infer that our friend regards philately as an evanescent fancy, the age of which is to be measured by years, not conditions. This can reasonably be inferred because as a chain is not stronger than its weakest link, philately is dependent on its component branches for existence. The collecting of unused stamps, of used stamps, singly and together, of minor varieties, of original covers, of fiscals, of postals, et cetera, continue as long as philately itself continues. The absolute extinction of any one of these branches end the survival of philately itself is not possible.

Certain countries are stamp-issuing themselves to philatelic death.

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.

127.—WHAT MAY BE SAID OF THE "CAPPED" VARIETIES IN THE ISSUE OF U. S. 1890? We quote Mr. Luff: "There are some minor varieties of the two cent stamps which are of trifling interest. These are colorless marks, commonly called "caps," above one or both of the numerals of value. They are caused by damaged transfer rolls. By some means, probably over-hardening, a bit of the roll was chipped off. In one instance the break occurred above the right hand numeral, in another above the left, and in the third above both numerals. These three transfers and others which were not damaged were used in conjunction and the resulting combinations are interesting to specialists. There is in the collection of Mr. H. E. Deats a strip of ten stamps, from the upper right quarter of plate VV246, of which the first three stamps (counting from the left) have caps on the left hand numeral, and the other stamps of the row have caps on both numerals. In the same collection are similar strips from plates TT235, VV247, VV248, all the stamps of which have caps on the numeral at the left, and a strip from plate VV245 with caps on both numerals. Mr. Deats strips from plates SS232, TT236, 238, 239 do not show any caps. Nos. UU240, 241, 242, 243 and 244 are not plates of the 1 cent stamp. The other adjacent numbers I have not seen. It is possible that some of them are of the capped varie-

ties." See "Post Office" April 1894 and Mekeel's Weekly No. 174 p. 2., No. 177, p. 1. No. 205, p. 3. Fo. 208, p. 1 and 3. No. 213 p. 2. (Here a whole quarter sheet of 100 stamps is mentioned from plate TT235 in which every stamp is of the same variety, left cap.), No. 221 p. 3., No. 225, p. 7, No. 227, p. 7, No. 230, p. 6. (There a lower right quarter sheet is mentioned of T T 238 with caps. Comparing this note with Mr. Luff's above would indicate that some stamps of plate TT238 were with and some without caps. In No. 231 of Mekeel's Weekly on page 7 this is corrected. It was the lower right quarter of T T 235 which was found with caps, not T T 238) That is about all I know about the 2c 1890 with caps. It seems that they came in full sheets, but it is not yet settled, which sheets had them and which not, as Mr. Luff gives only a partial list.

128.—WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STRAGGLING LETTERS ALONG THE MARGIN OF SOME U. S. STAMP SHEETS? "A rule of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing requires that, each time a plate of stamps is printed from, the plateman must cut his initials on the margin of the plate, so that, should any irregularity occur, the responsibility may be more easily traced." (American Philatelist for 1886 p. 10.)

129.—WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PARIS AND THE ATHENS PRINTS OF GREEK STAMPS 1861 TO 1871? The Paris print has no figures on the back, except the 10 lepta which has. The Athens print, as a rule has figures of value on the back of each stamp, except the 1 and 2 lepta which have not. Where the figures of the higher values in this issue of Athens prints is missing, that is due to mistake. In the Paris prints the shading of the face is composed of a series of dots and fine lines. In the Athens prints the shad-

ing is formed by continuous lines often rather coarse. The difference is due to careless printing and especially to insufficient cleaning of the plates. At first paper was used which had been brought from Paris and of the same kind as that used for the Paris prints; later on various papers were employed. The plates became dirtier and the impressions coarser, until in 1870 they were cleaned by a German; but even the impressions from the cleaned plates, besides being on paper differing from that of the Paris prints, do not compare with the Paris prints as to clearness and sharpness.

130.—WHAT IS THE STANDARD CATALOGUE OF ENTIRE U. S. ENVELOPES? There was one issued some years ago by M. J. Bartels then of Washington, D. C., now of Boston, Mass.

131.—WHAT STAMPS HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED BY "THE SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF SPECULATIVE STAMPS?" I do not know whether I have a complete list or not, but the following are some of those that were tabooed:

1. Portugal, San Antonio.
2. Chinese Locals of Chefoo, Chinkiang, Hankow, Ichang, Kewkiang, Tientsin, Wuhu and other places.
3. North Borneo and Labnan surcharged on one dollar.
4. British Inland Mail, Madagascar.
5. Brunei.
6. Clipperton Islands.
7. Egypt (jubilee set, never issued)
8. Bussahir.
9. New South Wales, surcharged O. S. and sold in sets.
10. Transvaal, 1c commemorative railroad stamp.
11. Peru, commemorative set.
12. Amoy, Chinese locals.
13. Greece, Olympian Games.
14. Hungary, Neilleunium.
15. Liege.
16. Sweden (never appeared.)
17. Ecuador, Jubilee.
18. Formosan Republic.
19. Tonga.
20. Corea.

The S. S. S. S. died, before it got through with its work. Had it continued on the same lines, it would have condemned the U S Columbian, Omaha issues, the Canadian Jubilee issue, and many, many more, especially the Seebeck issues of Honduras, Nicaragua and San Salvador. But the whole movement amounted to about nothing. It is enough for collectors to know of what kind any issue may be; then they will decide for themselves whether they want it or not.

132.—WHAT IS A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE AND A UNIVERSAL STAMP? The universal or international stamp is yet a scheme, dream or ideal. It is to be good for use in all countries, but is not yet in existence. If it were, it might certainly bear the inscription (as the query suggests) in the universal or international language. Such a language is in existence, in fact several of them: Volapuk, Neutral, Esperanto, though neither of them is yet what its author intended it to become, a language understood and used everywhere. They are artificial languages, arbitrarily compounded, and the very rivalry of them defeats the purpose for which they were invented. Still they may be of some use, and especially the "Neutral" and "Esperanto," on account of the great facility with which they may be learned by all Europeans as well as their present growing popularity, are quite worth learning. In regard to Esperanto see McKeel's Weekly 1901, No. 571 and Literary Digest 1903, April 4. or address F. G. Morin, 234 Ewing Str., Chicago, Ills. For 15 cents an "Instruction Book and Vocabulary" may be obtained, and very little practice is necessary to make use of it. There are thousands using it in all countries (Prussia and France especially), and, if it keeps on gaining popularity as it has until now, it is not unlikely that it may be recognized by the Universal Postal Union as the official language, and, if a universal stamp ever becomes a reality, that Esperanto will be the language used on it. However, these suppositions entirely depend upon the dissemination this new language (it dates from 1887) will receive.

NEVIS

By FRANK C. YOUNG

FOR many years, almost since the birth of the stamp accumulating mania, the postage stamps of the little colony of Nevis have been favorites with the more advanced philatelists and justly so as the stamps of no country require a more thorough study to properly understand and appreciate them than do the early issues of Nevis.

The island, one of the smaller and less important of the West Indies, is one of the Leeward group, lies south-east of St. Christopher, was discovered by Columbus on his second voyage in 1498, is of volcanic origin, nearly round and has a superficial area of about fifty square miles, most of which is rather mountainous and not under as high a state of cultivation as the British West Indies. The capitol is Charlestown.

In the earlier days much speculation was indulged in by collectors as to the meaning of the emblematical design found on the first issue, which was brought out in 1861 and was printed by Messrs. Nissen & Parker in London.

Among the many guesses made was one that the three figures typified active benevolence and that Nevis, being poor, was being, or ought to be, supported by her sister colonies.

The mystery was, however authoritatively cleared up by an article in Stamp Collector's Magazine for January, 1867, in which Mr. J. B. Brown, postmaster at Nevis, says in part:

"The device on the Nevis postage stamps is a fac simile of the great seal of the colony and represents, issuing out of the side of a hill, a stream of water which, falling to the ground, forms a pool, wherein which a sick female is reclining, supported with one hand by a companion, who extends the other to the presiding genius or nymph of the

stream, for a bowl which the latter is filling from a pitcher of water drawn from the stream "

Nevis being long noted for its remedial and health-giving springs, this is certainly a meretricious and novel advertising dodge, to gain publicity for her waters throughout the whole world by means of her postage stamps, and is an idea which might be taken advantage of by many of the smaller stamp-issuing states at the present day, relieving the monotony of so many heads of rulers.

Let Jamaica give us a set of stamps advertising her fruits, let Cuba exploit her tobacco growing industry, Brazil her coffee plantations, and so on. Of course the production of some of the South and Central American republics might not look well on stamps, as a majority of the inhabitants appear to be industriously engaged in raising —, but I guess we won't talk about that.

To get back to the stamps of Nevis:

The first issue was printed from steel engraved plates in sheets of twelve, four rows of three stamps, and, as each die was separately engraved, there are twelve types of each value.

The values were one shilling, used to prepay the letter rate to Great Britain; six pence, which was intended to prepay registration fee; four pence, for inter-colonial letters and to the United States; penny stamps for newspapers, circulars, etc.

Three sets on as many varieties of paper can be made up. First, on paper blued by the action of the gum, the same as some of the stamps of Great Britain, Barbados and several other colonies; second, on grayish surfaced paper and third, on plain white wove paper, none of which are watermarked. The last named paper belongs to a later printing, in 1867, and these can also be differentiated by their shades varying from the 1861 issue.

Nearly all values of these stamps are

somewhat scarce, but the genuine rarity is the one shilling yellow-green on laid paper, of which I have heard of but two copies, one of which is in the Tapling collection of the British Museum.

In 1878 transfers were made from the steel engraved plates and for something more than a year these lithographed stamps were used. More than one transfer must have been made, as differences have been found in some of the stamps, the most noticeable of which occurs in No. 1 on the sheet of one penny labels, which was retouched, showing, among other changes, a cross on the hill where none was visible originally.

In 1879 the printing of stamps for this colony was taken over by De la Rue & Co., who filled the demands with their well known uniform colonial design until in 1890 the stamps of Nevis were superseded by the general issue for the Leeward Islands. The De la Rue stamps were first issued with the Crown C. C. watermark, but afterwards changed to Crown C. A.

In 1883 a provisional half penny stamp was made by dividing one penny stamps and surcharging each half. The surcharge was printed both in purple and black ink.

In 1897 there was sold at auction by the Crown agents for the Colonies in London a quantity of remainders of stamps of the various colonies which had been included in the Leeward Island group. To the fact that some Nevis stamps were included in this lot we owe it that some values are appreciably cheaper used than unused.

This, I believe hastily covers the postal history of Nevis up to the present pictorial issue for St. Kitts-Nevis, on the two pence of which Columbus is depicted as using a telescope more than fifty years before its inventor was born.

Explorers on Stamps

By ERNEST R. HOLMES

ONLY ten explorers seem to have been honored by having their portraits placed on postage stamps, the list being as follows:

John Cabot: Newfoundland, 1897, 2 cents.

Jacques Cartier: Canada, 1855, 10d.

Christopher Columbus: Chile, all issues, postage due and envelopes except 1898 due; Cuba, 1899, 1 centavo (statue) and envelopes of 1899-1900; Dominican Republic, 1899 1900, 1 peso, ½ centavo; Honduras, 1892, series, Nicaragua, 1892, series; Porto Rico, 1893, 3 centavos; Salvador, 1892, series; 1893, 2, 5, 10 pesos; 1894, 2, 5, 10 pesos; 1896 and 1897, 100 centavos; United States, 1869, 15 cents; 1893, series and envelopes, Trinidad, 1898, 2d; Venezuela, 1892, 25 centavos.

Captain James Cook: New South Wales, 1888, 4d, and registered envelope 5d.

John C. Fremont: United States, 1898, 5 cents.

Vasco do Gama: Azores, 1894, series; Macao, 1898, series; Madeira, 1898, series; Portugal, 1894, 1898, series, 1898, due; Portuguese Africa, 1898, series; Portuguese India, 1898, series; Timor, 1898, series.

Prince Henry of Portugal, "The Navigator": Portugal, 1894, series.

Pere Jacques Marquette: United States, 1 cent.

Francisco Pizarro: Peru, 1896, 5, 10 and 20 centavos, 1897 and 1899, 5 centavos.

Vicente Yanez Pinzon: Honduras, 1892, series and envelopes.

Some of the current postal cards are now appearing with such a black smudge over the face of Jefferson that it appears as if he were wearing a black mask over his eyes.

POSTAL CARD DEPARTMENT



Covers & Envelopes

Observations on Some Original Covers

By R. R. THIELE.

VOL. 20.

D. L. O. Record.

No. 9792

The number is in red ink, inserted by hand. Next comes another hand-stamp:

REGISTRY BRANCH
CORRECT
MAR. 25, 1897
P. O. DEPT.
DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

The whole enclosed in a large oval. Then at last the letter was free to return to its sender, much to his surprise, no doubt.

Here is another similar letter which even made the trip around the world, though rather leisurely. It is a 2c green on amber U. S. envelope of the 1887 vintage; in addition it bears a 10c green adhesive of 1890. This was evidently at that time—1891—the letter rate to New Zealand, its destination; the letter is not registered. It was sent by a collector at Cecil, Shawnee county, Wis., to another collector at Upper Monterey, Nelson, New Zealand. The original date of departure from Cecil is Jan. 12, 1891. It took its way eastward: the next postmark is on its back, and reads:

NEW YORK, N. Y.
JAN. 14.
2 p m
1891

In a single lined circle; the dauber alongside bears the number 46. The next postmark is still New York, just like the preceding, but dated 9:30 a m, Jan. 16th, 1891. I suppose the letter had to wait for a steamer and was therefore postmarked again on the day of its departure. Here also, very probably, another mark was struck on the 10c stamp which had escaped cancellation at Cecil; this mark looks like this:

1
PAID

(Inclosed in circle).

And is repeated besides the stamp. I have never seen it before and hardly know what its significance may be, though here it was probably used merely to cancel the stamp. Curiously enough the envelope shows no transient stamp after leaving New York, although London usually stamps all mail going through; the next postmark is that of Nelson, New Zealand, like this:

N. Z.
NELSON
16MR91
D

The whole enclosed in a single-lined circle. From here it went to its destination, for the next postmark is:

N. Z.
UPPER MONTERE
MR 91
A

Also in a single lined circle. I have no idea what the A and D in these two marks stands for. The date of arrival at Upper Monterey is illegible, the letter did not stay there more than a day or so. The addressee had left for America and the postmaster at Upper Monterey crossed out the old direction and redirected the letter to the same person "Care of German Consulate, Chicago, Ill., United States," with the further direction "via San Francisco." Then it went back to Nelson and was postmarked there March 19.

(Continued).

Philatelic Proverbs

MY son, forget not philately but let thee keep it ever in mind.

2. For length of days, and much joy and peace, shall it add to thee.

3. Let not thy perforation gauge and water mark revealer forsake thee; carry them in thy pocket alway; let them not lay idle in thy stamp desk.

4. So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of philatelia and their devotees.

5. Trust the philatelic elders with all thy heart, and lean not altogether on thine own understanding.

6. In all thy ways acknowledge them and they shall direct thy paths.

7. Be not wise in thy own eyes, fear "Greatest Bargains" and depart from evil.

8. It shall be best for thy reputation, and also for thy possessions.

9. Honour the philatelic magazine containing the advertisement which thou answerest and with thy subscription also.

10. So shall thy albums be filled with good stamps, and thy bales of duplicates to overflowing.

11. My son, despise not the chastening of revenues, neither be weary of their correction.

12. For whom they loveth they correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

13. Happy is the man that findeth Brattleboros, and the man that getteth "two bears."

14. For such "wee bits" are better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than of fine gold.

15. They are more precious than rubies; and all things that thou canst

desire are not to be compared unto them.

16. Philatelist's ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

17. Relief from care is in philatelia's right hand, and in her left hand riches and honour.

18. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her; and happy is everyone that retaineth her.

19. Some one by wisdom established stamp collecting; by understanding them the science of philately was established.

20. By knowledge of stamps much lucre hath been gained, also much value saved.

21. My son, let not stamps depart from thine eyes; keep all that thou cometh across.

22. So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace unto thy album.

23. Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

24. When thou liest down, thou shalt not be wakeful, and thy dreams of great stamp finds shall be sweet.

Be Not too Mercenary.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

Every person who is spending any amount of money on stamps should exercise a prudence in buying that will guarantee a fair return of the amount, if a day of liquidation should come. In fact, careful buying is one of the essentials to complete enjoyment of philately, but the collector is ill-rewarded who relaxes his concentration of attention on the artistic side of stamps to attend to the monetary aspect.



CHECK LIST OF NEW ISSUES.

For the Month Ending August 15th.
Compiled by W. O. Wylie.

AITUTAKI Adhesives

New Zealand stamps surcharged.
½p "Aitutak — Ava Pene" in red
1p " " " Tai Pene" in blue
2½p " " " Rua Pene Ma Te Ara" in red
3p " " " Toru Pene" in blue
6p " " " Ono Pene" in blue
1sh " " " Tai Tiringi" in blue

ANTIGUA Adhesives

Design, Seal of the Presidency
½p blue, green and black
1p red and gray
2p red, brown and lilac
2½p ultra, and black
3p yellow brown and sage green
6p gray and red lilac
1sh lilac and ultra
2sh violet and sage green

CHINA (Pachhoi)

Stamps of Indo China surch. in black
1c black on azure
2c brown on buff
4c purple brown on gray
5c yellow green
10c rose red
15c gray
20c red on green
25c blue
30c cinnamon on drab
40c red on yellow
50c carmine on rose
75c brown on orange
1fr olive green on toned

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC (Boyaca)

Adhesives in Various Designs
10c gray
10c black
10c bluish gray
20c brown
20c red brown
50c dark blue
50c dark greenish blue
1p dull lake red
1p bright vermilion

FRANCE Adhesives

Sower Type
20c brown
30c violet

ITALY Reply Card

Design of Current Adhesives
7½x7½ rose on rose

MOROCCO AGENCIES Adhesive

King's Head
25c lilac and black on blue

NEW ZEALAND Adhesives

2½p blue, wmkd "N Z and Star"
5p brown, " " " "
9p mauve, " " " "
2sh blue green " " " "
6sh vermilion

SENEGAMBIA and NIGER Adhesives

French Colonial Type
1c black on lilac blue
2c brown on buff
4c claret on lavender
5c light green

10c red
15c gray
20c red on green
25c blue
30c brown on hister
40c red on straw
50c brown on bluish
75c dark violet on orange
1fr bronze green on straw

SERVIA Provisional Adhesives

Alexander Issue with Arms Surch.
1 para. claret [Arms in blue]
5 " yellow-green [blue]
10 " carmine [black]
15 " olive [black]
20 " orange [black]
25 " blue [black]
50 " grey [red]
1 dinar, green [brown]
3 " violet [red-brown]
5 " brown [blue]

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (Johore)

Provisional Adhesives
"3 cents" on 4c yellow and red
"10 cents" on 4c green and rose

VENEZUELA (Cinad Bolivar)

Provisional Adhesives, Steamer Design
5 centimos, black on gray
10 centimos, black on red
25 centimos, black on rose
50 centimos, black on blue
1 bolivar, black on yellow
Official Set. Arms Design
5 centimos, black on rose
10 centimos, black on red
25 centimos, black on blue
50 centimos, black on yellow
1 bolivar, black on gray

The Button Idea a Good One

The Perforator

The button idea is a good one. No one likes to broach philately to strangers, or even to close friends; the subject is an entertaining topic for those who are interested—if one only knew he was talking to such a listener, it would be a source of pleasure.

The Foundation of Philately

The Perforator

The foundation of Philately is in a natural principle of the human brain, and while its business is not built upon a human necessity, it is built upon an established and unchangeable desire; so that the surety of the stamp-market ranks in the very first place after that of staple products.

The numerous stamps of Argentine Republic are of a distinctive character not enjoyed by many other countries.

Notes For U. S. Collectors

By E. R. ALDRICH

Still no word either yea or nay from the department on the St. Louis fair issue. A Washington correspondent writes me that he doubts very much if a favorable decision will be arrived at.

There is still room for any who gives their attention to the collecting of pre-cancelleds within the folds of the P. S. C. The new board of officers will probably have taken hold before this appears in print and I can not tell who to refer applicants to as secretary but I shall be pleased to answer any requests for blanks, etc., until my successor takes hold. Address me at Benson, Minnesota. In this line the only new things I have seen this month are Providence on 1902 issue 4 invert and 5c normal. As usual July and August are not productive of many varieties.

From Washington comes the report that the new plates of the 2c stamp are nearly ready and printing will soon begin.

From a contemporary I clip the following which I believe will interest the WEST'S readers:

I, in common with many other philatelists, have often felt a desire to see what the Omaha set appeared like when printed with the centers in black. Imagine my surprise when, while visiting the exhibit of the Bureau of Engraving and printing in the New England Association of Arts and Crafts exhibition in this city, I beheld in a frame beside the ordinary set with black central designs. The 1, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 50c. have the black center surrounded by a frame of the color of the original stamp, while the

frame around the \$2 denomination is quite darker than the color of the original stamp. The black center of the 2c is surrounded by a frame of deep lake, which seems an improvement over the original color, while the frame of the \$1 value is in pale violet. Each specimen makes a pleasing effect, but the set is not arranged to the best advantage."

300 varieties of United States for \$2.50 is what an enterprising eastern dealer offers. Time was and not so very long ago that a collection of this size was thought to be a very fair collection and it was, because now adays there are many varieties—like the National, Continental and American print of the 1870 issue—which were not then recognized and which wouldn't have been counted as varieties.

In the Chicago Society auction sale of Aug. 22 a double rouletted specimen of the ½ document Spanish war series is offered. It has not before been listed I believe.

A Prophecy.

The Metropolitan Philatelist.

The wise ones are predicting that the bargain-hunter at the auction sales this fall and winter will have hard picking, especially in United States stamps of the issues up to 1880.

Im vs Un.

McKeels Weekly Stamp News.

The collectors who have all the rare imperforate revenues do not care whether purists call the specimens "imperforate" or "unperforated," so long as they have the stamps.

The 12d Canada stamp was priced 1.00 in 1875 in 1900 \$350.00.

The Stamps of Roumania

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

BY R. R. THIELE.

(continued)

They differ in the length of the horizontal stroke of the 5. The normal variety of this stroke is by far the more rare. This proves that these stamps were printed from the same plates as those of the Paris impression.

The 3 bani has served cut in two diagonally for newspaper postage.

ERROR OF COLOR

5 bani, rose carmine, on tinted paper. As these stamps were printed from the same plates as those of the last issue the observations which we made on the 5 bani blue error apply to this stamp. At the same time this error was removed by order from each sheet before issue to the postoffices. Used copies of the 5 bani rose are therefore much rarer than those of the 5 bani blue. This error of shade has been reprinted in entire sheets as we have seen above for the blue stamp and the greater part of the so-called reprints were surcharged "annulato". Some sheets nevertheless, escaped this surcharge, for uncanceled reprints exist. Sometimes the word "annulato" is covered by a heavy cancellation (forged of course).

Mr. H. Fraenkel, who has made a special study of the stamps of Roumania and is certainly one of the greatest authorities on the subject, has published in the Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung an article of 17 pages on the blue and rose errors of the 5 bani. This article quotes the opinions of all those who have studied these two errors: Moens, Kroetzsch, Albert Frisch, von Horrack, Koch, Bacon, etc, etc, and concludes by saying that he does not believe in the 5 bani rose error, which is an error made

to order which was never in use and and that this so-called postage stamp should not be collected. As to the 5 bani blue, he admits it, but says that it should not be bought if it is dark blue and then only on the advice of the greatest experts. If they affirm that the stamp is genuine and if one is sure that it comes from the best sources.

(To be continued.)

Salvador Officials

By ALBERT L. GODOY

THE 1c green, 2c rose, 3c gray black, and 5c slate blue official stamps of Salvador, 1900 issue, surcharged "Franqueo Oficial" are catalogued by Scott at 4c, 6c, 8c and 10c, respectively; but the 10c deep blue, 12c light green, 13c brown orange and 34c gray are not catalogued and are, we think, much rarer than the ones catalogued and the 10c blue Scott does not mention the 1c green invert which exists as we have a few copies and think they are quite rare. This is the only one we have seen invert of this issue.

The 1c green and 26c orange brown come with an additional surcharge of an anchor, coat of arms, and rays which surround them making a circle. This surcharge is in purple. Scott does not catalogue them.

The 50c dull rose is surcharged like the latter ones, only that the rays are alternately short and long, while the rays of the surcharge of the 1c, and 26c are the same size. We have a few copies with the anchor surcharge inverted, and also some with it sideways. Neither of these are mentioned by Scott.

It is well for collectors to bear in mind that all U. S. postage, of late years, that are imperforate are only Post Office Samples and are not postage stamps.

Our Illustrations

F. ROTHERY

our illustration of whom was taken a few years ago, was born in Quincy, Ill. in 1879. He lived in Omaha 15 years and was cashier Postal Tel. Co. there. He was promoted till now with the Chief Clerk, St. Louis. He had fine exhibit at Trans-Mississippi Exposition where he won a medal. He has been president of Neb. and Omaha Philatelic Societies. He is a gentleman of rare ability and those who have met him will hold the meeting in fond remembrance. He was married last month to an Omaha lady. Call and see him when in St. Louis' at Postal Tel. Co.

MR. EDGAR

was born in Lincoln, Ill., 22 years ago and has been an active stamp collector since 1892 having a general collection of over 3000 varieties specialty being U. S. He is a member and has held office of Exchange Supt. in the Spanish and Kansas Philatelic Societies.

We have the pleasure of receiving from R. S. Nelson, of Birmingham, Ala., a photograph of one of the pages in his C. S. Album in which he keeps both C. S. P. envs and C. S. P. adhesives on original covers. He writes us that the 5c West Point Miss. is one of the rarest of C. S. P. envelopes known and that so far only two have been found, value over \$300.00 and that the 10c Monticello, Flor., is another rare gem. From the tone of his letter I am satisfied that the 5c black on white Talladega, Ala., is a very rare envelope and as for the 5c Demopolis,

Ala., it's a gem among gems, valued over \$1000.00. We only give part of a page. You can see they are very rare and we hope to be able to use more later.

No 1. Indian relics exhibited at the Centennial Museum, Columbus, O. Single and double barreled Flint Lock pistols. Solid silver mounted and hand carved. Made in Paris about 1780 and brought to this country about the year 1782. Exhibited by Mr. Chas Haynes of Chillicothe.

No 2. Effigy pipe 13 in. long, 2 in. in diameter. Bowl on back stands 2 in. high by 1 1/2 diam., found near Bainbridge, Ross Co., O. owned by Mr. Clark West, of Bainbridge.

No 3. Platform pipe 16 1/2 inches long by 3 1/2 inches wide, found in Ross County. Now in the collection of Galbriath & Leslie of Chillicothe.

No 4. Obsidian Spear and Flint spear shaped implement found in the Hopewell mounds by Prof. W. K. Moorhead and were the only finished specimens found in a mound containing some 7500 flint discs.

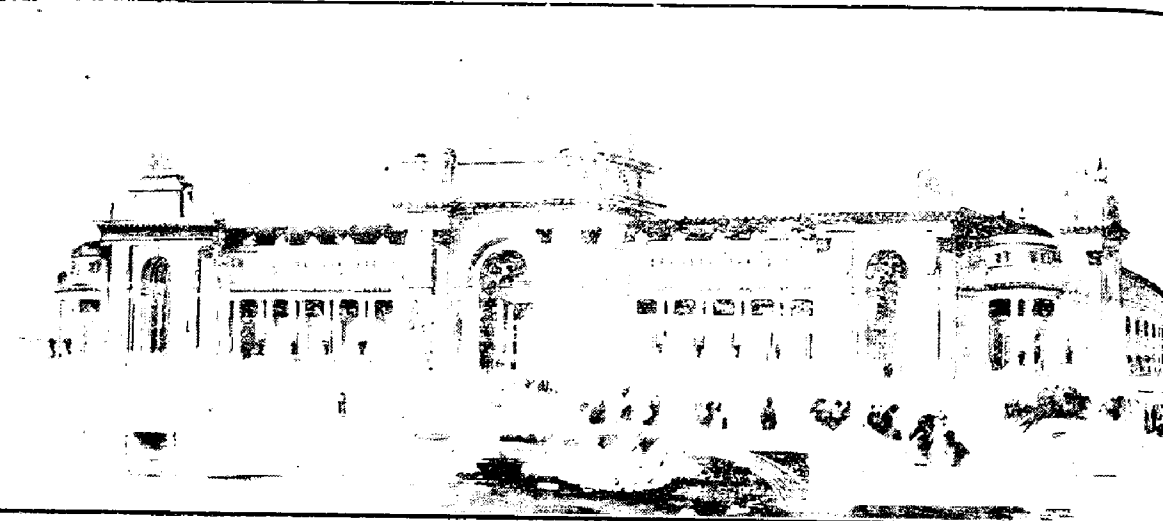
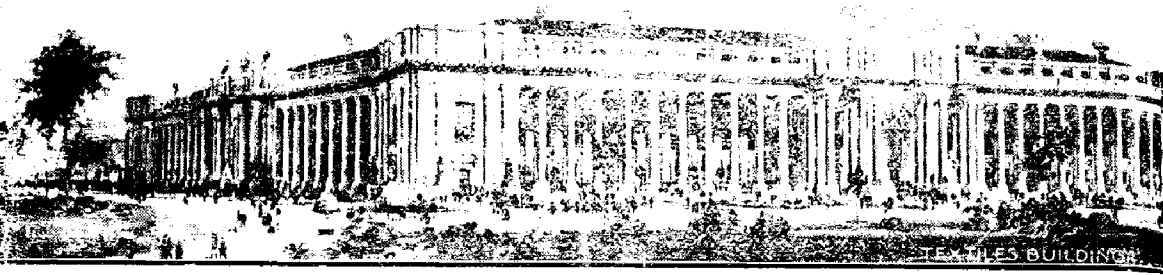
Platform pipe made from fire clay found in the Hopewell mounds by Prof. Moorhead all 3 owned and exhibited by Mr. M. C. Hopewell of Chillicothe. Hopewell mounds are 7 miles west of Chillicothe.

No 5. Beads of copper and copper head dress found in a mound near Chillicothe. The copper plate is 4x7 inches and shaped to fit the head. The above are in the collection of Mr. Jno. Seip of Chillicothe, O. All photographed by Arthur B. Coover, A. S. of C. C. also Supt. Centennial Museum.

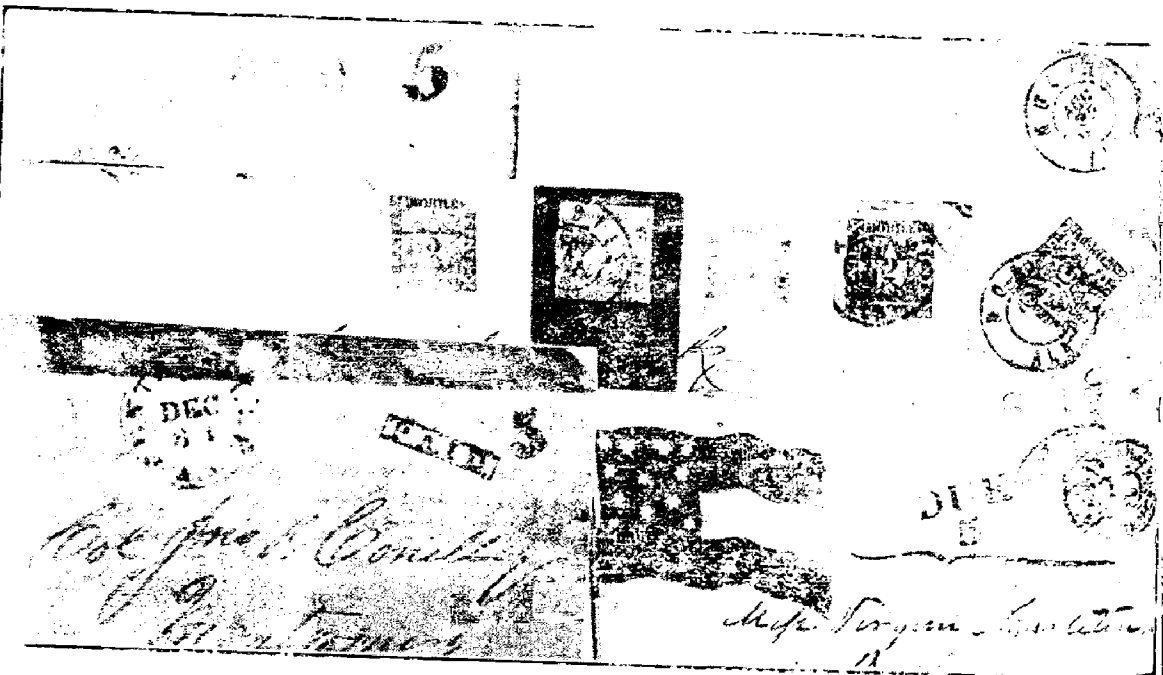
Errors in Tiffin Stamp Co's ad in August No.

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Liberal Art Building, Worlds Fair, St. Louis, Mo., 1904.



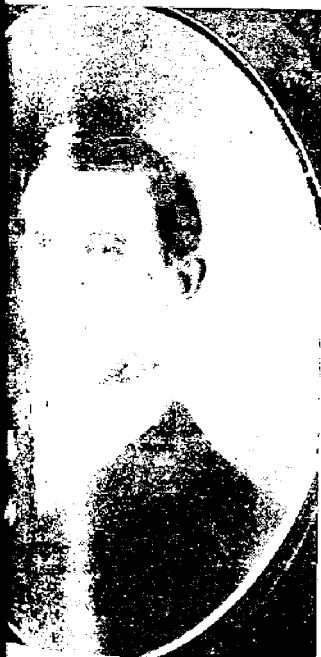
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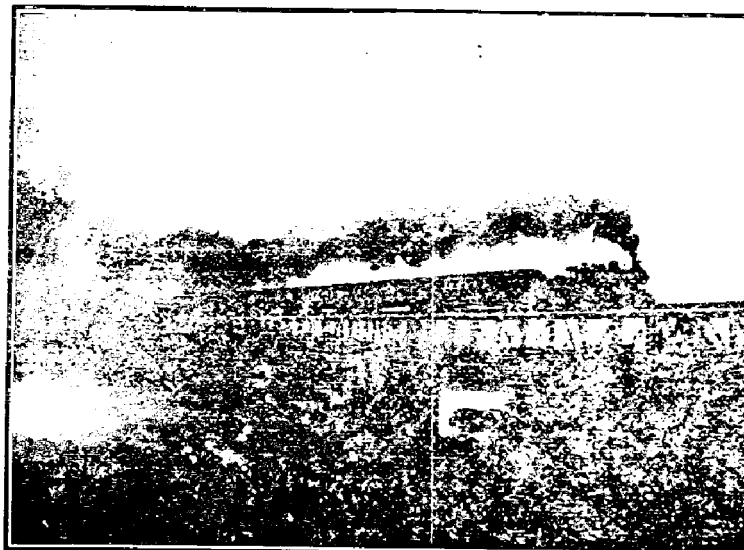
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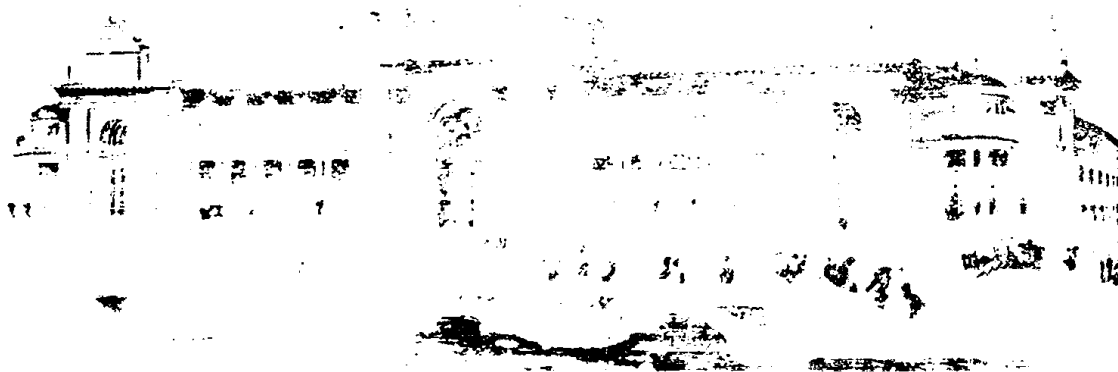
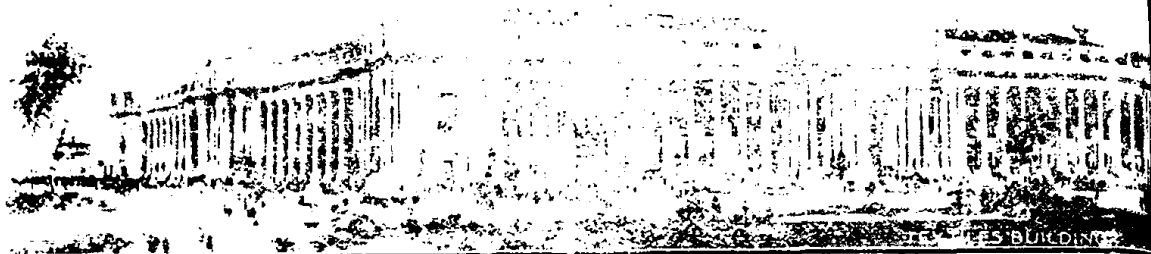


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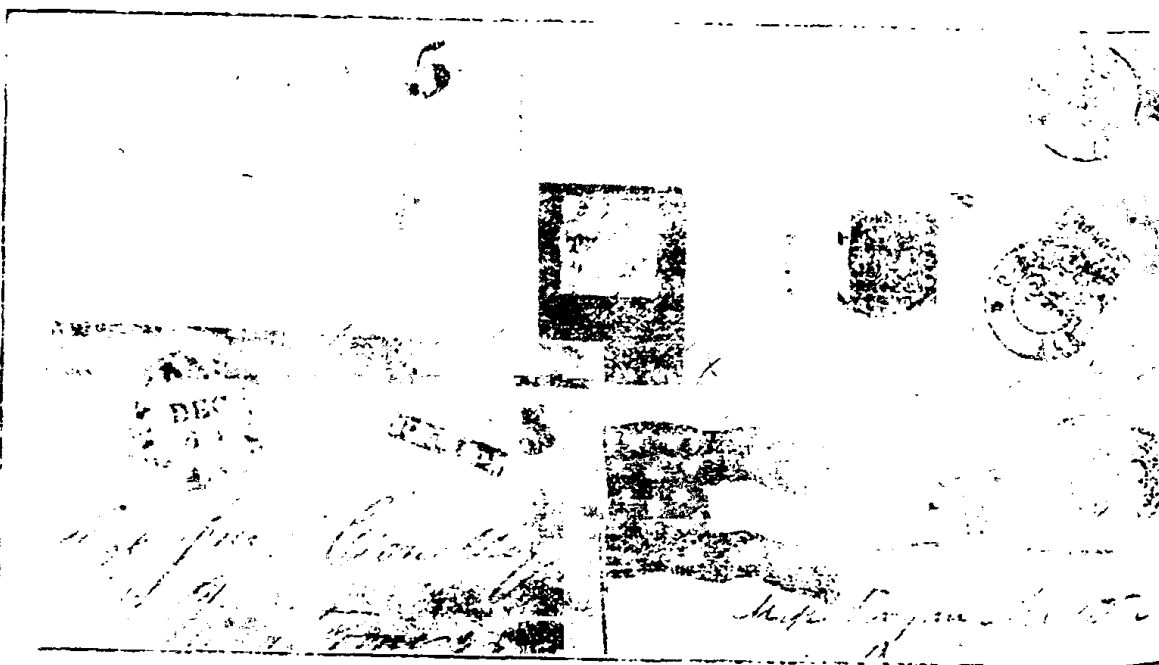


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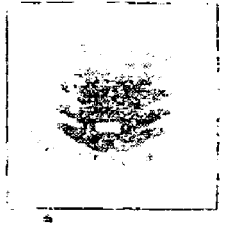
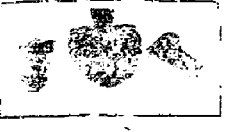




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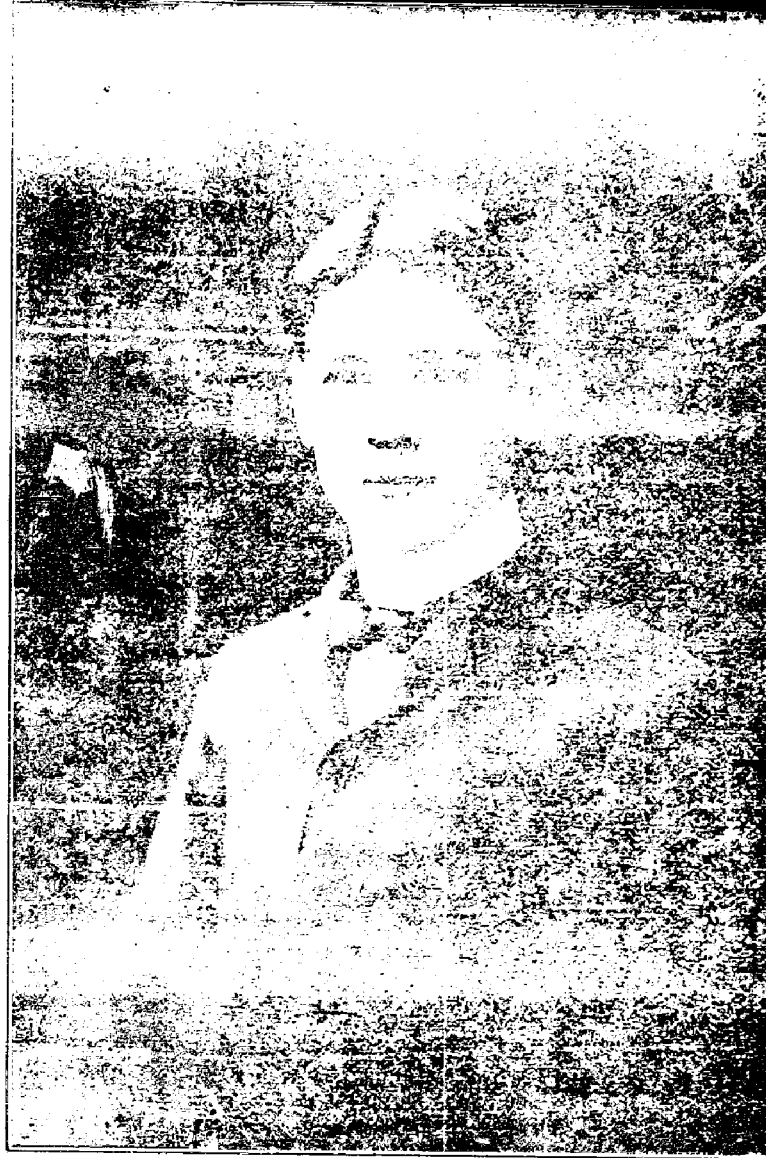
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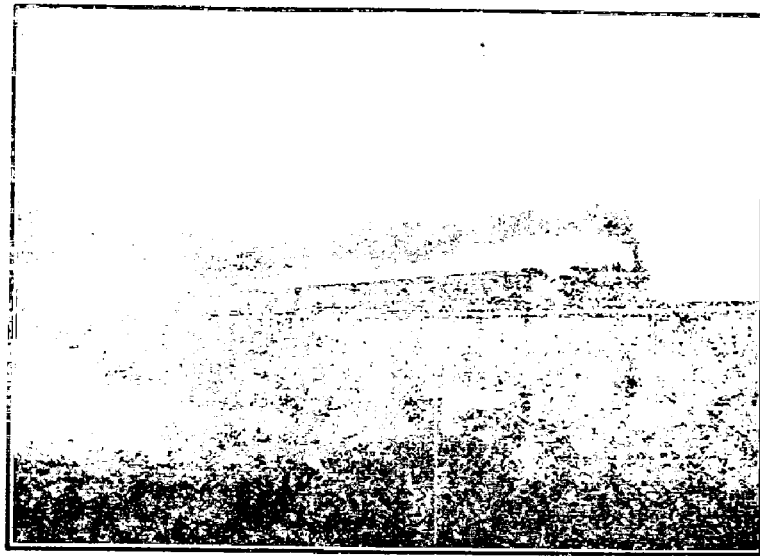
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The circuit of another year has already completed its round since our pleasant annual meeting in K. C. when you honored me with the presidential chair.

I congratulate you on the present condition of the society, due not to my efforts but to yours. We are growing apace, albeit it may be slowly. The Wichita members invite you to assemble in our Peerless Princess and make a renewed effort to advance the cause of Philately as represented by the K. P. S. by electing a ticket of sterling worth, for the coming year. Half fare rates prevail throughout our carnival fair season and the date of Sept. 30th has been selected for our annual meeting, come one, come all.

Very truly,

F. N. DELAWATER, Pres.

SALES DEPT.

7 books in circulation June 7 valves \$71.99
 13 " received since " 126.34
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Now is the time to be placed on circuit. New catalogue will be out Nov. 1-1903. Better fill up those spaces before prices go up.

Send for blank books 2 for 5c and use the Sales Dept.

Respectfully,

W. P. KELLEY, Sales Supt.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The hot weather and summer conventions seem to have engaged the time and thoughts of our members as we have heard from only one or two of our members this month. I believe nothing has yet been done about the forthcoming convention at Wichita, although our President will issue a call soon. I should like to see one or two tickets put in nomination soon, for officers of our society the coming year as it will make our annual election a more lively one.

I am glad to be able to report one application for membership as follows:
 I. N. DeLaMeter, 316 East Douglas Ave. Wichita, Ks., age 28. City Collector, Gas and Electric Light Co., References F. N. De LaMeter, G. R. Barleter. The following is also admitted to full membership in this society.

58, C. F. Elwell, Palo Alto, California

Change of Address.

O. H. Phinney to Manhattan, Kan.

There are a few members I would still like to hear from, as I have plenty of cards for owing their dues.

I am Yours Respectfully,

F. A. LILLY, Sec.

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LOUIS STONECIPHER, Secretary



CURIO DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. Karl Orr, of Red Oak, Ellis County, Texas, has in his possession an old letter written by James K. Polk. The letter is sixty-one years old, but is well preserved and in good condition. It would be a valuable addition to any autograph collector's holdings, and Mr. Orr is willing to sell it. The letter is dated Columbus, Tenn., Feb 11, 1842, and addressed to Thos. Fletcher, Natchez, Mississippi. In the letter Polk speaks of having been misrepresented with regard to his opinion concerning the course of Mississippi in relation to the state bonds. He also mentions a visit to his plantation, and speaks very highly of certain men—Chalmers, Martin, and others. Mr. Orr, the present owner of the letter, is not an autograph collector, and so would be willing to dispose of the Polk letter for a reasonable figure. He knows its worth, though, and nothing cheap will catch it.

Warren K. Moorehead, curator of the Department of American Archaeology, Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., is to publish through the Robert Clarke Company, Cincinnati, Ohio a new book of much value to collectors. It is to be called "The Stone," and is to be an Archaeological Encyclopedia of the implements, ornaments, etc., of the prehistoric tribes of the United States. The book will not be ready before 1905, as Mr. Moorehead will spend two years more in gathering

material for its pages, or rather in adding to the great mass of material he already has. It will be by far the most thorough and complete work of the kind ever issued, and every student of archaeology should place an advance order with the publishers. The book will be issued in two editions—an edition de luxe, in two volumes limited to 350 copies, superbly bound and printed, each set numbered and signed by the author, about 1000 page and near the same number of illustrations, at \$10, and a collectors' edition in neat binding, with type, illustrations, and number of pages and volumes the same at the very cheap price of \$4.50. Write the Robert Clarke Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, for prospectus.

One of the prints in a sale at Christie's in London a few months ago, a first state with untrimmed margins of J. R. Smith's engraving of Reynold's portrait of Lady Catherine Pelham Clinton, illustrates the unexpected manner in which rare things sometimes come into the market. It had been folded and "creased" in all directions, and was received through the mails, as if it were only a bit of cheap music, accompanied by an illiterate note with stamps for its return if not found worth selling, the owner evidently valuing it at only a few shillings. At the Christie auction sale it was knocked down to a London firm of collectors for 540 guineas, or about

\$2700.

In regard to the "stinging tree" of Australia about which there has been a bit of discussion in this department, I have received another letter, which not only helps to enlighten curio lovers on this subject, but also goes to prove how widely the WEST circulates, and into what hands copies of this magazine fall. The letter is as follows:

Referring to a paragraph in the March issue, in which an Australian correspondent doubts the existence of a stinging-tree, mentioned in a previous number as growing in Australia, the tree is probably the *Laportea gigas* or giant nettle tree, abundant in the Illawarra District, New South Wales, sometimes attaining a height of 80 feet, leaves often a foot long and nearly as broad, with stinging hairs underneath. Or, maybe, the *Laportea moroides*, a tall shrub or small tree, broad leaved with most virulent stinging hairs, growing in parts of Queensland. See Betham's "Flora Australiansis"

Respectfully,
James Welsh.

State Forest Branch
Department of Lands and Survey
Victoria, Australia.

Mr. Welsh is hereby tendered my thanks, individually, and the thanks of the WEST'S readers for his kind letter of enlightenment.

If new readers of the curio department, or old readers who have lost track of the subject, desire to read the comments on the "stinging tree" they will find the subject first mentioned in this department of last November's West, something further in the March issue of this year, more comment in the July issue, and this month we settle it. The last word we will give to Mr. Ressugan, the Avoca, Victoria, correspondent who questioned my first

statement. A late letter from the Australian gentleman says: "In reference to that tree mentioned by R. F. Greene in November WEST, and which I took exception to, I must apologize to Mr. Greene. Having made enquiries I find that the name of this tree is 'stinging tree,' and it is common in several parts of Australia, notably so in Queensland. I have been told that it does not grow to any great height, and has broad and soft palm-like leaves, and persons going through the bush and coming in contact with the leaves of this tree get a good shock, and if the leaves happen to strike the face any time that the face is washed the effect is felt for as long as a month afterwards. Truly this is a disagreeable tree. Mr. Greene's statement in November's WEST was not at all exaggerated. When I stated that I had never come across such a tree I should have said in Victoria. As you wisely point out, in March WEST, Australia is a very large country."

This seems to settle the discussion and we are very glad that our Australian friend opened it up, for we have learned much more about this peculiar tree than we would have otherwise known.

The editor of the Southwest Photo Magazine says that in a field in the suburbs of Coricana, Texas, he has dug out tushes of the hairy mammoth—the *elephantis primogenis*—from twelve to fourteen feet in length; but being deposited in wet, marshy ground, they crumbled to powder on exposure. There seems to be an immense deposit in that particular field of these relics of the dead past. Hundreds of teeth, so-called, but which are really the whole jaw of the animal, have been unearthed there, many of which are now doing duty as door steps. All

over Texas these remains are to be found, which seems to have been at one time the grazing grounds of these monsters.

Valuable and interesting donations have been made to the Confederate Museum of late. Among them are two silver quarters given by Prof. Venable of the University of Virginia. They are best described by a copy of his own account sent with them.

"These two silver quarter-dollars I placed upon the eyes of Major-General J. E. B. Stuart after his death at 8:30 P. M., May 12, 1864, to keep them closed. They have been sacredly preserved by my family, and I now present them to the Confederate Museum.

N. R. VENABLE, JR.

Major and Inspector-General on General Stuart's staff, C. S. A."

The quarters are mounted on a steel plate, on which is engraved their history.

Mrs. F. May Tuttle, one of the valued members of our Curio Society, writes me that Samuel Calvin, state geologist of Iowa, spent several weeks in that section of the state, where she lives, some months ago, and down on the farm just one and one-half miles from Osage, Iowa, Mrs. Tuttle's home town, the Professor found in an old stone quarry some very fine lithographic limestone. It has since been discovered in another quarry farther up the river, Mrs. Tuttle says, and she has preserved some nice specimens of it as well as donated some large pieces to the Seminary collection.

P. R. Smith of Wakita, Oklahoma, found quite a valuable Indian relic in his orchard a few weeks ago, in the shape of a mortar and pestle in which it is probable that many a fine mess of meal has been ground. Several other

relics have been found in this same orchard, and it is thought that the place was once an old Indian camp. Mr. Smith is not a collector, and it is likely he would sell his specimens to any collector who'd make him a fair offer by mail.

Dr. A. K. Fisher, Ornithologist of the Department of Agriculture, in a recent interview predicted the complete extermination of a certain species of birds in the near future. He says the wood pecker, wood duck and common duck are especially threatened at present, and the wild pigeon is already doomed. Although there are some of these birds left, and it is possible that restrictive laws will prevent them from being all killed by hunters Dr. Fisher thinks that a law of nature will eventually wipe them out. This is interbreeding. "If a breed of animals or birds is reduced below a given number interbreeding will result in extinction," says Dr. Fisher, and the theory looks plausible enough. Here is a grave danger. The extermination of game animals and birds is often carried so far before a halt is called that not enough remain to prevent complete extermination when interbreeding commences. The Labrador duck is now extinct. Twenty-five years ago it was a common bird; in the '30s and '40s they sold for 50 cents a pair; now the skin of that bird is worth thousands of dollars. There are not more than forty or fifty in the Museums of the world.

At a recent sale at the Hotel Drouot in Paris, 7,400 fr was paid for a cup in Sevres porcelain, decorated (with birds flowers, and arabesques on a yellow ground) by Leve pere, one of the finest Sevres artists, and dated 1786. A big price, 1,800fr., was paid for the figure of a horse in Chinese grey jade, said to have come from the Imperial Palace.

Emblems Used on British and Colonial Coins



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EMBLEMS and symbols appear to have been used from the earliest times. Long before the common people could read, or were able to form any idea of the meaning of letters or words inscribed upon money, they thoroughly understood the emblems of sovereignty and the symbols with which their coins were impressed. Ancient peoples used emblems and employed figures and curious devices, some of which were copied century after century, until not only had their meaning been lost in obscurity, but in course of time they had become so altered that their original purposes were forgotten. In a similar manner emblems upon British coins have been used from time to time when rulers of this country found money necessary.

The great period of chivalry, when heraldic emblems flourished, gave rise to free use of better designs, and conveyed some more definite purpose in their employment. Many of the old emblems familiar to collectors of coins are unknown to the general public of the present day. Some of

the types, however, have been preserved and are still perpetuated. Strange to say, the chief emblem upon our copper currency in this enlightened Twentieth Century is derived from the coinage of the Roman Emperor Hadrian who for so many years held conqueror's sway in this country.

The legends that surround the allegorical device of Britannia are numerous. The song which tells of Britannia ruling the waves always recalls the familiar penny; and the Roman figures, which may or may not have been given as allegorical of a conquered country surrounded by water, are still held dear by Britishers. The female figure holding Neptune's trident has been represented in different forms since it was first adopted in the reign of Charles II.

It is said that Frances Stewart, Duchess of Richmond, sat for the designer and that her portrait was given on the first issue of copper bearing the emblem of Britannia. Since that date various issues have shown her in different ways. She has been given a light-

house, and has been robbed of her ship; her shield has been altered, and even the waves which once washed her feet have now vanished. The Britannia on the coins of King Edward VII. looks very forlorn without the once familiar ship, lighthouse and sea waves.

The shields—relics of crusading days and knightly tournaments—have changed shape many times. The large pointed shield assumed a spade shape at the end of the eighteenth century; square and somewhat ugly shields were afterwards introduced; and from time to time shields of Gothic form, adorned by ornaments and foliage, have been seen.

The emblems upon coat^{of} armour, which once were the only means of denoting the name and the standing of the owner, have been perpetrated on the coinage of this realm with little variation from the original designs. The Royal lions of heraldic and meaningless type still adorn our coins, and these inanimate looking beasts, standing one above another, without even a rock on which to rest their weary feet, are displayed wherever a gold or silver coin is critically examined. Many boys who could draw better lions before they were out of their nursery, wonder how such crude animals can be called Royal, but they forget that heraldic lions were drawn by artists without any training and who had never seen a live lion or had an opportunity of visiting a Zoo. The triple lions of England are supplemented upon the Royal shield by a lion rampant for Scotland and a harp for Ireland. In the earlier days of the House of Brunswick, the Hanoverian horse occupied a central position on the British shield, and away back in Tudor times the French fleurs de lys were seen upon the shields of British and Scotch sovereigns.

The silver hammered monies of Elizabeth are among the most plentiful

of old coins, and the Tudor rose occupies an important position in the field of coin, behind the head of the sovereign.

Crowns, emblems of sovereignty, have always figured upon British coins. The crude silver pennies of Norman times exhibit quaintly devised crowns, and the open arched crowns, which during the height of Gothic art became most elaborate, are also curious features and sometimes in size quite out of proportion to other portions of the principal emblem. During recent days the crowns on the coins of the late Queen Victoria were very varied in form. The tiny crown perched upon her head upon the Jubilee issue of 1887 looked very foolish; on the other hand, her late Majesty never looked so regal as when represented wearing her crown and other emblems of sovereignty, upon the beautiful Gothic crowns of 1846. The sceptre has been the leading emblem of regal sovereignty since the days of the Saxon monarchs, most of whom represented it upon their coinage. Sometimes a mace has been added, and at other times the sword of state and the orb, all symbols of power and sovereignty.

Some of the pattern pieces which have been devised from time to time have had curious emblems upon them, but few have been adopted. The numerous patterns for a copper currency during Queen Anne's reign offered plenty of scope for flattery. Possibly Her Majesty driving Neptune's car upon an elaborate pattern for a farthing might have suggested the copper halfpenny struck in 1792, by George III., and intended for use in Barbadoes. (Fig. 1).

Turning to the Colonial coinage of Great Britain, a few of the emblems used are well worth noting. Pennies and halfpennies were struck for Barbadoes at the end of the Eighteenth Century, on the obverse of which the

head of a negro adorned with ostrich feathers as a head dress was displayed, the suggestive legend reading, "I SERVE." (Fig. 2) On another coin of Barbadoes, a pineapple, emblematic of the fruits of the country, was represented.

The stately elephant figures on a Colonial coin of Ceylon (Fig. 3), representing a copper piece of the value of one stiver, struck in 1815. A hog was a favourite animal in Bermuda, an old shilling of which is reproduced in Fig. 4. The coinage so long used in the Isle of Man was easily distinguished by the conjoined three legs of man, the crest of the Stanley family, first used on the coins of the Earls of Derby when Lords of Man.

Canadian coins show the maple leaves; and the thistle, so long used in Scotch copper coins as the chief emblem, was afterwards adopted by Nova Scotia. The African lion figured on a dollar of Sierra Leone in 1791 (Fig. 5), and in a similar manner the kangaroo—typical of the fauna of the country—was used on Australian tokens.

The Ionian Islands at one time used the winged lion of St. Mark. A seal and a dried cod, symbolical of the fisheries of the island were placed upon coins of Magdalen Island. The East India Company, instituted as a company of traders, showed their well-known traders' bale marks.

Ships have frequently been used, especially on token coinage, and female figures have been employed as indicative of various special trades; indeed, commerce is often personified. The favourite method of indicating commerce is by a female seated upon a bale of merchandise holding a cornucopia or caduceus, and occasionally a balance. Badges of this type were common on Australian tokens and on some of the traders' coins of the Indian States.

The study of minor emblems is interesting, but intricate and difficult without access to an extensive collection of coins by which minute comparison can be made.

A Mysterious Bell ❧ ❧

By F E Halbert

ON the public green in one of the cities of Mexico, there is a large egg-shaped piece of metal which when struck emits loud bell-like tones which can be heard for miles. This "bell" was found several feet below the surface of the ground, a short distance from the city. The metal of which it is made resembles bronze in appearance but is so hard that a file scarcely scratches it.

It is supposed to have been used for signal purposes by some of the civilized people which once inhabited the central part of this continent centuries before the time of Columbus.

There is abundant evidence that Mexico was once the center of civilization on the western hemisphere. The Aztecs or the time of De Soto the explorer, being a race degenerated from a far higher civilization.

The name of the city in which this bell is located the writer has forgotten. Can any of the readers of the WEST corroborate this story. If true, could we but know even a little of the history of this relic, much would be revealed of a forgotten people. Apparently this bell is an old evidence of a lost art. That of tempering of soft metals. How old can it be? Thousands of years perhaps.

How interesting it would it be to learn something of the history of these people and the cause of their degeneracy. Some attribute their downfall to intermarriage, thus weakening their posterity both physically and mentally.

This was given by a traveller in Mexico who claimed to have seen the relic.

The Revival of Interest in American Archeology

The Twentieth Century.

HERE is certainly a movement in archeological circles, and American students are awakening to the duty of preserving and examining the wonders of antiquity which are so rapidly disappearing from their midst. With great satisfaction we learn that immense tracts of land in New Mexico, peculiarly rich in prehistoric relics, are about to be offered to the universities of Yale or Harvard on condition that the gift be utilized for the advancement of knowledge and for the education of the students. The lands in question are thickly covered with the ruins of the communal dwellings to which we have so often called attention, and need only careful and systematic exploration to eloquently disclose the secrets which have been buried so long.

From elsewhere also come new evidences of this satisfactory spirit of inquiry. Governor Brodie of Arizona, in his last message to the legislature, embodied a strong recommendation that the archeological treasures of the State be carefully preserved. Arizona is peculiarly rich in ancient pottery, and this differs fundamentally from the pottery discovered in New Mexico. The former is decorated with flowers and religious symbols, while the chief feature of the latter is its geometric and mosaic design.

For much of this activity we are indebted to F. E. Hyde and B. T. B. Hyde of New York. These energetic workers have organized three expeditions of which the bulk of the results are on view in the American museum in New York. They have now been invited to cooperate in the preparation of an extensive exhibit at St. Louis which will include pottery, baskets, implements, weapons and ornaments. Such an exhibit would certainly be of remarkable interest and of very great educational value.

The Arrow-head

From Youths Companion.

DEEP cradled in the forest clay,
Long lost, it snugly slept away
While winter, summer, passed it o'er
Through twice a hundred years or more;
While sapplings into oaks upreared;
While rood by rood the land was cleared;
Till glancing from the paleface' plow
It waked to meet the world of Now.

And on my study desk it lies,
A derelict, in mute surprise.
Where vanished is the em'rald shade?
The aisles of the primeval glade?
The deer's shrill snort, the turkey's call?
The Indian's measured guttural?
The moccasin, the copper face,
The war-whoop, and the striped grim-
ace?

Perchance, could but thy tale be told,
Some wrinkled arrow-maker, old,
Another Minnehaha's sire,
Close crouching by his wigwam fire,
With patient labor, chip by chip
Slow wrought thee—barb, and edge,
and tip:

And striding over trunk and brook
A Hiawatha came—and took.

The mind may paint, but cannot give
The breath to make its figures live.
Gone are the hands that shaped thee so;
Gone is the warrior and his bow;
Gone is the quarry and the oak;
Gone are the wild, red forest-folk—
Like their own bolts forever sped;
Gone all thy world, O arrow-head.

The ordinary fly was on the earth a million years before mankind, which accounts no doubt for his persistent objection to the human presence.

The first money ever of a metallic nature coined was shaped like a ring and made of a species of iron.

The Sharp-tail Grouse.

By Josef Brunner.

NO one who has spent his outings in the pursuit of the sharp-tail grouse or, as it is more commonly called, Prairie Chicken, though the latter name more properly belongs to the pinnated grouse, will deny that he enjoyed the sport; Yet there are few who give a thought to the birds usefulness to the farmer and rancher, though scarcely any of the feathered tribe do the agriculturist better service than the "chicken."

My observations and examinations of these birds lead me to believe that the bird should be protected by law at all seasons, though I'll confess I like the smell of powder as well as any man. All the year round these birds destroy injurious insects. For instance, after a few warm afternoons in February, which had caused the deep snow to melt on a few scattered spots, I found one day, after an extremely cold night, five dead grouse that had been frozen on a plot of ground which in summer time was swampy. The crops of these birds contained hairy caterpillars, buffalo berries and the seeds of various weeds. One day in March I obtained a grouse which had been killed by a hawk, and its crop contained nothing but caterpillars. In most seasons an examination of a dead grouse will show that the bird has been subsisting on the seeds of noxious weeds, and on troublesome insects. Only for a very short time each year will the birds bother the farmer's wheat or oats. Even then they do little damage, since no grain on the stalk is beaten down, (only pheasants do that), and the grouse but picks up the shattered out grain which would be lost to the farmer anyway. In the early Spring the grouse sometimes eat the grain fresh-

ly sown, but even then he'll gulp down a dozen insects, to one grain of wheat or corn.

The year 1902 was one which, in Montana, the grasshoppers did immense damage to the range, yet where sharptail grouse were plentiful it suffered but little, because the birds checked the insects from the start. Where few



or no grouse were the insects had full sway the ranchers had to move their stock to other sections. In spite of this lesson the ranchers, with

but few exceptions, continue to shoot the birds, even catch them in traps, and they are being slaughtered by the hundreds, which I consider reckless lawlessness. If only poor devils did this they would be rigorously prosecuted but as only rich ranch men seem to be guilty the competent officers are ignoring complaints, as I have good reason to know.

There is a lot printed concerning game protection, but so long as wardens are subject to political "pull" so long the bird-protection laws will not be enforced as they should be. Certain parties put the blame on the Republic system, but I think they are mistaken, as can be proven by taking the State of Maine for an example. There the wardens are not at the mercy of politicians, and presumably for this reason one reads few complaints of bird-slaughter from that State. From the common practice of members of the grouse family the surmise of eminent ornithologists that the sharp-tail grouse lives in polygamy might seem correct, but I have observed them in a big slice of country, and have always found them monogamous. If a stranger cock invades a place which

has been selected by a pair for their home he is promptly fought away, and there is usually but little fighting for he seemingly realizes he is in the wrong and departs at the first signs of resistance. The belief that they are polygamous has evidently its origin from the way the birds have of arranging dances, and attending them sometimes in great numbers.

Sharp-tail grouse pair as soon as the Winter is over, and, so long as the female is not hatching her eggs, both sexes may be seen at the dancing places. However, the cocks are always in the majority, as the females do not leave their nests a great distance. Very early in the morning the males generally exhibit their beauties near the nest before they leave to attend the dances with their own sex. They dance until late in May and, in my opinion, the dancing has little or naught to do with the mating. They do not fight then as other birds do at strutting time, and why should they dance when the eggs were almost hatched, if it were to attract females? They seemingly dance from pure joy, and this view is verified by watching the proceedings.

Last January I heard, when after an exceedingly cold spell it had suddenly grown warm, on two or three different afternoons the "cluck-cluck," from many directions which told me that dances were in progress. Then it grew cold again and the dancing was stopped for three months or more. The strange throbbing sound heard in connection with the "cluck-cluck," is not made with the wings as many claim, but with the tail, instead, as anyone can verify by watching a captive bird. I have often tried to photograph them when they were busy with their amusements, but so far have not met with much success.

Around my camp the last three winters there have been hundreds of

sharp-tails, and having nothing else to do I gave them much attention. It is



easy to photograph them in Winter, but of course a picture of them then lacks much interest. There are plenty of buffalo-berries near camp, and the "chickens" usually come from their night-quarters

by day-break, roosting on the surrounding cottonwood trees till the sun is well up, when they start to feeding. At about noon the greater part leave for the prairies to return about 3 in the afternoon and feed again.

The evening before full-moon in December about fifty sharp-tails came to the creek, near camp whistling and cackling for half an hour on the tree-tops, evidently expecting the sun to rise soon. It was somewhat of a surprise to me that so many of them let themselves be fooled by the bright moonlight. I have often in Europe, under similar circumstances, heard the cuckoo call all night, and the Caperoolzie start its peculiar song soon after midnight.

In closing I want to say, that the mother sharp-tail grouse, as long as the young birds are unable to take to their wings, is as brave a bird as the European partridge, and on several occasions my dog has returned in great haste to me, fiercely attacked and pursued by an angry grouse mother.

The Oldest Newspaper.

The oldest newspaper in the world is the official Chinese Kin-Pan, which was founded about 1,100 years ago. Up to the year 1301 it appeared once a month and the reading matter related chiefly to court life. Since 1830 up to 1876 it was a daily.

Souvenir Cards

By M. K. I. I. r

HERE are a few opinions of the press on the souvenir fad:

Pictorial postcards have of late obtained wonderful popularity and are coming into rivalry with postage stamps for the enthusiasm of collectors. If the pictorial postcard is to be done at all, it could hardly be done better than at present, judging from the grand series of post cards for sale here and abroad. The designing, printing and color are superb, and do much to create a love for the picture post card among people of this country. Some cards are really beautiful specimens of art printing.

Postcard collecting is a new phase of English life, and some of the fine series makes preservation of the tiny missive worth while, with the added prospect of sharing in the prizes. It gives its devotees great pleasure. The fad is rapidly becoming the fashion, yet there is a great future for the picture post card.

The competition should prove a source of developing the use of such charming missives.

Art is spreading itself greatly in the style of post card issues, and firms seem to have given a good deal of attention to the matter.

There are certainly some strong inducements to collect these cards as the cards themselves are so admirably produced as to be worth collecting for their own sake.

From the artistic standpoint of view we should say post cards would form more artistic collections than postage stamps. It is certain that the picture post card has evidently come to stay, since it has developed into quite a big business, and it is one from which much pleasure as well as profit is

received. To enumerate the varied and charming designs which are to be found on the various series of cards is impossible. Those readers who are in the habit of using post cards, and who does not, inspect their collection.

The use of these beautiful cards for correspondence has a double advantage, they add pleasure to the message from friend to friend, while their collections qualifies for prizes offered by the publishers. With commendable interprise nearly all countries have taken up the grand souvenir post card fad. Europe, and especially Germany, it is the custom to send postals on any provincial occasion or other holidays and celebrations.

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The Browning's magazine is a charming little magazine, very interesting and especially so for amateur photographers.

The Browning's magazine card club is made up of all the readers of this paper. Each copy of this paper brings a new list of new members who enrolled their names as members of the souvenir card club.

This club offers a ready means of exchange among members in all parts of the country, and one of the main rules of the club is that members shall return as good a card as they get from the various members. The greater part of the magazine is devoted to the subject of photography (amateur photography) showing as many as six or eight cuts at a time. These are taken from photos taken by amateurs sent in for a prize given by the Brownings' magazine each month. Most interesting pictures are seen, and true to nature as can be. The prizes vary from five dollars down to one dollar. Apart from the prizes one dollar apiece will be paid for any prize

that is accepted for publication. It had an interesting article on "Toggerery of All Times" by Wm. Shelton, being a series of costumes, plates and descriptions from rare old books in the Library of the New York Salmogundi Club. The British card clubs are very flourishing, judging from the fine papers or official organs of some of the leading clubs. The Picture Post Card and Collector's Chronicle for instances is the official organ of one of the largest clubs. This paper is issued monthly and is almost entirely devoted to the interest of souvenir cards with the exception of some space for stamps, coins and curios. It always gives a list of new cards on sale for collector's notice and a large list of the new members enrolled each month. It is beautifully illustrated throughout. This is and has been advertised in the WEST for some time, and subscriptions can be sent to Agent Brodstone our publisher. The Post Card is in its third year. Its new issue shows it to be a success, having a new cover and new features being permanently enlarged and improved. It is considered the brightest and best of British monthlies and cost but \$1.00 a year post free. It ought to be of great interest to any souvenir card fiend, having no end of newsy information of the great souvenir card world. It is the very and only paper to keep one in real touch with the card world at large. Some of these large card clubs are arranged in sections or branch clubs same as some large stamp collectors clubs. These are variously designated. The British International Postcard Exchange is one club arranged in sections.

The Wakefield View Card Exchange is a branch of same, being designated as Section B. Circulars containing full particulars of the Exchange and useful articles to collectors will be sent on application to Chas. Hunter, Brunswick

Ryhill, Wakefield, England. He has beautiful cards for sale. Some of the cards circulated by members of this section show the eruption of Vesuvius (which is said to have had late eruptions beginning in January) Vanity Fair Cartoons, Highland Clan, etc.

The Elbgan is one of Saxony's most progressive souvenir card exchange clubs. Its headquarters hold forth at Dresden. Radelbenl, the Dresden souvenir card club is another prominent club. "The International Verbandes A. U. B. S. Berelina". "The Wilhelmina N. V. A. V. Dordrecht." "Centralvereims of A. U. B. S. Universum" also, are all progressive clubs. "The Kosmoptlit" is one of Austria's largest clubs. The "Blue Journal" is one of Saxony's leading papers and official organ of the six clubs just mentioned. It is also the paper or official organ of the Philatelic club of Berlin and the Sue-via. Their motto is this: "Die Welt ist unser Feld" meaning "The world is our field." A great many of our collectors are taking to the collecting of memorial cards only. Its no great wonder they do this, since they will gain a large collection at a speedy rate there are being new ones issued constantly. Almost every provincial affair has cards issued in commemoration of such I will give a brief account in my next write out about the various current event cards dealing with those I have and those I heard of. In England and other European countries society folks have the custom of using souvenir cards for dinners and similar occasions. Souvenir cards as table cards are all "the go". Some of them are perfect beauties being art postal cards of exquisite design, perfect masterpieces. They are also used for Euchre tally cards.

Art postal cards furnish many suitable copies for artists, being reproductions of the best designs of the celebrated poster painter, Mucha. These are comparatively reasonable as compared with larger copies gotten at art stores. The exchange of souvenir cards lead to a very profitable advertising scheme, since some stamp collectors, at least one might think so from the many requests for stamp exchanging, one receives from domestic and foreign card and stamp collectors soliciting exchange of both, which shows that card collectors, as a rule are stamps collectors, too, or the reverse. Both hobbies being closely associated to one another.

Louis Agassiz

By F. R. STEARNS

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(Read before the Sac City Progress Club)

It is the privilege of most of us when we die to have a monument of some kind erected over our grave, but very few indeed leave behind them a living monument of sufficient moment to cause their names to be remembered through the ages to come. To mark the resting place of Louis Agassiz is erected a glacier boulder; to perpetuate his memory is the Agassiz Association, organized in 1879, a few years after his death, and which is seven years from its organization numbered over fifteen thousand members.

It was a dream of Agassiz to see the young people of America led into the pleasant paths of natural science; to see them giving up the time which might otherwise be spent in foolish pleasures for the sake of a wise and loving study of the works of the Creator. How well this dream has been fulfilled, although he did not live to see it, the Agassiz Association testifies.

Three classes of men have been required for the accomplishment of the greater triumphs of science: the investigators or discoverers, teachers and popularizers. Louis Agassiz was, as one cannot fail to notice in reading the book the class are now studying, pre-eminently an investigator, especially in his younger days; later in life he became a teacher and also a popularizer of natural science. He possessed faculties of rare power in all three directions, and therefore succeeded in making a deep and lasting impression upon the history of science.

When twenty-one years of age, Agassiz, then away attending college, wrote in one of his letters home "I wish it may be said of Louis Agassiz that he

was the first naturalist of his time". And this was written through no selfish ambition, but for what reason? A later extract from the same letter in which this wish is expressed explains. "I could devote my life to teaching my young countrymen, awaken in them the taste for science and observation so much neglected among us, and thus be more useful to my canton than I could be as a practitioner." This latter referring to the often expressed wish of his parents that he should study medicine, and also to his expectation to return and spend his life in his old home. But Agassiz did not return home to remain and he took but little pleasure in the study he gave to medicine. Nature was calling him in a hundred voices. One subject was hardly exhausted before another demanded attention, and the more he investigated and studied the more he found to claim his attention, and at the age of forty he sighed at the thought of the little he had accomplished. Little in his own mind in comparison with that which he still had in view, but great when compared with that which others had done before him or have done since.

As a naturalist first, last and at all times I know of no one his equal. Audubon was a great naturalist whose influence will be felt for all time. He neglected his business and failed that he might devote his time to studying nature and give to the world the truth that are found therein only. But Audubon was not a scientist in a strict sense. Like Audubon, Agassiz said he had not time to make money, but for the generous aid bestowed upon him by his numerous admirers would never have been able to give to the world the results of many of his important investigations. The names of Currier, Humboldt, Miller, Darwin and Lyell will always be remembered, but comparing them with Agassiz as investigators, teachers and populariz-

ers. he stands pre-eminent. His devotion to the cause of natural science is unparalleled. An unceasing worker, a beloved teacher, a fearless champion of his convictions, at all times ready to deny himself the luxuries and even the necessities of life if by so doing he advanced the interests of natural science. Mr. Dinkel, Agassiz' draughtsman for sixteen years, says of him: "If Agassiz had possessed millions of money he would have spent them for his researches in science, and have done good to his fellow-creatures as much as possible".

Agassiz was an efficient and a delightful teacher and the reason for this is not hard to find. It was the result of his having thoroughly investigated everything he undertook and being well acquainted with his subject. This done, his opinion was positive and he seldom had occasion to change it. His investigation of all subjects he undertook was extremely thorough and would have discouraged one less in earnest and in harmony with his undertaking. But Agassiz hardly knew what discouragement meant. The intense interest nature held for him is shown in all his work. He performed miracles of labor in his chosen line without thought of recompense other than the great satisfaction which the knowledge so gained gave to him and through him to others.

Agassiz did not believe in the theory of evolution as advanced by Darwin, but upheld the doctrine of the successive creation of higher organized beings on the earth. This view was a purely scientific one, however, and was not taken upon religious grounds. The evidence he found in the rocks of the earth seemed to him to point that way, if not to positively prove it, and he believed and taught that which nature showed him.

He did not believe that men should take pride in a museum of natural history objects as showing their skill in

gathering together curiosities from all parts of the world, but I quote in his own words: "If I mistake not, the great object of our museums should be to exhibit the whole animal kingdom as manifestation of the Supreme Intellect." Scientific investigation in our day should be inspired by a purpose as animating to the general sympathy, as was the religious zeal which built the Cathedral of Cologne or the Basilica of St. Peters. The time is past when men expressed their deepest convictions by these wonderful and beautiful religious edifices: but it is my hope to see, with the progress of intellectual culture, a structure arise among us which may be a temple of the revelations written in the material universe. If this be so, our buildings for such an object can never be too comprehensive, for they are to embrace the infinite work of the Infinite Wisdom. They can never be too costly, so far as cost secures permanence and solidity, for they are to contain the most instructive documents of Omnipotence. This is very characteristic of the great naturalist. Although succeeding in gathering together through his own efforts the valuable collection of natural history material at Cambridge he expended the immense amount of time and labor necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose without any thought of financial gain, without any thought of praise for his own efforts, but that the works of the Creator might have a fit dwelling place and become available to those who wished to study the plan of nature.

The name and influence of Louis Agassiz will live as long as the interest in natural science endures. Scientific societies were proud to honor him, universities offered him their best positions, beloved by the common people, poets sing his praise and he is quoted as authority in all text books on geology. The wish of his boyhood days has been gratified, and he may well rest in the knowledge that his work was well done.

An Old Hunting Ground.

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FORT SCOTT, Kans., is situated in the Marmaton river valley; to the southwest there are hills, on the west and north runs the river, and still north of the river a valley, then more hills. On the west, between the town and the river is a line of lower hills that slope sharply off to a narrow field and still narrower belt of wood-land.

In the long ago when the Indians still used the flint arrowheads, this valley or field must have been the scene of battles or mighty hunts, as it is now the favorite hunting ground of the collectors of Indian relics who live in or near town. I have seen many of the arrow and spear heads found in the plowed fields and on the hill slope, ranging in size from the tiny ones an inch in length and a fourth or a half an inch in width, to the spears five or six inches in length.

They vary in color, being white, all shades of gray, mottled, black and a few red or brick color. The black is a beautiful shiny flint that must have been brought here from a distance as the common flint here is a blue gray.

North of the river bullets reward the searcher more frequently than the arrows, and are probably relics of the civil war, as the old Plaza and Government buildings are on a slight raise of ground not far from the south bank of the river.

A person collecting geological specimens has a fine field among the limestone quarries and coal mines in or near the town. Coal is mined generally by "stripping" the earth, limestone and slate from the surface, and not by shafts, as it is when found elsewhere at greater depths. The limestone abounds in fossil shells and

other remains, among them being the "Indian beads" of our childhood. These latter fossils are found here from a very small size to an inch in diameter or more.

Some specimens I found I am told are forms of coral, fossilized; one in particular is very odd, resembling the back of a turtle shell, the intersecting ridges being darker and harder than the remainder. Another I found a clay bank looks as if the clay had bubbled and the bubbles hardened into stone.

Among the slate and shale piles are found what I call (for lack of a better name) boulders; they vary in size from a half inch to a foot and a half in diameter; round or oval and slightly flattened, most of them black or dark slate color. However, I have found them white, pink or brown, sometimes broken or cracked as if from internal pressure and on examination showed smaller ones outlined where the break occurred. If someone who has studied these formations will kindly share the knowledge gained, I for one, would be glad to read and profit.

Another oddity I have seen in the country south of this and will speak of so some one may tell us more of it. The "natives" call them "nigger heads;" why I don't know; they consist of masses of rock on or near the surface of the ground with no connection to the other rock formation in the immediate vicinity.

The outside is frequently soft and easily crumbled and has a rough honey combed appearance, brown or red-brown in color. On being broken the interior is seemingly made up of a mass of threads or filaments packed closely together side by side. In the breaking it resembles a limestone found near Oklahoma City. Can some one tell us what it is, please?

To the camera enthusiast the old Government buildings, the artesian wells would prove worth preserving in their albums.

But please don't come a wheeling when it is rainy season, for if you do you will not wheel.

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REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

NEW MEMBERS

- No. 98. Rummel, Walter, 117 Nolan St, San Antonio
- No. 99. Druebert, E J, P O Box 125, New Braunfels
- No. 100. Guenther, Mrs. Dora, Columbus
- No. 101. Henley, Thos G, City National Bank, Paris
- No. 102. Strecker, J K Jr, 701 S 6th St, Waco

I have no applications to report and would again ask the members to help me in securing new material by returning to me blanks sent out in circular letters, last June 15th.

CASH ACCOUNT

General Fund, Balance on hand as per my report July 1	\$56 74
Paid Lodovic-Wood Printing Co. for 500 application blanks 500 collectors blanks and 3 forms of type written letters	\$8 50
Paid C W Brown for April Official Journal.....	49
Paid L T Brodstone for July Official Journal	45 9 44
Balance	\$47 30
Insurance Fund	\$53 09

August 1, 1903,
Total cash on hand \$100 00

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Since my last report from July 8th, I have received 3 filled books value\$31 40
Previously reported in circulation 25 value.....789 50

Total\$820 99
Less 10 books returned to owners (from which has been sold \$121.10)280 07

Books remaining in circulation 18 value\$510 99

Respectfully Submitted,
CHARLES ROEMER,
Superintendent

Government Stamps Charge.

Sir Albert de Rutzen at Bow-street, London, had before him again Walter John Richards, principal clerk in the office of the Controller of Stamps, Henry John and Percy Tidd Richards, his sons, Anthony B. Creeke, solicitor, and Alfred Waterhouse, Admiralty clerk, on the charge of dealing in Government stamps.

The case is of great interest to philatelists. Mr. R. D. Muir, for the Inland Revenue, said he would call evidence that "I. R. official" stamps overprinted with the word "Specimen," had been obtained, the "specimen" part torn off, and substituted with part of an ordinary postage stamp.

The hearing was again adjourned.

Logic

The Metropolitan Philatelist

With the numbers of collectors of stamps, and especially United States stamps, steadily increasing, and very few collections being offered for sale, did the question ever occur to you: "Where will dealers secure their stocks of U. S. stamps ten years hence?"

The Study of Archeology.

By *Dr Chas F Noe*

UNDER this heading the writer wishes to discuss particularly the Archeology of our own country, being of greatest interest to us as Americans. There are few fields of investigation of such absorbing interest as the one to be considered, necessitating as it does the study of geology, geography, history, ethnology, arts and industry and other branches. Much of its fascination may also be due to the mystery which still surrounds prehistoric man in America, with the constant possibilities of new discoveries; discoveries open to the boy collector who roams his native fields as well as the scholarly scientist.

The traces left by long forgotten races are found over our entire country, more abundant in one part than another, but probably not entirely lacking anywhere.

The best plan in taking up our study is perhaps to confine oneself principally to ones home locality. Collect all that is possible of that particular locality, study every piece carefully, learn where it was found and under what circumstances and make careful notes of everything which appears of interest or value. Visit places where finds are frequent and examine them as to any evidences of occupation as a village site or workshop. Such evidences usually consist of quantities of flint chips, broken and unfinished implements, traces of ancient fireplaces and also the finding of implements largely used in home life as pestles, hammers, mortars, scrapers and others. A good plan would be to make a map of the locality on which every village site workshop and the place of every im-

portant find could be marked.

Should the collector be so fortunate as to be located near any ancient mounds, these should form particular objects of study for him. Their size and shape, their location in relation to bluffs and water courses and the size of trees growing on them should be carefully noted. They should not be dug into indiscriminately for the purpose of finding "relics" but should be carefully examined as to structure and composition; the depth down to natural soil should be noted. Any bones which may be found should not be disturbed until their position has been noted, when they may be carefully removed and preserved.

Now a few words as to the implements ordinarily found. First of all is the everpresent arrowpoint. Probably nine collectors out of ten begin their collection with one or more arrowpoints.

The shapes and sizes in which they are found are legion, far too numerous to mention in an article of this size. The reader desiring to know all worth knowing regarding arrowpoints I refer to Dr. Wilson's "Flint Arrowheads, and knives." All stages of workmanship may be observed in them from the rudely formed flint flake to the finest masterpiece of the flint workers art. Spearheads differ from arrowheads only in size and in a general way it may be said that all points above 2½ inches in length are thought to be spearheads.

Flint knives often can not be absolutely separated from arrows and spears and doubtless many of these flint implements served the double purpose of arrowpoint and knife. Generally we regard the oval and oblong flints with one or two cutting edges as typical knives. Another class of flint implements of interest are the perforators and drills. They are

slender and tapering to a point often with a widened base for a handle. Doubtless many of these were also used on arrows as proven by a skull in the U. S. National Museum pierced by one of these implements, which was found free in the cranial cavity. Owing to their slender form they are oftener found broken than whole.

All the objects so far mentioned are shown to a better advantage when mounted on suitably tinted cardboard. They are mounted to form various patterns, concentric rings, etc., or they may be arranged according to the classification given by Dr. Wilson. Light colored objects look best on black cardboard while a lighter background should be chosen for the dark ones. Another object found in every collection is the stone axe. Stone axes are usually made of some variety of granite. They vary from a few ounces to 18-20 pounds in weight, the common ones being those from 1 to 4 pounds. They all have one or two grooves, either entirely around or on 3 sides only. The so-called ungrooved axes are properly classed as celts. These have the same variation in size as the axes although not found as heavy as these.

Pestles, hammers, hematite objects, and the various ceremonial stones are all exceedingly interesting objects of study, but as they are all rather rare they are not apt to be found in the average collection of the beginner and will be passed over for the present. In these lines I have intimated what benefits and pleasures may be derived from the study of Archeology and hope that it will stimulate collectors to report their experiences and describe unusual objects in their collections, thus giving the benefit of their knowledge to the whole brotherhood of collectors and scientists.

American Society of Curio Collectors

President—Roy Farrell Greene, Arkansas City, Kas.

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Secretary and Treasurer—Wm. Warner, Jr., 1802 A Division Ave., East St. Louis, Ill.

Official organ—The WEST.

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Department of Conchology (Marine Pacific Division)—Chas. Russell Orcutt, Superintendent, San Diego, Cal.

Department of Conchology (Terrestrial Division)—Charles Russell Orcutt, 365 12th St., San Diego, Cal.

Department of War Relics—A. H. Bailey, Superintendent, Marietta, Ga.

Department of Entomology—Prof. C. Abbott Davis, 131 Elmwood Ave., Providence, R. I.

Department of Numismatics—E. L. Bangs, 1401 Clarkson St., Baltimore, Md.

Department of Botany—C. R. Orcutt, Superintendent, San Diego, Cal.

Department of Archaeology—Arthur B. Coover, Superintendent, Roxabell, O.

Department of Birds and Mammals—Department of Geology—F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa.

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.; F. G. Hillman, New Bedford, Mass.; Basil G. Hamilton, Moose Jaw Association, Ontario, Canada; A. W. Conner, 640 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.; Oswald A. Bauer, Piermont, N. Y.; W. G. McLain, Edison, Ohio; W. C. Aiken, Angwin, Cal.; Archibald Crozier, 810 W. 5th St., Wilmington, Del.

**REPORT A. S. C. C. FOR SEPT.
FELLOW MEMBERS:—**

The proposition to increase the yet yearly dues from 25c to 50c per year and the initiation fee from 10c to 25c in the U. S., Canada and Mexico and dues for all other countries 75c was carried by a large vote, there were but two dissenting votes, and they were only partial, they wanted the initiation fee to remain 10c, the universal sentiment was for an increase. **ALL MEMBERS WILL THEREFORE TAKE NOTICE**

That beginning with Aug. 1, 1903 all new members are required to pay the new rate, those joining the A. S. C. C. after July 1st will be required to pay half the regular dues (25c) until Jan. 1st, 1904, when the fiscal year begins.

Old members and those who have paid their dues for 1903 will not be required to pay any further dues until Jan. 1st, 1904. **WM. WARNER, Secy-Treas.**

NEW MEMBERS

505 Lucia T Falconer, Shelburne, Ont
Can. Ind rels, old china, coins, medals
506 Walter Edward Lee, 609 W Lexington St, Baltimore, Md. Genl

APPLICATIONS

507 Geo A Halladay, Bellows Falls Vt
508 A Holt, 627 N Rockwell St, Chicago, Ill

509 A C McDonald, Box 1440, Butte, Mont

510 R Kieste, 406 E 2 St, Kansas City, Mo

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

61 Wm C Aiken from Angwin, Cal to 2807 Hoover St, Los Angeles, Cal

503 Robt H McCauley, 116 S Potomac St, Hagerstown, Ind to 116 S Potomac St, Hagerstown, Md

Delinquents Since Jan. 1, 1903.

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SONS OF PHILATELIA**

ORGANIZED JANUARY 1ST, 1891.

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1903 Convention Seat Clayton, Thousand Isles, NY
Dues 35c per annum, Admission fee 15c.

Applications sent to the secretary, Nov. 18 to April 18th, should be accompanied by admission fee and dues to Jan. 1st following amounting to 50c. April 19th to May 18th 36c. May 19th to June 18th 35c. June 19th to July 18th 30c. July 19th to Aug. 18th 27c. Aug 19th to Nov. 18th 24c. 18c

Members in good standing receive this, the official journal, free.

To the Members of the Sons of Philatelia

Dear Friends and Fellow Members:

In accordance with action taken by the last convention I hereby call for a new election for officers to take place on October 31st at noon.

I hereby appoint as committee on credentials: Geo W Rode, Box 1038, Pittsburg, Pa, I Stauffer and F Sermin
Nominations should be sent to the secretary at once.

Yours respectfully,

J. CLIFFORD MILLER,
President.

SONS OF PHILATELIA CONVENTION

Clayton, N. Y., Aug. 12 and 13, 1903

The president and secretary being absent Mr John J Oesch was chosen as chairman and J Delano Bartlett as acting secretary.

The convention was called to order at 12:30 Aug. 11 on the veranda of the Hubbard House with the following members present: John J Oesch, Geo W Rode, E Doebelin, J M Bartels, W C Stone, F M Burt and J Delano Bartlett
Mr W C Stone read a telegram and

letter from secretary Dodge stating that he had met with an accident on his wheel and was laid up in Amsterdam, N Y, which would make it impossible for him to be at the convention

The committee on credentials reported that a protest had been received against counting the ballots as cast on blanks sent out by the secretary as same was not prescribed by the president and the ballot was declared illegal. The committee recommended that a new election be held.

They also reported that 89 were represented by proxy, held as follows: W C Stone, 47; J D Bartlett, 16; J F Dodge, 15; Geo W Rode, 10; J A D Parks, 1.

Reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and referred to a committee of three to audit the accounts. The following were appointed on the committee: W C Stone, J D Bartlett and T J Champayne. Considerable comment was made on the secretary's report as it did not show anything in regards to the standing of membership or condition of the society. The treasurer's report showed that there was \$46.63 in his hands.

The WEST was chosen as the Official Journal for one year under the terms mentioned in a proposition from the publishers.

It was voted that the official journal shall be selected each year at the annual convention and that the following clause be inserted in the by-laws under article 10, section 2: "That the publishers shall receive such sums as may be agreed upon by the association and the publishers "

It was voted that the office of secretary and the office of treasurer shall not be held by the same person and that the by-laws be amended and corrected to coincide.

It was voted that a committee of

three be appointed by president Miller for the purpose of revising and correcting the by-laws, also that the work on, and the publication of, the handbook be dispensed with until the report of the by-law committee is made and accepted by the president and trustees

It was ordered that a call be made for an election of officers and that the nominations close Oct. 31st, 1903 and the polls close Dec. 21st, 1903 at noon, and that the president appoint a committee on credentials to count said ballot.

Pittsburg was chosen as the convention seat for 1904 to be held on the 2nd Wednesday in August.

J. D. BARTLETT,
Acting Secretary.

Fellow Members:

Being away from home, I will be unable to furnish a full report for this issue of official journal. I am glad, however, to announce the following:

REINSTATEMENTS

148—R. E. Smith. 33—Herbert Clark.
264—Charles Lahm. 51—R. O. Kieling.
240—J. B. Tyrell. 58—Mrs. M. Skilton.
34—J. H. Makins. 329—H. S. Herman.
156—F. A. Quinby. 344—John H. Ever-
192—Jos. L. Weber. son.
231—A. A. Van Wie.

I regret I was not able to be personally present at the convention. I met with a severe accident at Amsterdam, N. Y., and was disabled for two days and hence am unable to give full report but perhaps the publisher has a report elsewhere. In next issue I will give a little account of my trip if "Brody" has room, which will be of interest to the membership.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. F. DODGE, Secy.

Do not be too well satisfied with the present volume of your business—large, though it may be. There is no reason why you should not double it. Advertising will do it.

WM WARNER, JR, Secy

*Southern Philatelic
Association*

NEW OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

President Joel H. DuBose, Huguenot, Ga.
Vice Pres., F. W. Coning, New Brunswick, N. J.
Secy-Treas., W. P. Kelley, Kansas City, Mo.
Sales Supt., Chas. Waring, Knoxville, Tenn.
Int. Secy., F. Noyes, Alice, Texas.
Librarian, E. L. Maxon, Winter Park, Fla.
Trustees, H. A. Herzog and H. G. Askew of Austin, Texas.
Official Organ, The WEST.

VALEDICTORY.

Dear Fellow Members:

This is my last opportunity to address you in the capacity of president, for with the life of this convention my term of office comes to its close.

I desire to express to you my gratification on the healthful condition of our society today. Though not yet large, her membership is larger and in much better shape than it was at the beginning of the year, which is quite encouraging. Our nominations insure us a fine array of officers for the next term and I trust our progress will continue unimpeded, and that ere long we will have the satisfaction of regaining in membership and prestige all we lost during the past few years.

Our society, though sectional in name, is in spirit national, our membership being well scattered north, east and west, as well as south. I say with pride, that we have the proper material upon which to build a first class national society, and to this end all our members should lend their best efforts. Toward this end I now wish to make one suggestion. It is impossible to give all the benefits of a first class society 25c annual dues. I therefore recommend the raising of our dues 50c. This would allow us to issue a year book and after a while we could probably afford to issue our own official organ. I beg that the members of this convention discuss this ques-

tion thoroughly and report the result so that if found popular it may be subsequently put to a mail vote.

Giving three cheers for the Southern Philatelic Association, and trusting her watchword will ever be, "onward, upward," I now make my valedictory bow.

JOEL H. DUBOSE, Pres. S. P. A.

REPORT OF SEC.-TREAS. S. P. A.

Annual Convention of the Southern Philatelic Association was called to order Thursday, August 20, 1903, by W. P. Kelley, Sec-Treas., the president and vice president being absent, in Chicago Philatelic Society's rooms.

L T Brodstone was appointed chairman; Committee on Credentials made report and election of officers resulted as follows:

President, F W Coning, New Brunswick, N. J; Vice President, F. Fuesell, St Louis, Mo; Sec-Treas. W P Kelley, Kansas City, Mo; Int Secy, H Fenton, Columbus, Ohio; Sales Supt, C Waring, Knoxville, Tenn; Librarian, Dr R L Allen, Waynesville, N C; Counterfeit Detector, F Noyes, Alice, Texas; Attorney, Frank D Goodhue, Cincinnati, Ohio; Purchasing Agent, H S Vanderburg, Lithgow, N Y; Trustees, H G Askew, H A Hezog, Austin, Texas. Official Organ, Philatelic WEST.

Total number votes cast 18. Proxies held as follows: C E Severn, 7; W P Kelley 8; C Waring 1.

Reports of officers were accepted.

St Louis was selected as convention place for 1904. Time and place to be announced later.

The idea of a philatelic emblem was discussed with much enthusiasm by the members present. After the convention the members were entertained in an excellent manner by the committee appointed by the Chicago Philatelic Society.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 285 T G Crosby, Chicago, Ill.
- 286 J C Auf Der Heide, Amsterdam, Holland.
- 287 Otto F Harrington, Neura Gerona, Cuba.
- 288 C Doscoloskie, Athens, Greece.
- 289 Jno N Clements, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 290 A D Blair jr., Elmira, N Y

APPLICATIONS.

- Marshall Hancock, 5100 Hibbord Ave, Chicago, Ill. Student. References, S E Moisant, W P Kelley.
- E B Jones, 923 W 19, Sioux City, Ia, R R Postal Clerk. References, J H DuBoise, J A Cork.
- Andrew J Kirby, 30 Ash Street, Fall River, Mass. Printer and stamp dealer. Reference, N Hathway jr, W P Kelley.

Fellow members:—Now as we have a new set of officers, send for an application blank and let's have one hundred paid up members by Jan. 1, 1904. We can do it if each of you brings in a new member by that time. Our convention was a success in every way, and with a live official journal like the WEST, why should we not grow. Respectfully,

W. P. KELLEY, Sec-Treas, 3324 Peery Ave, Kansas City, Mo.

Stationery, etc, \$4.25; Official Journal, \$1.38.) - - 4.83
 Balance Aug. 17, '03 - 8.31
 Respectfully,

W. P. KELLEY, Sec-Treas. S. P. A.
 3324 Peery Ave, Kansas City, Mo.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

In circulation Nov. 29, 1902, 34		
books, value - - -	\$520.34	
Received since	19	
books, value - - -		290.00
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	19	\$811.30
Retired, (sales \$139.36)	30	
books, value - - -		374.53
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Now in circulation	23	\$436.77
Insurance fund Aug. 4, 1903		93.10

The department has not lost a stamp or had a complaint during the year.

I have now been Superintendent of Sales S. P. A., for 6 years. During this time have received 655 books, value \$11,689.86; retired 632 books, value \$11,253.17; from which have been sold stamps to the value of \$2,909., about 26 per cent.

Chicago is 1000 miles from Knoxville, and I can't spare the time to attend the convention; but wish you all a good time, and success to S. P. A.

CHAS. WARING.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Total membership August 12, 1902	17
Members admitted since - - -	25
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	42
Resigned, (R D Bradley)	1
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Total membership August 17, 1903	41
Balance received from Aug. Dietz, Aug. 12, 1902 - - -	\$1.43
Received since (Dues, Initiation Fees, etc.) - - -	15.31
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	16.74

Expense (Printing, 2.75; Express \$1.05; Postage, \$1.05; Postage,

An Italian Naturalist's Collection.

Count Turati, an Italian naturalist, recently made a gift of peculiar scientific interest to the museum of Milan. After fourteen years of zealous labour the count has amassed a collection of the birds of Lombardy under almost unique conditions of actual life. The birds, with their nests, eggs and young, are presented among their characteristic surroundings. Altogether two hundred different species are represented by one thousand pairs of parent birds, nine hundred and eighty young, and one thousand nine hundred eggs. There are also five thousand eggs of miscellaneous species of birds.



NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY. 222

Nebraska's Pride.

ORGANIZED 1892. LARGEST STATE SOCIETY EXTANT.

Pres. E. H. Wilkinson, Omaha, Sta. C.
V-Pres., F. B. Woolston, Omaha, Registry Dept.
Secy-Treas., L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr.
Sales Supt., Rev. H. Wendt, Sterling.
Auc. Manager, C. L. Pond, Omaha, Box 584.
Librarian, H. T. Parker, Lincoln, 245 S 15 St.
Count. Detector, W. C. Estes, Omaha, Bx 1262.
Attorney, H. Whipple, Omaha, N Y Life Bldg;
Trustees, W. Hendricks, Paxton Hotel, Omaha.
Hopson & Peterson.

President's Report.

Following its usual custom, the Nebraska Philatelic Society will hold its annual convention in Omaha in the evening of the last day of Ak-sar-ben festivities, the dates of which are familiar to all. Our conventions are marked by a general good time, the sessions brief and the tediousness usually attendant upon society meetings reduced to the minimum. Whether a member or not, you are heartily invited to be present. The location of the convention hall can be ascertained by inquiry of Mr. Mortenson, at the offices of the Omaha Stamp and Coin Co., 209 South 13th Street, Omaha.

Nominations in order. Send to Secretary.

Sincerely,
E. H. WILKINSON,
President.

Omaha, Sept. 1st.

Change of Address.

H. W. Conard from Lincoln to Edgemont, S. Dakota,

Renewals.

Dan D. Doolittle, Fremont, Bx. 544

Applications.

S. Betzer, David City. Ref. Brodstone
W. Ackerman, Omaha, 1115, So 30 Ave

Trust all members will send in nominations for officers at our next convention held at Omaha the last day of Ak-sar-ben.

TWIN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Twin City Philatelic Society meets second Friday of each month at No. 535 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.

President—E L Porter, 413 Wood street, Pittsburg, Pa.

Vice President—Dr T L Hazzard, 56 Montgomery avenue, Allegheny, Pa.

Secretary—Geo W Rode, 255 Fifth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

Treasurer—Anton Platz, 314 Fourth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Sales Superintendent—J M Crom, East Pittsburg, Pa.

Librarian—Max Arnheim, 908 Liberty Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Counterfeit Detector—H E Wilson, Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.

Regular meeting, Aug. 14, 1903.

The meeting was called to order by

President Porter at 8:30 P. M. In the

absence of the Secretary, Mr. Adam

E. Daum acted as Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting

were read and approved. Roll call

showed 6 members and 1 visitor present.

The annual reports of the Treasurer

and financial Secretary were read

and approved.

The application for membership of

Mr. W. A. Hemphill was read, and,

under the rules, referred to the Executive

Committee. The Financial Secretary

reported the collection of dues

amounting to \$4.45.

After the usual informal auction sale

the meeting adjourned.

After adjournment, the president exhibited

a large number of new issues

which he had just received.

ADAM E. DAUM,

Sec. pro tem.

Small Ads.

Small ads of two or three lines are

a very important feature in mail order

advertising. The object of these

small ads is to attract inquiries, the

scheme being to follow these inquiries

up with the elaborate circular matter.

It is almost impossible to draw cash

returns from a small ad, but if properly

worded, it may be made to stimulate

curiosity and attract inquiries for

further "particulars."

*American Souvenir
Card Exchange Club*

Miss M. Keller. President: R. W. Geaque, 96 Wall St., New York. Secy-Treas.

Dues: Domestic. 50c; Foreign 75c per year in advance.

Application blanks of Secretary.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 32 Alois Verdernjak, 2072, 2nd Ave. N Y
- 33 H A Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn.
- 39 Ward W. Smith, 542 Lincoln Ave., Fergus Falls, Minn
- 40 W A Rickard, 359 Hoffman St., Elmira, N Y
- 41 A Hawksett, 1607 Hawthorne Ave., Minneapolis, Minn
- 42 Miss F Alexander, 416 Marion St. Seattle, Wash
- 43 Maria Luisa Alonco, 30 Animas St., Havanna, Cuba
- 44 Florence Muhme, 415 Summit St., Toledo, Ohio
- 45 Elizabeth L Nash, 11 South Maple St, Westfield, Mass
- 46 Edward John Low, Salina, Ks.
- 47 Edmund J Gee, 915 Lombard St. Wilmington, Del
- 48 T M Morrow, 49 Spring St. St. John N B Canada
- 49 Max B Elias, 815 Winnebago, Wis

TO MEMBERS—Remember the premium of three unused souvenir postal cards for every member you get. Send for blanks. "Get the habit."

SPECIAL—Those who are already subscribers to the WEST may join for half the regular rate. Special members do not receive the WEST with this membership, but get all the rest of the benefits.

DUES—Domestic 50c; Foreign 75c per annum in advance. Members get membership card, five unused souvenir post cards, one year's subscription to the WEST and have their name published in exchange column.

J-O-I-N J-O-I-N "GET THE HABIT"

I Fisher, Fisher, Ill. I would rather miss all the rest of my papers than to miss one number of the WEST.

Largest Stamp Society in America

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ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 3, 1899.

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Officer DuBose wants price of dues at 50c and trust may do more at the next meeting at St Louis when Southern Ass'n meets and trust can hold a Philatelic Congress and get better way to get at the frauds and such class we have to contend with.

Our last report on frauds is small but we are glad to help all we can and there has been complaint on party named J Adam Camelot, N Y by J Gray of Chicago, 112 Diversey St. We are sorry to say Adams had an ad in the WEST and we seem unable to get any reply from him.

Detroit Stamp Co as well as Curio Co. and Slade of Detroit, Mich all seem impossible to get rets of and we would like to hear from any that have been able to get reply from these parties.

Roberge Sorel, Canada says he has been unable to get claim of Vail of Atlantic, Iowa.

Scott Willimas, Seattle, Wash., (see their ads in eastern papers) best not send them orders for several readers have been caught and have not heard of any being paid.



Camera News



Editor, F. J. CLV E. San Francisco.

Trimming and Mounting.

By W C Stone,
Larmer, Missouri.

THERE is an amount of satisfaction not understood or felt by the non-photographic individual, in having secured a negative of good quality and from it a print that is entirely satisfactory, both as to subject, treatment and technique. Gratifying as such a situation is, the photographer should not fail to realize that the picture may still be made or ruined during the operation of trimming and mounting.

To start with; do not have your buildings and trees leaning to one side when they should stand straight. Square your print by some perpendicular line in the composition, if you have failed to level the camera in making the exposure. Occasions sometimes arise when it is even desirable to alter the lines of a print even though the camera was perfectly level during the exposure. I have in mind a view taken not long ago in which a pretty birch tree with a small stream at its foot formed the principal subject. The tree leaned in such a way that it seemed the print was not "plumb." The print was trimmed to correct this much to its improvement, although close examination of the water by one knowing the facts revealed the fact that it was not perfectly level.

In trimming your prints use a stubby

shoemakers knife, such as that useful artisan will sell you very cheaply as having outlived its value to him. A sheet of glass used as a cutting board gives very clean edges, but it dulls the knife quite rapidly. A sheet of zinc is a good substitute but the cut of the knife produces a burr that soon makes it useless. A sheet of aluminum has not this latter defect and is perhaps the ideal trimming surface. A sheet should be obtained and at once fastened to a piece of board a trifle smaller, by bending over the edges and tacking fast. This will keep it from becoming bent and buckled as well as insuring at all times a flat surface. No matter what is used as the surface upon which the cutting is done, an oil stone should always be at hand that the knife may be given a few rubs upon its surface after every few cuts. This is much better than allowing it to become dull and liable to tear the prints, before sharpening.

I prefer to mount my prints after they are dry, but often moisten their backs by passing a damp sponge over their backs; particularly those made on the heavy grades of developing papers. This is done just before applying the mountant. A good paste is made by simply stirring up a little plain starch to about the consistency of cream and the boiling it until it becomes clear. This will not keep longer than forty-eight hours in warm weather

but in winter will remain sweet for almost any length of time.

Use a brush with black bristles and you can then see any hairs that come out, before the print is pasted down. Never apply the print roller directly to the face of the print, but place a sheet of clean paper between them. Should the pressure of the roller not prove sufficient, a few rubs with the flat side of the ruler used in trimming, will generally secure good contact.

In selecting mounts choose those large enough to give a generous margin around the print. Remember that a dark mount will make the lights in your picture seem stronger and that a light mount will have the same effect upon the darks of your print. Keep on hand a few sheets of mounting board of different shades and try their varying effects upon your prints before mounting. You will find that a great deal depends upon the selection of a suitable shade or tint; dark or light, warm or cold in tone as seems most suitable to the print in hand.



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cautioned not to write these new members without first consulting the regular "Exchange Notices" accompanying their names in the current issue of the "PHOTOGRAPHIC EXCHANGE" as many of them desire only a certain class of prints, lantern slides or stereoptic pictures, and will not honor requests in which such notices have been ignored.

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A Solution Developer.

A photographer who has made a large number of experiments in one solution developers recommends the following formula as the best which he has been able to find:

Hot distilled water, 1 pint; sodium sulphite (anhydrous), 560 grains; pyro, 90 grains; potassium carbonate, 112 grains; sodium carbonate, 224 grains; potassium bromide, 8 grains.

This solution keeps best in a dark brown colored bottle.

L. M. H.—Unmounting Photographs
—To unmount photographic prints, put them face downward upon a clean board or on a glass. Wring out a cloth that has been soaked in water (preferably warm) so that it will not drip, and place it three or four folds thick upon the prints. It should be so folded that its size is just sufficient to cover them. Put another piece of glass on top, and then a weight. Leave the whole arrangement for several hours until the mount is damped right through, when the print will come off nicely without damage.

CLEANLINESS.

An otherwise careful worker will not reap the full benefit of his care unless he sees that his graduates, trays, stirring rods, bottles, benches and dark room are scrupulously clean. It pays to be oldmaidish in matters of this kind. When you get through developing, fixing, washing, toning, intensifying or reducing, pour the solutions back into their respective bottles and thoroughly wash all trays, etc., before putting them away for future use. This is the proper time to do these things—when you get through using them. If you put fresh developer in a tray or graduate still uncleansed from old or different solutions, the new bath will contain chemicals of a nature or in a condition which will materially change its composition. This is directly opposed to the very point I am trying

to impress upon you, to wit, the need of knowing just what your developer contains. Another thing, I have found that you cannot wash your hands too often when handling photographic solutions. Every time my fingers touch a solution, no matter if this occurs fifty times in an hour, I have formed the habit of dipping them in clean water and wiping them on a towel which I keep handy for the purpose. This is nothing but a habit, but it is certainly a good one.

The Best Developer Formula.

There is no "best" formula for all brands of plates. Employ the one recommended by the maker of those you are using. Try the experiment I once saw made and you will learn the advantage of using the formula given by the manufacturer of the plates. Expose two plates of different make by drawing out the slide a short distance between each of three or four exposures of equal duration, on both plates. They will both have received, we will say, strips of exposure having respectively one-half, one, one and one-half, and two seconds. Cut these plates in two, crosswise of the exposure strips, and then develop half of each plate side by side in each maker's developer. You will find that the strip developed in its own formula will prove the best. As an illustration: The amount of pyro that a Cramer plate seems to crave will block up the high lights in a Seed plate, and so on through the list. Each plate has its own peculiarities that must be respected.

In an auction held at Christie's in London, the well-known picture "Peasant's Dancing," by Paul Potter (1649), fetched \$14,175, or just \$50.00 for every square inch of the canvas.

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Expect to hold meeting in Omaha during Aksarben, particulars in next No.

Notes from The Illinois College of Photography.

WE were recently honored by a visit from Mr. W. S. Lively, Pres., and Mr. W. G. McFadden, Ex-Pres. of the Kentucky and Tennessee Association of Photographers. From the College they proceeded to Indianapolis to attend the National Convention. Both gentlemen expressed themselves as more than pleased with the equipment of the College and at the excellence of the instruction given.

Prof. Raymer gave a talk and demonstration at the Michigan Ohio Convention at Saginaw and reported a very successful convention, despite the fact that it was held so short a time before the National event.

During the past month we have had with us Mr. Raymond Overton of Patchogue, L. I., a former student, who is now official photographer for the D. L. & W. R. R., and Miss Ada Lodge who returned to look up old

friends.

The College Camera Club has adopted a beautiful club pin. It cannot be well described but is solid gold and a beauty.

Miss Dora I. Dudley, sister of Prof. Dudley of the finishing department, has come from her home in Rutland, Mass., to make an extended stay with her brother in this city.

The latest addition to our matrimonial record is Mr. Scott Tinlin of Carrollton, O., who has captured a Kentucky young lady. We had some intimation of this event at the time Scott was imbibing photography with us. Another is Miss Inez M. Ewing of Kansas, who has been lassoed by an ardent Kansan of her home city. We extend hearty congratulations to all.

Prior to the Convention, the students were treated to an excellent talk by Mr. Geo. Holloway, Sec. of the P. A. of A., on photography in general, particularly on personality for photographers.

Mr. Chas. H. Nichols concluded the day with a very practical talk and demonstration on flash-light work.

We have been favored by a visit from Mr. Frank V. Chambers, affable editor of the CAMERA of Philadelphia. We are not at all surprised that the CAMERA is such a success.

While at the Indianapolis Convention it was our pleasure to meet fifty or more former students. This is as it should be. It is an indication that they have a desire to keep up with the times, and secure all the new ideas and methods.

We are looking forward with considerable pleasure to the visit promised us by Mr. Bellsmith of Helios Paper Co. While with us, Mr. Bellsmith will give one of his inimitable lectures and demonstrations. This, no doubt, will be most interesting and beneficial to our students.



Answers

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

Miss B. R.—Cleaning Trays of Stains.

—If hydrochloric acid will not remove stains from trays, brisk rubbing with a tuft of any kind of paper will almost always do so, a mixture of one part hydrochloric acid and one part water is a very useful thing for every dark room. Dishes, measures, etc., if rinsed out once or twice with this mixture are easily made quite clear. Moreover it decomposes hypo and thus renders innocuous, as regards its subsequent use, any dish which has been used for fixing, provided the dish is not made of porous material or is cracked.

R. D. H.—Coloring Bromide Enlargements.—A correspondent has had trouble trying to tint some bromide enlargements with oil-color; the colors, which are necessarily very thin, run into small knots. He should first spray the print with a very weak alcoholic solution of white lac. Another plan is to apply a thin coating of weak size, such as 10 grains of gelatine to an ounce of hot water, applying it while warm.

W. E. W.—Combining Clouds in Prints.—Block out the sky on your landscape negative with some opaque water color, or some of the medium sold for the purpose, so that it prints quite white. Then put the print in contact with the cloud negative in a printing frame, and cover the part where the landscape will come with a mask of black paper torn roughly to the outline of the sky line. Cover the whole frame with a sheet of card, and in full day-

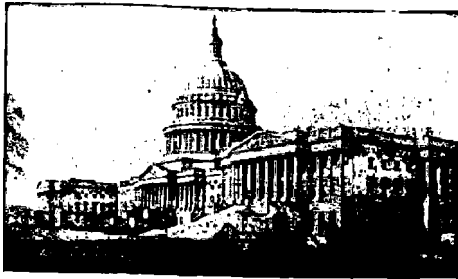
light, slowly draw the card downwards until it reaches the horizon line, then immediately begin to push it upward. Repeat until sufficiently printed.

S. P. N.—Fixing Bath and Developing Paper.—One quart of the ordinary acid fixing bath recommended for the various developing papers will fix about 50,000 square inches of prints, possibly a few more. That means 200 of your 4x5 prints. You must keep the bath acid enough to smell quite plainly of the acetic acid by adding more of the hardening solution as the smell of acid is lost. It is best to mix up some little amount of the hardening solution and keep it under a good tight fitting cork. You have then but to add one ounce of the hardening solution to every eight ounces of the regular one in four fixing bath and there is not the same temptation to use old fixing bath as there is when the hardening solution must be mixed up every time new bath is made.

G. F.—Preparing Skeleton Leaves.—Place the leaves in an earthen vessel, and pour over them a large quantity of rain water. Leave the vessel in the open air exposed to the sun, and replenish the water as it evaporates. The leaves will purify in a few weeks, and the two membranes will separate, the green part becoming fluid. When this stage arrives, place the leaves on a white plate, cover them with clean water, and gently squeeze them to induce the membranes to open and release the green substance at the edges. Be very careful in separating them near the middle rib. When this once starts the whole membrane follows easily, and when both sides of the leaf are stripped the skeleton is finished, and may then be washed in clear water and dried between blotting paper. They are sometimes bleached with a solution of chloride of lime.

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HOW TO DEVELOP PLATES.

Lay the dry plate (taking care that the film side is uppermost) in a dry dish and pour the developer over it in one sweep, so as to cover the plate all over with it at once. If a portion of the plate be left uncovered, even for only a few seconds, there will probably be a mark on the finished negative. In order to avoid this danger, use plenty of developer—in a 4x5 dish, not less than an ounce and a half (two ounces are better); in a 5x7 dish at least three ounces, and so on. Rock the dish during development, constantly if you can, and in both directions. The use of this is twofold. In the first place it has a great influence on the vigor and brilliancy of the negative. If two plates be treated in every way the same except that one is rocked during development and the other not, the difference between the resulting negatives is surprising; the one which has not been rocked will be found poor and flat in comparison with the other. The reason of this is curious. The

action of development releases bromine from the silver bromide of the plate, which bromine immediately combines with alkali, forming a bromide. Now, this additional bromide, if not disturbed by rocking, remains in the developer at the place where formed, so that development at that part of the plate is additionally restrained. It will be easily seen that most bromide will be formed, and most restraining action occur, just at those places where action ought to be most vigorous and less in the less exposed parts; the latter will therefore develop more and the former less than they should, producing less contrast—i. e., flatness in the resulting negative.

Another result of rocking is to prevent a mottled appearance, which often shows itself on any large plain portion of the image, such as a plain background or sky. However "safe" you may consider your light to be, do not expose your plate to it more than is absolutely necessary. Have a cover for your developing dish, and keep it on except when you want to look at the plate.

Photographing On Japanese Linen.

THE latest application of photography is combining it with needlework and lace for table decoration. Linen and silk table covers, table centers and doilies can be most artistically illustrated. One particularly effective set is made of Japanese linen. The table cover is fringed with a photograph of landscape in each of the four corners, around these corner illustrations are marked delicate colored autumn flowers, just the kind one finds by the country roadsides during October, for the rest is made as a memento of an autumn trip a wheel, and the illustrations all picture some pretty bit of landscape, episode, or companion seen during the trip. The doilies all have in their centers a photograph several sizes smaller than those on the lunch cloth. These pictures in each of which the wheels and their corners are always present, are framed by a Dresden pattern of the same wild flowers seen in the cloth. The center piece, which is round, has a series of miniature pictures in which a history of the entire trip is illustrated. These photographs are all framed by wreaths of tiny blossoms and have very much the effect of a series of madrilkins. The maker of this dainty set, who, it is needless to say, is devoted to both wheel and camera, as well as an expert needle woman, and gives the following advice and suggestions about the work. "The first care must be to select Bold sharply cut negatives for this illustrations. Then proceed to sensitize the fabric, linen, we will say. First make certain that the material contains no dressing or any ingredient that may cause stains. This is easily done by washing it well in clean water. The best medium for salting of fabrics is arrowroot. If directions are carefully

carried out, failures with it should never occur. Make a salting solution by taking a teaspoonful of arrowroot and adding to it a sufficient quantity of water to make a smooth paste. Now put in an enamel kettle or other vessel from which there is no possibility of a stain, a quart or more of clear water. Into this dissolve sufficient fine table salt to make the water slightly salt to the taste. When this comes to a boil, pour into it the arrowroot paste, stirring all the while, until a thin gelatinous fluid is formed. Then set aside to cool, when cold, the linen having been well washed in clear water, is immersed in the arrowroot solution. After being thoroughly saturated it is taken out and dried before a quick fire. It should dry slightly stiff. When dry, sensitize by immersing it in a bath composed of 150 grains of nitrate of silver; dissolve in three ounces of clear cold water and rendered slightly acid by inserting a glass rod dipped in nitric acid. In a perfectly clear earthen dish place as much of this nitrate of silver solution as will thoroughly saturate the dry salted cloth. A few seconds immersion is sufficient. Then hold the cloth before the brisk fire and dry it a second time. Again it should dry slightly stiff and without stains. Now brilliant prints can be made without trouble, such operations may be done in a duly lighted room instead of a dark one provide the cloth is dried off rapidly before a brisk fire. It is not a difficult operation in any sense and a period of ten minutes is sufficient to prepare a piece of cloth and have it in the printing frame. It is always best to have the cloth freshly prepared. In printing the image should appear a great deal darker before it is taken from the printing frame than it is intended to appear when finished, for the density will be lost in the toning and fixing processes. After the printing is finished the cloth is washed in three changes of water as rapidly as possible to remove the free silver. The print is then immersed in an ordinary acetate of gold toning bath. The image will tone rapidly to a deep purple black and after washing is fixed in weak Hypo which when ironed out and finished presents a charming appearance.—Photo Straws Brooklyn N Y



Editor SAYS

Mr. Stone of Lamar, Mo. again favors us with one of his valuable contributions. Mr. Stone is an ardent admirer of the WEST and although his occupation as traveling salesman for a large wholesale house has compelled him to almost entirely give up his photographic work, his interest in that direction still continues.

I would be pleased to have all of the readers of the WEST send me such clippings of papers as may fall into their hands, containing mention of exhibitions, clubs, prizes for photographs, or any other matters pertaining to photography. While they may not all be used such items generally contain matter of interest and they will be highly appreciated by the editor of this department.

On another page will be found an article clipped from an old issue of Photo Straws, 658 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, N. Y. We have been asked to publish such an article and when anything of a practical nature is asked for one has but to turn to a file of this bright little 50 cent magazine in order to find it. The last issue just to hand contains a wealth of good things, in fact, if they would only copy a few highly scientific articles from some of the foreign magazines and scatter them through a few more pages, it would compare most favorably with some of its high priced contemporaries. Send for a sample copy.

"Nature and The Camera" is a new

book recently published by Doubleday Page & Co., New York. Price, net \$1.35. This book should be in the hands of every photographer who carries his camera afield. In fact, every photographer; because detailed instructions are given as to how many of the most charming of the forty or more full page subjects were secured by means of an enclosure used as a combined cage and studio. The illustrations are a revelation and fully sustain the author's reputation as the leader in this kind of work. This gentleman, Mr. A. Radcliffe Dugmore, has, in this book, practically exhausted the subject of photographing live birds, animals, fish, flowers and the like. Every step is explained from the selection of a plate to the final operation, and explained in such a way that one at once recognizes the fact that the instructor not only knows how, but is capable of imparting the information to others. The publisher's name is a guarantee of the style in which the volume is presented.

Photographing Cats and Dogs.

Before attempting to photograph these pets settle exactly the position that they shall occupy, and arrange table, chair, cushions or whatnot, and carefully set up camera and focus the selected spot. When this has been done, place the animal in position, and let it settle down before attempting to make an exposure. So soon as the desired attitude is secured, take a glance at the focussing screen and get the dark slide in position and the plate ready for exposure. A low whistle, or even a scratching of the camera itself will attract the attention of the cat or dog, and the exposure can be made with almost a certainty that a good photograph will be secured.

Much patience is required to secure successful photographs of animals, but the preliminary work of setting up camera and arranging the focus may well be done before worrying the poor animals to "look pleasant," etc.

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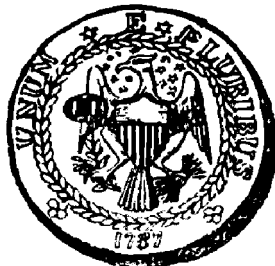
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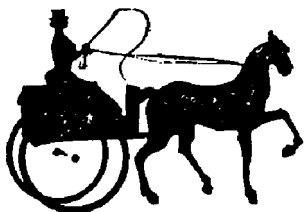
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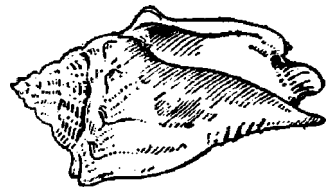
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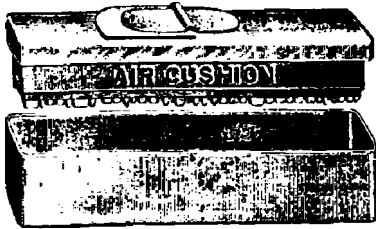


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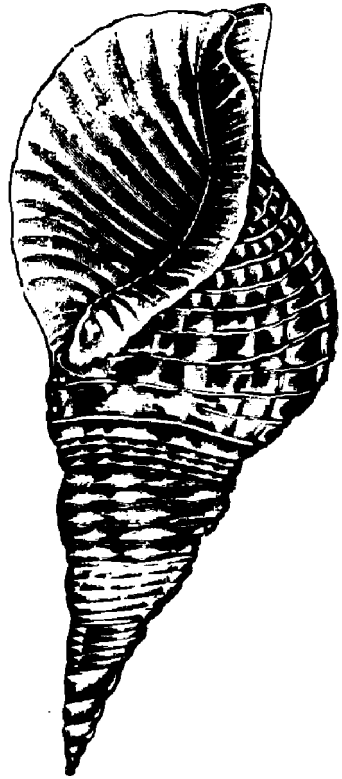
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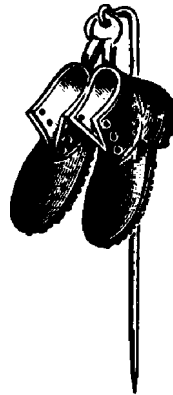
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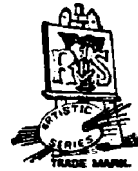
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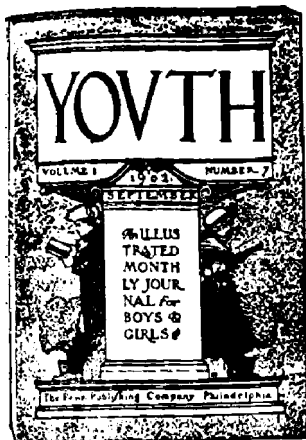
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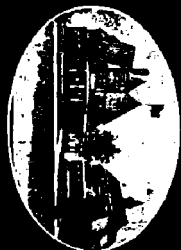
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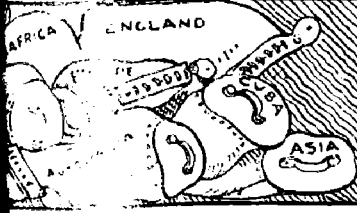


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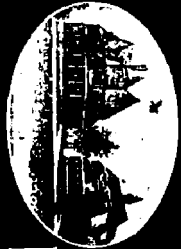
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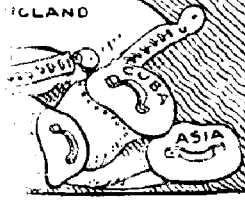


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121 1897, 5c green.....	02
*134 1898-99, ½ on 1c, blue.....	03
142 1899, 5m blue.....	02
143 1899, 1c green.....	01
144 1899, 2c orange.....	02
145 1899, 5c blue.....	01
147 1900, 5m orange.....	01
*148 1900, 7c carmine.....	22
*149 1900, 20c blue.....	32
*150 1900, 5c on 10c.....	10
151 1900, 1c green (* 2c).....	01
*152 1900, 2c vermilion.....	04
153 1900, 5c blue.....	01
*154 1900, 7c orange.....	11
*155 1900, 10c lilac (used, 6c).....	15

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*51 1895, 4c on \$1 red.....	04
66 1896, 1c lilac and black.....	02
67 1896, 2c blue and black.....	03
68 1896, 3c bistre and black.....	03
69 1896, 5c green and black.....	05
70 1896, 6c brown red and black.....	05
71 1896, 8c rose and black.....	07
72 1897, 1c lilac and black.....	01
73 1897, 2c blue and black.....	02
74 1897, 3c bistre and black.....	02
75 1897, 5c green and black.....	03
76 1897, 6c brown red and black.....	04
77 1897, 8c red and black.....	05
*78 1897, 12c orange and black.....	06
79 1897, 18c bistre and black.....	06
80 1897, 24c lilac and blue.....	08
*94 1899, 4c brown and black.....	04
*95 1900, 2c green and black.....	02
*96 1900, 4c carmine and black.....	04
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"	2c yellow brown, used.....		35
"	5c purple, used.....		40
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"	2c carmine, used.....		30
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"	6c light green, used.....		35
"	6c light green, unused.....	20	1 50
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Fiji	40 1d used	.18	.06	"	81 2c red "	"	.05 .03
Fiji	40 a 1c blue used	.50	.20	"	82 5c blue "	"	.12 .08
"	42 2d green "	.08	.04	New Caledonia	40 1c black used		.02
"	44 6d rose "	.05?	.10	"	41 2c brown "		.02
"	45 1 sh brown "	.50	.20	"	42 4c claret "		.03 .02
"	49 2 1/2 "	.25	.10	"	43 5c green "		.04 .02
"	50 4d red violet "		.08	"	44 10c black "		.02
"	50a 4d violet "		.06	"	45 15c blue "		.04 .02
"	52 1/2 d slate "	.03	.02	"	46 20c red "		.05 .04
"	55 1d black "	.08	.04	"	47 25c black "		.05 .01
"	56 2d green "	.04	.02	"	50 50c red "		.08
"	57 5d blue "	.15	.08	"	54 15c on 30 unsd	.15	.08
"	58 1d lilac rose "	.04	.02	"	55 5c yel grn usd		.02
"	101 1d brn red cancel.		.02	Samoa	9 1/2 d violet used or un		.08 .04
"	102 3d "		.05	"	10 1d green "		.08 .03
"	1sh "same"		.03	"	11 2d yellow used		.08
Hawaii	31 2d rd usd	40	.25	"	11b 2d orange "		.10
"	32 5c blue "	70	.40	"	14 1sh rose "		.20
"	33 6c grn "	60	.30	Tonga	2 2d violet unused		.15 .08
"	35 2c brn "	10	.06	"	3 6d blue "		.35 .20
"	36 12c blk "	150	.75	"	4 6d orange "		.35 .20
"	74 1c yel un og	04	.02	"	5 1 sh green "	1.00	.50
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"	76 5c rose "	15	.08	"	11 2d gray unused		.15 .08
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" treas " 10c green	2 50	57
" unpaid letter, 3c red brn	2 00	42
" 1869 10c yellow.	75	18
" 1847 5c	85	29
" env, 1874 die 2 B, 2c brn on amber, fine condi'n	15 00	5 00
" 1847 10c....	3 50	1 39
" 1961 5c brn, slight tear.	5 00	2 06
" env 1853 10c green on buff paper.....	2 00	52
" env 1853 6c green.....	3 00	76
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x1902, 3, 4, 5, 10c, cat 26c	.06	.30	2.50
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Bulgaria			
8 varieties, all issues	.04	.25	2.00
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25 varieties, all issues	.25	1.50	12.50
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Belgium			
1861, 10, 20, 40c	.07	.40	3.50
1863, 10, 20, 40c	.08	.45	
Parcel Post, 1895-98, 8 varieties	.12	.70	6.00
Unpaid, 5, 10, 20c	.05	.30	2.40
British North Borneo.			
1887, 1/2 to 10c, 9 var	.17	1.10	10.00
1894, 1 to 8c	.18	1.25	12.00
1894, 1 to 24c, 9 var., cat. 1.38	.40	2.50	20.00
1897, 1, 2, 3c	.05	.30	2.90
1897, 1-8c, 6 varieties	.15	.90	8.00
1901, Dues 2-8c, 6 var	.15	1.00	
1901, Dues 2-24c, 9 var	.40	2.50	
1897-01, 1, 2, 3, 4c	.07	.45	4.00

British Colonies.

	1 set	10 sets	100 sets
50 varieties	.20	1.40	
100 varieties	.60	4.00	
500 varieties	10.00	65.00	
Brazil			
x1900, Jubilee, compl	.40	3.00	
20 varieties	.18	1.10	
25 varieties	.25	1.50	
Columbian Republic.			
5 varieties	.40	.15	
10 varieties	.10	.50	
15 varieties	.15	.90	
20 varieties	.25	1.50	
Crete			
1900, 1, 5, 10 L	.06	.35	
1900, 1, 5, 10, 20 L	.12	.70	
1901, Dues 2-24c 9 var	.40	2.50	
1897-01, 1, 2, 3, 4c	.07	.45	
Chili			
1900-1902, 6 var, 1-10c	.07	.40	
China, 1/2-10c, 6 var.	.10	.60	
Cuba, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c	.10	.60	
x50 varieties	.65		
Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippines, 100 var	1.30	9.00	
Canada			
24 varieties mounted fine	.20	1.10	
xTobacco, 65 var. very rare	1.50		
xTobacco, 100 var. very rare	3.50		
Denmark, 20 var.	.15	.80	
Dutch Indies, 6 var.	.06	.30	
Dutch Indies, 11 var	.12	.70	
Egypt, 10 var, cat 26c	.10	.60	
Ecuador.			
xJubilee, 1896, 3 var	.07	.40	
xJubilee, 1896, 7 var complete	.25	1.50	
Jubilee, 1896, 7 var., complete, used	.25	1.50	
Finland, 10 var	.08	.40	
Finland, Russia, 4 var	.05	.25	
Gibraltar, 4 varieties	.08	.45	
Gibraltar, 6 varieties	.10	.60	

The Stamps of Roumania

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

BY R. R. THIELE.

(continued)

B. PERFORATED 11½

- 1½ bani, silver-gray, black, deep black, on white paper.
5 bani, olive green, from light to dark on tinted paper.
5 " greenish blue, pale green, meadow green, on tinted paper.
5 " dark greenish-blue (1885) on tinted paper.
10 " rose, from light to dark, salmon (1880), on tinted paper.
15 " pale brown-red, on tinted paper.
25 " blue, dark blue, " " "
50 " ochre-brown, Type I " "
50 " " " " II " "
50 " yellow-brown, " I (October 1879), on tinted paper.
50 " yellow-brown Type II on tinted paper.

The note following the preceding 50 bani applies to these last two stamps. The 5 bani has served cut in two diagonally to frank printed matter.

VARIETY.

- 5 bani, imperforate vertically.

C. PERFORATED 13½.

- 1½ bani, gray, black, on white paper.
10 " pale rose, " " "
10 " salmon-rose, on tinted paper.

VARIETY

- 1½ bani imperforate vertically

D. PERFORATED 13½x11½.

- 1½ bani gray-black, on white paper
10 bani, salmon-rose on tinted paper
(These are both Scotts Nos. 60 to 72; the different perforations are there not arranged in sets. Note of translator.)

A new plate was prepared for the 15 bani in 1880; the stamps printed from this plate may be recognized not only by their shade, but also by the different form of the figure 1 in 15, which this

time has a small dash.

PERFORATED 11

- 15 bani, rosy red Type I on white paper
15 " " " " II " " "

These two types found on the same sheet are distinguished by the length of the figure 1.

Of all values of the Bucarest prints there exists a large number of essays printed in all possible colors; some of these essays have even served postally. The more brilliant shades of these essays generally reveal their origin. They are found imperforate, perforate, imperforate horizontally and imperforate; these perforations are generally very coarse.

ISSUE OF JULY 1880

New design, profile to left of Prince Charles I on a background composed of horizontal lines enclosed by a circle of 86 pearls; inscription *Posta Romana* in Roman capitals on white ground in a label arched at the top; at the bottom the word *Bani* on a background of horizontal lines, in each of the lower corners an upright octagon containing large figures of value in color on white ground.

The stamps were printed in the Government establishment at Bucarest, like the foregoing, on paper of medium thickness, wove and sometimes on very thin and highly glazed paper. According to the force of the impression during the printing of the stamps, the pearls of the circle appear more or less large. The perforation is as before: 11, 11½, 13½ and compound.

The characteristic of this issue and the following one is the use of exceptionally large figures for expressing the value; one might truly say that the administration jumped from one extreme to the other and this time completely sacrificed the appearance of the stamps to assure the practical side of easier reading of the value.

(Continued.)





BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

SOME precancelled stamps have appeared from Beverly, Mass., but it is said they are bogus.

The remainders of the \$1, \$2 and \$5 United States Stamps, old issue, 40,000 in all, have been destroyed. Now all values of the old series have been destroyed.

Turkey had 6,393 postal employes in 1902 and 5,504,525 letters were sent by the officials. There were 14,467,767 domestic letters and 712,448 registered letters sent. The postal receipts were about \$2,622,472.

The recent provisional stamps of Peru were issued for speculative purpose. The stamps were sold in blocks of 10,000 to the highest bidder. Thirty-seven thousand were printed of the 5 and 10 correos and 40,000 of the 10 correos.

When collectors talk about a stamp being in mint condition they intend to convey the meaning that it is absolutely perfect.

The deficit in the U. S. postoffice department for the fiscal year 1903 was nearly \$5,000,000, an increase of over \$3,000,000 over 1902.

Among the countries which have reprinted their stamps for the purpose of presenting specimens to other postal administrations are Cape of Good Hope, British Guiana, India and New Brunswick.

New Cuban Revenue Stamp BY O. HARRINGTON

I have just received a fine specimen of the new Cuban revenue stamp. The stamp is about an inch long by $\frac{3}{4}$ wide and blue in color. At the top on two ribbons one under the other are the two words "Impuesto Provincial" (Province Tax). In the center in a circle is "2 centavos" half in and half out of this circle is the Cuban coat of arms. Under this on one straight and one curved ribbon are the words "Sello Movil", (

) and under this is the name of the province. In the back ground, on one side is a palm tree and on the other a spray of tobacco. All stamps are cancelled, before leaving the government office, with pale pink.

This tax is being put on so as to raise money enough to pay the expenses that Cuba will be under, at the St. Louis Exposition. This is causing much dissatisfaction among the people, as they say the army should be paid first. The sum necessary for the expenses at the Exposition is \$80,000 American gold.

Not Generally Known.

It is not generally known that the first French reprints and also the first reprints ever made were made at the request of Sir Rowland Hill, the inventor of the postage stamp and the founder of our postal system. Sir Rowland was a philatelist and in 1862 wrote to the French government and asked for specimens of all of the varieties of obsolete French stamps for his collection. There were no remainders and, as they wished to oblige Sir Rowland, who was then at the head of the British postoffice department, reprints were made and sent to him.

Notes for U. S. Collectors

BY E. R. ALDRICH

The current two cent comes precancelled, Peoria, Ill. It looks as though it was done with a rubber stamp and it is probable that the position varies upon different stamps. The first specimen I saw was removed from the cover and I thought it was probably an ordinary cancelled stamp from a package which caution to contents caused to be cancelled without the use of the dater as is customary at many offices but a few days later I received through the mails a circular franked by the stamp and can unhesitatingly say it was precancelled.

The Philatelic World reports the one cent precancelled at two new localities, Avon, N. Y. and Detroit, Mich.

I recently saw the two cent documentary on the original cover used for postage on June 30, 1898, the day before the war tax which brought it into existence went into force. This is an aggravated case of the early bird and the worm.

Some day thirty or forty years from now the philatelists of the future will be hotly disputing over the use of the I. R. surcharged postage doing postal duty. While the department later ruled against their postal use it is an undisputed fact that they did actually at first pass unchallenged through the post. I know of one town clerk in my own county who received a half or dozen or so letters with chattel mortgages to record from a machine man each of which was franked by a pair of one cent stamps and which came unchallenged in August of 1898. Afterwards meeting the sender I inquired why he used them and found out that they were mailed on a train

late at night and that he being unable to secure postage stamps could see no reason why his revenues should not carry his mail. "The government received their money just the same."

The following statistic given in the report superintendent of mail service under date of Oct. 26, 1896 gives an idea of the amount of mail the department and shows an average increase of a half billion pieces a year.

1884	4,519,661,900
1885	4,948,059,400
1886	5,329,059,475
1887	5,834,690,875
1888	6,528,772,060
1889	7,026,837,130
1890	7,847,723,600
1891	8,546,370,090
1892	9,227,816,090
1893	9,772,075,810
1894	10,033,973,790
1895	10,377,875,040
1896	11,166,323,240

In the C. P. S. sale of Sept. 26 was offered one of the rare unstamped envelopes made U. S. P. O. D 94 water-marked papers. It is said a few were found in this shape and the cataloguer says they are worth \$10 each.

In the same sale a double impressed 4 cent on amber 1887 is offered. Envelope oddities except in the one and two cent values are not frequently met with and are desirable property.

A stamp which attracts much attention is the new \$100 of Straits Settlements. The stamp bears King Edward's portrait and is printed in dull brown on canary colored paper. The value is expressed at the bottom of the stamp and at the top the inscription "Straits Settlements" in green appears.

The sale of the Helgoland postoffice for the year ending March 1 in mail orders (probably sent to dealers or collectors) are said to have been a trifling over \$60,000.

A Stamp Reverie.

F. E. Halbert

THE stamp collector is not reaping the full benefit of his hobby if he does not have at least a few stamps on original covers. I have decided that in the future I shall collect nothing else in the stamp line.

In looking over an album of interest one can, if he has a lively imagination (and what collector has not?) derive a good deal of satisfaction and delight in studying them. In glancing through my album I note a few that I have associated with certain ideas.

Here is a five cent '56 issue red-brown; this one evidently carried a letter from some youth at school to his mother. The address is in a boyish looking hand writing; the stamp is a little askew and there is a big blot below the address.

In former days people were more careful to preserve letters than they are now; especially love letters; for they were generally considered too sacred to be destroyed. I wonder how many of our philatelic friends have a bundle of the tender missives tied with a narrow ribbon and hidden in the bottom of their trunk.

Here is one which I feel sure once carried a lot of "mush" to a love-lorn swain. The stamp, a fine 10 cent '61 second issue, was carefully placed in the corner. The envelope looks as though the stamp had been removed and replaced more accurately in the corner. The address was carefully written, some of the letters being erased and anxiously rewritten. The paper is still quite white showing that it was kept from the light and other people's eyes.

Another one is somewhat different: Addressed with a trembling hand without much attempt at exactness; those

spots on the envelope suggest tear-stains. There was evidently sad news in this letter. Perhaps the sad tidings of some loved one passed over the "great divide." The next envelope shows that it held a rather bulky missive, apparently some school-girl effusion hastily written in pencil to her bosom friend.

So one could go on through the whole album. There are few envelopes that do not give some idea of what their contents were. Sometimes, of course, one would hit wide of the mark; but unless we have the original letter to prove otherwise, "ignorance is bliss."

Here is another cover which is somewhat uncertain in appearance. The stamp is up side down; the address is in a man's hand-writing with a few erratic strokes, evidently hurriedly written. What does it appear to be? The original cover is inside. We draw it forth and read:

"Dearest Wife:—

Before you read this I shall have passed through the dark valley. I made up my mind yesterday that I stood between you and happiness. I don't blame you for I know that you never loved me. I hope that you will be happier with Rufus than you have been with me. You are to have all the property but my gold watch which I want little Harry to have. Think of me sometimes as,

Your faithful, Jack.

p. s. They will find my body somewhere below Gaston's bridge. J.

A collection of entires represents something more than a few bits of bright paper stuck in a book. Romance, reality, comedy, tragedy, friendship and business all find a place in my album. If you have no collection of entire envelopes start one at once and you will bless the day that you did so.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY ?

Conducted by
L. G. DORPAT, Bx 37, Wayside, 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.

133. ARE THE CHINESE LOCALS GOOD FOR POSTAGE, AND, IF SO, WHERE? In the Postal Guide for April 1903 the following is found regards the Chinese constituent of the Universal Postal Union: "Hong Kong and the post offices maintained by Hong Kong at Kiang Chow, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foo Chow, Unig Po, Shanghai, Hankow". Comparing these with the names of Chinese locals in Scotts catalogue we find that they do not coincide. It seems therefor that the Hong Kong stamps only are good in the U. P. U. while all the other locals serve local purposes only. Any further information would be gladly and thankfully received.

134 DOES COREA BELONG TO THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION? Yes. It does now. It did not before the Japan-Chinese war.

135 WERE THE FIRST DUE STAMPS OF FRANCE LITHOGRAPHED? Yes. But shortly after the first printing the same design was engraved and the stamps were then printed from a plate by the surface-printing process. The two productions are so very near alike that it is hard to distinguish them. The lithographs, of course, are quite smooth both on face and back, but in the surface-printed stamps the design may appear slightly raised on the back, i. e. if the stamp has not been flattened by pressure after printing. Used copies can hardly be distinguished.

136 WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ORIGINALS AND REPRINTS OF THE STAMPS OF AUSTRIA? The colors of the originals are dull and those of the reprints bright. The cheaper varieties of the originals are easily obtained used compare with these any unused or doubtful stamp. The originals are on hand made paper varying in thickness, the reprints on machine made more uniform and whiter paper. This applies to the issues before 1855 only. The original gum is thick and will not easily dissolve in water, soaking will cause it to swell; the gum of the reprints is thinner and dissolves more readily. The perforation of 1858 was 15, reprints of this issue are perforated 12, 11 and 13 according to the time when they were made. The issue of 1863 is perforated 14 and after 1864 $9\frac{1}{2}$, the reprints of 1884 13 and later ones anything from 10 to $13\frac{1}{2}$, as the regular issues after 1884 also show various perforations.

137 COLUMBIAN AND OTHER U. S. STAMPS SOMETIMES VARY IN SIZE, WHAT IS THE CAUSE? Uneven shrinkage of paper. In the peculiar process of printing, called line engraved, copper plate, steel engraved, taille deuce, the paper is wetted before the printing proper is done. As the moisture in the paper varies at the moment of printing, the subsequent contraction will vary too, leaving the impression in uneven sizes. In a whole sheet this shrinkage may amount to quite a good deal. In all cases where the paper is fed lengthwise and sideways the picture may be considerably distorted, as paper usually shrinks more the one way than the other. Careful photographers ought to know that from experience.

Many Salvador stamps are priced and offered in an ostensibly used condition; but practically all so offered are of the canceled to order brand.



Revenue Dep't.

Conducted by
Charles A. Nast.

I wish to make a correction in my last month's notes and comments. Owing to my own poor chirography several typographical errors occurred which demand explanation. All through the article on part perforates, the printer has it "post" perforates and Mr. Douglas's protest I called a mild one and not a "wild" one.

I have received from several correspondents and readers of the WEST letters urging me to give the matter of perforations on U. S. Revs more attention, and commending my course. I have just read Major Evans article on perforations and I agree with him heartily as to the matter of perforation itself being secondary to the color, texture, quality, etc. of the paper, notwithstanding our catalogs are loaded down with lists of the same stamps, priced variously as to whether they are 11 or 12½, or 12½ and 13 or 12½ or 14. Really this is carrying minor varieties to a ridiculous extent to my mind and I think minutiae of this sort are of infinitely less importance, than the shades of color found in the same printings of a stamp. But as against this fad of noting microscopic differences in the perforations themselves, we are now calling attention to the marked differences in part perforates as to what parts of the stamp are perforated and what parts are left plain. Our catalog lists quite a number of U. S. Revenues as having been only partly perforated i. e. on two sides of the stamp but it has never yet distinguished be-

tween those which are perforated on the left and right sides, having top and bottom plain, (the common way) and those which are perforated on the top and bottom leaving the two sides plain and which latter is the uncommon or rarer variety. Just suppose for a moment any such pronounced difference existed in a postage stamp of almost any country and especially a British Colony, what would the effect on prices be? I propose to sift this matter to the bottom and find out just what stamps are perforated in this rare way and I ask the kindly cooperation of my readers. As a new discovery I will add this month the 50c Probate of Will, p. p. top and bottom.

While we are on this subject I will call attention to the fact that recently a Boston firm advertised the \$20 00 Probate of Will which catalogs at \$35.00 as being of a beautiful color (orange) and "perfect in every way except a row of sewing machine perforations down the center of the stamp" offered at \$19.50. Now what does this mean? It does not mean that the stamp was perforated down the center by the government's machine like some of our freaks, but simply that at the time of ensembling the will the maker for reasons of safety sewed the stamp onto the instrument using a sewing machine, so that when it should at some later day be presented for probate its legality could not be questioned. As is well known as a rule wills are not recorded until after the death of the maker and with many people it was a question as to whether a will made without the necessary stamp attached at time of signing was valid; some contending that it was not, others that the affixing of the stamp when offering it for probate was sufficient. The better practice therefore and one which careful persons observed was to place the tax stamp upon the instrument at time of signing and in the presence of the witnesses. I have

two copies of this stamp both having been sewn to the will in this way and since reading the aforesaid advertisement I am curious to know if there are any copies of this stamp free from this defect, in other words absolutely perfect.

The following ingenious suggestion is contained in the last number of the "Metropolitan". To anyone who wishes to undertake the task I will suggest that the Boston revenue book will aid him materially.

A curious revival of the present day is the great interest taken in private revenue stamps. Match and medicines are quite to the fore at the present time. Dealers having any stock of the above find sales far surpass that of any other branch. This opens a virgin field for philatelic workers. No one has ever prepared a list of portraits appearing on American proprietary stamps. A list would not be very difficult to secure, although there might be a few blanks that would be hard to fill. Who will tackle the job and write out a list of the immortals?

Lately it has been suggested to Messrs Geo. Duck, F. L. Smith, E. B. Aldrich and others who are active in the Precancelled Stamp Club, that the scope of its usefulness and activity be extended so as to include in their books on the exchange circuit, precancelled proprietary stamps. Heretofore the society has restricted its operations to postage stamps only, but if it can be prevailed upon to let the collectors of precancelled proprietaries come in and share the burdens and the benefits of the association, it would add at least fifty first class active members to its roll. It would be infinitely better for all interested to combine forces than to start a new society. There are too many of these as it is. We hope the suggestion will be acted upon favorably.

Under the caption "A Fascinating Sideline" the last number of the Performer

has this to say:

Recently our attention was called to the growing demand for United States Revenue proofs by a prominent collector. We believe the best collection of proofs in this country is owned by Mr. H. B. Seagrave of Michigan. He is known to have quite a collection of these proofs, and his duplicates could form several more collections. There are many fine collections owned in this city and Boston.

Proofs of United States Revenues are much scarcer than a great many collectors have the faintest idea of, in fact, many of them are hardly procurable. There are many proofs of regular United States postage stamps, but they are not in the class of U. S. Revenue proofs as regards to rarity. It is seldom that any of these proofs are offered, in fact, there are more ready purchasers than willing sellers. Recently a quantity of these proofs, we believe about \$1000.00 worth, were purchased by one collector, who wished to make additions to his duplicates for exchanging purposes. The collection of proofs seems to be of recent birth. A decade or two ago, Revenue proofs were of very little importance, but in recent years, this side line has gained considerably in favor, and has ever been gaining since.

Occasionally we notice a few lots of these proofs offered at auction, and in most instances they fetch high prices. This proves that bidders are eager to improve their collections regardless of expense. In regard to expense we are of the opinion, that if we are to judge from what we have seen, that U. S. Revenue proofs are desirable property to have, as the demand is constantly increasing and we see no perceptible increase of supply. The amount expended for these proofs, we think is well invested. This side line is quite fascinating, as it urges a collector on to procure all the desirable specimens that are not easily procurable. Not like collecting postage stamps, when you can procure almost any specimen you wish by just paying the price. With these proofs it is different, you must hustle to get them, as very few dealers carry them in stock. We would advise, that if any collector likes to engage in a fascinating side line let him take up United States Revenue proofs, and he will have something to relieve him when time hangs heavy on his hands.

Notes From Europe By J. C. Auf Der Heide

DEAR readers of the WEST: As I could not find any time to write my notes for the WEST, I have kept you waiting for such a long time, although I believe that there was not much to tell about the philatelic affairs going on in Europe. The wet weather has caused much collecting during the summer months and many stamp dealers have had good business during the dull season.

Catalogues Senf and Kohl are expected to come from the press shortly. As I have seen from the advance sheets of Senf catalogue many prices have been changed. Specially the stamps of Holland have come to the front with better prices. A great many of the Dutch stamps, which are priced very low in catalogues, are not to be had at those prices, even not in lots of 100 or more. Gibbons notes the Dutch Indies Queen 12½c gray at one penny and every dealer in this country should feel happy if he could buy a hundred or more for 50 shillings. Other stamps, that are priced too low, are the Dutch of the third edition, the values of 25 and 50c being very rare, and not to be had at reasonable prices, as dealers pay themselves more than catalogue value.

Readers will note that there is a little mistake in the advertisement of Mr. J. Riethoff, which is his right name and not Reeshoff. He told me he had much success on his advertisement in the WEST and should like to hear from every reader.

A new sort of cancellation is coming up in Holland, the cancellation of Ex-

Libris or Bookplates. Very high prices are paid for them. I should like to hear from any party who is interested in these bookplates.

The collecting of fiscals is growing rapidly in Europe, and more and more of the greater dealers are starting a line in revenue stamps. There are already some good collections in the Netherlands.

Coin collection is not so popular, and it is only the wise, money-foreseeing men who start such a collection. Boy collectors are not known in this country.

There is established in Amsterdam a new philatelic society with about eighty members.

One of the large publishing houses in this town has under the press a "vademecum" for stamp collectors, which will be sold for only 10 cents Dutch or 4 cents American. I am sure this little booklet will add many new collectors to our ranks.

Some years ago I was in Belgium, and although it is known, that in this country are many great collections, boy collecting does not exist. Shops from where they sell stamps in sheets and packets, are very scarce, and not a twentieth part of those existing in Holland and Germany.

A new stamp of 5 cents for Suriname figure, and one for 12½ cents for Curacao have appeared.

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1900, 1, 2, 6c	.04	.25	2.00
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Olympian, varieties	.05	.30	2.75
Olympian, 1 L to 1 Dr			
9 varieties	.40	2 50	
1901, 1 L to 20 L, 6 var	.05	.25	2.00
1901, 1 L to 1 Dr 11 var	.25	1.50	
10 varieties, all issues	.08	.40	3.50
15 varieties, all issues	.10	.60	5 50
20 varieties, all issues	.18	1 00	9 00
25 varieties, all issues	.30	2 00	18 00
30 varieties, all issues	.50	3 90	
Hawaii			
8 varieties	.20	1 40	12 00
Official, complete	2.90	(3 set	6 50)
Haiti			
7 kinds	.13	.80	
1894, 3, 5, 7, 20c; 1898,			
2c, 5c	.16	1 10	10 00
Hong-Kong			
1901, 2, 4, 5, 10c	.06	.40	3 50
Indo China, 6 var	.10	.60	
Gibraltar			
*1/2, 1, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 6D and			
1 Sh	.90	7 00	
Holland			
1890, 5 varieties	.02	.08	.70
1890, 8 varieties	.04	.10	.70
1890, 14 varieties	.12	.70	6.00
Unpaid, 7 varieties	.10	.60	5.50
Italy, 1901, 5 varieties	.02	.10	.80
Italy, 1901, 6 varieties	.02	.12	1.00
Japan			
13 var. 1 S to 1 Yen	.07	.40	3 50
1896 4 varieties	.08	.50	4.00
1900, 5 R to 50 S, var.	.15	.80	7.50
10 varieties	.03	.15	1.25
40 varieties, postage, mounted	.30	1 70	16 00
40 varieties, postage and revenues	.20	1 20	
Kew Kiang (China)			
*1/2 to 40c, 11 var, cat.			
\$2.25	.80	5 25	
Labuan			
1896, 25, 50, 1.00	.40	2 60	
1897, 1, 2, 3c	.05	.30	2.80
1897, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8c	.15	.90	8.50
1901, Dues, 2, 3, 4, 5, .6, 8c	.15	1 00	9 00
1901, Dues, 2 to 24c, 9 varieties	.40	2 50	
Monkey Set, 4 var	.15	1 00	9.50
*1902, 2 to 50c, 9 var.	1.20		

	1 set	10 sets	100 sets
Luxemburg			
6 varieties	.04	.20	1.50
10 varieties	.07	.40	3.00
Nyassaland			
*1897, 10c to 300 Reis, Cat \$1.87	.75	4 75	
*1897, 15c to 300 Reis	.70	4 00	
*1898, 13 varieties, cat. 1.88	.50	3 00	
1901, 7 varieties	.19	1 20	11.00
1901 10 varieties	.40	2 70	
1901, 13, complete	.85	5 50	
Mexico			
1899, 1 to 20c, 7 var	.12	.70	6 50
Mozambique			
*1892, 5 R to 50 R	.20	1 10	10 00
*1892, 5 R to 300 R	.50	3 00	27 00
Norway, 20 varieties	.12	.60	6 50
Norway, 25 varieties	.20	1 15	11 00
New Brunswick			
*1, 2, 5, 10, 12 1/2, 17c	.60	4 50	
New Zealand			
1897, 1/2 Py to 1 | Sh	1.75		
1902, 1/2 Py to 1 | Sh	1.00		
Nicaragua			
*Wrappers, 2, 4c	.05	.25	2 00
Wrappers and Euv's, 6 var	.15	.90	8 00
Perak			
Tigers, 1892, 1, 2c	.04	.25	2 25
Tigers, 1895-98, 5 var	.15	.90	8 50
Tigers, 1895-00, 6 var	.20	1 30	
Portugal, 10 varieties	.04	.20	
Paraguay 10 varieties	.20	1 40	13 00
Pan-Americans			
1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10c	.16	1 10	10 00
Peru			
1895-96, 1, 2, 5c	.09	.60	5 00
1896-9, 7 varieties	.05	.30	2 75
1898, 1, 2, 5c	.07	.40	3 50
1901, 1, 2, 5c	.04	.30	2 50
*Old Issues, 6 var, cat 26c	.08	.45	4 00
*Old Issues, 10 var, cat 40c	.12	.70	6 00
*Old Issues, 13 var, cat \$1.08	.30	1 75	
*Old Issues, 14 var, cat 1.38	.40	2 20	
*Old and New Issues, 10 var	.10	.60	5 00
Old and New Issues, 14 var	.18	.90	7 00
Philippine Islands			
*1880-89, 8 varieties	.15	.80	7 00
*1890-97, 10 varieties	.07	.40	3 90
1900, 1, 2, 5, 10c	.15	.90	

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	1 set	10 sets	100 sets		1 set	10 sets	100 sets	
Russia, 8 varieties	.04	.20			1892 30 on 32c	.15	1.10	
Russia 20 varieties	.10	.60	2.75		1892 25c	.06	.35	
Roumania, 14 varieties	.07	.30	3.00		1894 5c brown	.03	.15	
Roumania, 15 varieties	.07	.35	3.00		1895 3c rose	.01	.05	
*Salvador, 1867, 4 var	.25	1.90			1898 3c brown	.02	.10	
*San Marino, Jubilee, complete	.20	1.40			1898 4 on 5c carmine	.02	.10	
Servia, 10 varieties	.09	.45	4.00		1900, 4c carmine	.02	.10	
Servia, 11 varieties	.10	.60	5.00		King's Head, assorted		.90	
Soudan					Seychelles			
1896, 1, 2, 3, 5, 1 pia	.20	1.20	11.00		*1890 8c	.10	.60	
*1898, 1, 2, 3, 5m	.15	.90			*1890 10c	.12	.75	
1898, complete, 8	1.35	10.00			*1890 13c	.16	1.20	
Shanghai					*1892 3 on 5c	.05	.30	
*Unpaid, 3 varieties	.05	.25	2.25		*1892 12c	.12	.80	
*Unpaid, 7 var Cat. 79c	.18	1.30	12.00		*1893, 12 on 16c	.28	2.00	
*Postage, 4 varieties	.07	.35	3.00		The following are used.			
*Postage, 7 varieties	.18	1.35			1890 8c	.11	.70	
Spain					1890 13c	.15	1.00	
Postage none punched 20 var	.06	.30	2.75		1892 3 on 4c	.05	.30	
Postage none punched 30 var	.10	.60	5.50		1892 12 on 16c	.18	1.20	
Postage none punched 50 var	.25	1.30	12.00		1892 15 on 16c	.15	1.00	
Postage none punched 100 var	1.90				1892 45 on 48c	.85	6.50	
1901, 2-25c, 5 var	.04	.20	1.50		1896 18 on 45c	.15	.90	
1901, 2, 1 Peso, 8 var	.10	.50	4.50		1893 15c	.12	.75	
Strait Settlements, 6 var	.10	.55	4.25		1900 2 R, 25c	.90		
Strait Settlements, 10 var	.15	1.00	9.50		Porto Rico—Cont'd			
Servia					Mauritius, assorted	S 50	Pr 100 \$4 75	
1890, 15, violet	.02	.10	.40		Persia, well assorted	90		
1890, 50c, brown	.03	.15	1.40		Peru, 1896-99, 10-12 var	40	3 50	
1894, 25, blue	.01	.05	.40		Panama, maps	1 00		
*1884, 1 D, green, o. g. cat 15c	.03	.20	1.60		Paraguay	90	8 50	
1900, 10 on 20, Error J	.02	.10	.90		*Philippines, 7 var, fine	30	2 40	
Perak					Russia, assorted	05	.40	
1892, 1c	.03	.12	1.10		Reunion, 1892-00, assorted	40	3 50	
1892, 2c	.03	.15	1.40		Siam, various issues and prov	1 40	13 00	
1895-99, 10c, lilac and orange	.06	.35	3.00		Spain, 1889, 13 var	20	1 75	
Selangor					Spain, 1901	15	1 25	
1892, 1c, (obsolete)	.02	.12	.90		Spain, 25-30 var	20	1 50	
1895, 3c (obsolete)	.02	.10	.85		Spain, 30-40	35	3 00	
Sierre Leone					Spain, 8 var	10	.65	
1896, 1 Py	.02	.10	.90		Spain Revs, 20-25 kinds	30	2 50	
*1897, 1 Py, large	.18	1.20	12.00		St Vincent, St Lucia, Gold Coast	1 10	10 00	
1897, 1 Py, large used	.26	1.80			Straits, Native States, Johore, Perak, Selangor,	1 20	11 00	
Sarawak					St Vincent Revs fine mixture, old issues	35	3 00	
*1901, 1c	.02	.10	.75		Sweden, 20-25 kinds	20		
*1901, 2c	.03	.18	1.50		Straits No. 1	55	5 00	
Strait Settlements					Straits No. 2, XXP	75	7 00	
1884, 30c	.08	.55	5.25		Straits, King's head	90		
1884 96c	.40	3.00			Sweden			
1884 5c	.02	.15	1.25		30 Varieties	.10	.60	
1883 10c	.03	.25	2.00		50 Varieties	.35	2.20	
1892 1c	.01	.05	.45		Official, 10 varieties	.10	.60	
					Switzerland, 15 var	.08	.40	
					Turkey			
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3 1861 90c* Corner replaced ..	15.00	1	fine.....	60	1
well centered			61 Ecuador *1899 scarce, 2 sets ..	58	8
4 1861 90c Damaged.....	3.50	1	52 Finland, fine lot of 6.....	58	5
5 1866 cot No 76 fine	4.00	1	53 German China, cat No 4		
6 1866 " " 76 fine	4.00	1	block of 4.....	60	4
7 1866 15c* very fine.....	10.00	1	54 Hawaii cat No *31 fine.....	75	1
8 1869 1c pen marked but has			32 fine.....	70	1
cleaned, well centered			56 " " *33 fine.....	60	
9 1869 15c.....	1.50	1	57 " " *34 fine.....	1.25	1
10 1869 15c very fine.....	1.50	1	58 " " *41.....	2.50	1
11 1870 24c good.....	1.50	1	59 " " *45.....	1.25	1
12 1870 24c good.....	1.50	1	60 " " *46.....	2.50	1
13 1873 30c fine pair.....	1.00	2	61 " " *64.....	1.50	1
14 1879* 5 fine.....	1.00	1	62 Cat No *61, 78, 82, fine.....	82	8
15 Cat No * 205 216 fine.....	.75	2	63 Hayti cat No 42 fine.....	90	15
16 1890 90.....	.50	1	64 Mexico cat No 301 very fine..		2
17 1890 90c very fine pair.....	1.00	2	65 Montserrat cat No 1.....	50	1
18 1895 51 black fine.....	.42	1	66 Netherland cat No 7 fine.....	60	4
19 Cat No 238 240 fine.....	.85	2	68 Few Brunswick cat No 7 fine..	30	3
20 St Omaha very fine.....	1.00	1	69 Newfoundland cat No 27*....	1.20	2
21 52 *Omaha very fine face.....	2.00	1	70 " " cat No 33*		
22 Cat No 189 632.....	.85	5	perfectly centered, scarce	5.00	1
23 30 var of U S good lot.....	4.00	30	71 Newfoundland cat No 36*....	.75	1
24 32 " " " " " ".....	3.28	32	72 " " cat No 48 (7) 84 (7)1.12	14	14
25 U S Due stamps, 1c to 30c ..	1.34	13	73 " " 49*.....	30	1
26 U S Postoffice*1c fine.....	4	1	74 " " 67*face.....	40	5
27 U S " 1, 2, 2, 6, 12c..	1.50	5	75 " " 68*face.....	50	4
28 " Rev perf \$1 manifest fine	3.00	5	76 " " 69*face.....	48	4
29 " \$1 mortg punched, filled	3.00	1	77 " " *54, 101, 102*		
30 " \$1 " fine " " 3.00	3.00	1	and wrappers*.....	75	6
31 " \$1 passage ticket, punch			78 Norway cat No 36 d damaged		
fine and filled.....	6.00	1	41b.....		2
32 U S \$1 passage ticket, punch			79 North Borneo, cat No 105 to		
fine and fillen.....	6.00	1	109, 111, 112, 114, 115, 116....		10
33 1898 Rev 1 1/4c* gnm rare shade			80 Nova Scotia 1864 5c on cover		
34 1898 Rev uncut 80c gne.....	.75	5	fine.....	30	1
35 1898 53 brown very fine.....	1.50	10	81 Nova Scotia 1864 2c on cover		
36 1898 510 black, very fine.....		1	fine.....	60	1
Foreign Stamps					
37 Antigua cat No* 21 fine.....		1	82 Nova Scotia 1864, 10c on cover	1.50	1
38 Argentine Rep fine lot of 20	1.75	20	83 Orange Riv Col cat No *52....	60	1
39 Brazil fine lot of 12.....	1.75	12	84 Paraguay 1902 1 on 14, 5 on		
40 Canada cat No 18 2c.....	1.25	1	30, 5 on 60c, 1 on 1 p all*		
41 Canada* very fine lot of 12	1.27	12	85 Peru cat No 160 (2) 164 (2)		4
42 Cat No 60 face.....	.50	1	86 Samoa, cat No 12, 13, 14, 15		
43 Cat Nos 84 15 fine.....	.75	15	24, 27, fine.....	1.80	6
44 Cape of Good Hope cat No 4	40	1	87 Siam cat No 8* very fine....	2.50	1
45 Ceylon cat No 45.....	.48	4	88 " " 2*, 3*, 15, 16a* 22*	1.02	5
46 Chile cat, No 34, 40 very fine	1.75	20	89 Virgin Is., cat No 19* blocks		
47 Costa Rica 1889* 1c to 50c 6			of 12, fine.....		6
sets.....	90	30	91 British Col fine mixed lot*... 2.03	15	
48 Cuba* cat No 225-230, block			92 " " " " " *... 88	12	
of 6 each.....	1.32	12	63 " " " " " used 50	15	
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50c Entry of Goods, blue	05	02
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THE magnitude of the annual philatelic expenditure is well understood among philatelists themselves. They are well aware that the principal revenue of some countries is derived from the sale of stamps to collectors. That the public is becoming familiar with this fact is evidenced by such newspaper items as the following. This is clipped from the Financial Times, a well known English publication, and was inspired by a recent government report relating to the affairs of Turks Islands. It appearing from this report that in the past year the postal revenue decreased 43 per cent, the Times was led to observe that "From such a heavy decline it would be assumed that letter writing has gone out of fashion in the colony, or that a boycott has been established against the postoffice; but this is not the explanation. It is simply that stamp collectors no longer purchased stamps, as the old issue had been completely sold out, and the present series of stamps have been in use for some two years."



We have received from some brimstone-penned critic, whom in the absence of any other nom de plume we will dub "Anon", a complaint that while numerous juvenile publications solicit philatelic advertising they fail to give philately itself a great amount of attention, the literary feast dished up for the delectation of their philatelic readers consisting of a column or so of items clipped from philatelic publications.

There is, however, one young people's paper which is doing its share, and more, in educating its young readers in things philatelic. Under the able management of that facile scribe, Mr. Louis G. Quackenbush, the Junior must be praised for a propagandism which is well worthy of imitation. The influence of such matter as appears in its columns is far-reaching indeed. We would suggest that "Anon" forward blue-penciled copies of the Junior to those publishers against whom his invectives are directed.



In considering non-philatelic publications which devote space to philately, an English monthly, the Connoisseur, is of interest. This monthly is largely supported by the elite—you will know this to be true when you learn that it is sold for four shillings per copy. It is de luxe from cover to cover. The philatelic department is conducted by Mr. Edward K. Nankivell and is sans reproche. This magazine, in striking contrast to those mentioned in a preceding paragraph, find philately and numismatics well worthy of attention.



Bellamy, in his most visionary excesses, never conceived the "Going to School by Mail" idea that is now so common place. In but a few years it has been demonstrated that correspondence school tuition by correspondence is practical, and these schools have taken a prominent position among the world's educational institutions. There is many a successful business and professional man whose Alma Mater was a correspondence school.

We had thought that travel along every avenue of learning had been

made possible by these schools, but in apparent contravention of Solomon's famous axiom, appears the announcement of a school of Taxidermy. A familiar with the possibilities of taxidermy, a western genius has organized a school for teaching it by mail, the corporation being known as the Northwestern School of Taxidermy. It has been our pleasure to meet the faculty of this school and to look over the course of instruction. While our knowledge of stuffing and mounting animals or birds is about as vague as a juvenile's ideas about plate numbers or archaeology, we feel certain that by taking the unique system for teaching taxidermy by correspondence which these gentlemen have devised we would in a remarkably short time be able to produce correct and creditable work, and that, too, without onerous labor.

There are hundreds of our readers whose "comunings with nature" (oft to nature's destruction, we fear) result in the securing of many handsome specimens, and valuable. To be competent to so prepare these that they become enduring and life-like is an accomplishment which is pleasurable and profitable. There is no book which makes this possible—it is an art which must be taught by competent instructors. The proficiency of the faculty of the school previously alluded to is indisputable and under their tutorship success seems certain.



The descriptive catalogue of European stamps in the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, No. 152, deals chiefly with the French issues for the Consular Offices in Turkey. I quote the following giving the reason for the existence of the stamps surcharged with the names of the offices using them:

"In the four Turkish ports of Dedeagh, Port Lagos, Vathy and Cavalle the French postal administration was managed by the local offices of the great French steamship company, the Messageries Maritimes, who were paid for their services by a commission on the sale of stamps. In 1893, ostensibly in order to simplify the accounts, the stamps supplied to these offices were overprinted with the name of the office and also, in the case of the higher values, with the value in piastres. Up to that date no values lower than 25 centimes had been used in the Turkish Levant, but for these four towns the stamps of 5, 10 and 15c were introduced. Some few years ago the special surcharged stamps ceased to be used at Port Lagos and these have become rather scarce."

The color question, like the poor, we have always with us and anything that promises to help in the elucidation of this problem must be welcomed. Hence I quote the following:

"BROWN LILAC (?).—There is some little excuse possible to be made for the term 'red lilac', because of the mauve tint of some of the flowers of the shrub; but lilac brown or brown lilac is an impossible color. Lilac belongs to the blue division of color names as midway between lavender

A New Frank.

A New York philatelist has discovered a scarce type of the 1902 Western Union Telegraph frank. The design consists of the name of the company and the autograph of the president of the company below. The autograph is but a fac simile of the president's signature. The type discovered bears the name of R. C. Clowry in place of Thomas T. Eckert, who was succeeded by R. C. Clowry. It is said that but twenty of these books, each containing sixteen stamps, exist.

Three plates have been used for the Queen's Head issues; Plate 1 is from die I; Plates 2 and 3 are from die II. The 2, 4, 8, 10, 13 and 16 cent values exist in both dies, the 48 and 96 cents only in die I.

The Argentine Revista reports that the Brazilian Postmaster General is planning the issue of stamps for official correspondence. Up to the present federal official matter was sent free and official matter of the various States for half the regular rates. The Revista also reports that Argentine official stamps were openly sold in Buenos Aires by private persons; an official inquiry as to the source of these was suddenly stopped so that it is rumored that high officials are implicated in the fraud.

No. 31 of Szekula Briefmarken-Verkehr begins an interesting article on the later issues of Wenden (or Livonia) but as probably very few of our readers pay any attention to these stamps, I refrain from quoting from the article. Dr. Szalay begins another article of great interest on the question: "What is a collection worth?" I quote a few of his axioms.

1. Collections of under \$125 catalogue value have no value, as they are usually composed of such common varieties as no dealer would buy.
2. An average collection is worth twenty per cent less than the cheapest valuation of all its better specimens; the common varieties are not taken into consideration at all.
3. Only a collector who buys a collection for his own use can pay for the common varieties also, but he should not go in too deep, for some time or other he may want to sell also—and what then?
4. If you want to form a collection that is to be easily marketable you should not buy anything catalogued under 15 cents, except, of course, new issues that may appreciate.

5. Even large collections, up to \$750 catalogue value, will seldom bring more than $\frac{1}{4}$ -1-5 of catalogue if sold to a dealer, for you must take into consideration that the most better grade stamps are now sold at 50 per cent off, and figuring a dealer's expenses, risks and legitimate profit, he can hardly give more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of catalogue value.

6. What collections have the best chance? Those collected rationally, i. e. with a view to gathering "good" stamps. What are "good" stamps? Those sold at or near catalogue, those that are apt to rise in value. And what stamps belong here?

Well, that's for you to find out. These are rather gloomy reflections for the average collector, but I for one do not intend to be scared thereby.

No. 9 of the Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift brings a long and interesting account of the Postal Exhibition open at Stockholm, Sweden, from Aug. 27 to Sept. 6. The exhibition comprised more postal material and appliances than stamps themselves, but still a good lot of stamps was also shown. Among these were various proofs of the new Swedish 5 kronor stamp which is reproduced in the article, enlarged. It will be rather a good looking stamp, it appears. It bears a view of the stately Post Office Building at Stockholm; the frame is decorated in "new art."

Revenue stamps are being studied more and more and Morley's Philatelic Journal leads in the dissemination of these studies. Mr. Wetherell begins an article on the fiscals of Mysore in No. 31 of the paper which is full of interesting information. From an editorial note it appears that the collection of certain fiscals "on original cover" is apt to prove a bulky affair. Mr. Fulcher describes a British Hat Tax stamp "on entire hat" which he lately saw—the stamp is printed on the lining of the hat.

"and a light violet, occasionally called lilac blue, though the second word is unnecessary. Owing to the carelessness of some writers who have been in the habit of saying 'red lilac' others have dropped the red while using the single word to describe what are really mauve or purple shades (or occasionally dingy rose tints) in connection with which words, brown can be fairly coupled either as an affix or a prefix; but no one would think of saying 'blue-brown' which ought to be the correct meaning of 'lilac-brown'. It is usually a shade of purple brown that is meant."

An extremely interesting paper is that of Mr. Warhurst on the 1879 issue of Salvador. The article is embellished with the reproduction of a full sheet of 25 of the 1c green of this issue. The author had before him five sheets of this value, all differing in various particulars. All the sheets form various combinations of three original rows of five varieties each, thus:

- Sheet 1—a a a a a
- " 2—a b a b a
- " 3—a b a b b
- " 4—a b c a c
- " 5—a b c b c

Besides these there are numerous retouches. The whole matter is very interesting and would repay closer study of this and the other values.

The Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Cubana in No. 9 for once brings little original matter except a chatty review of philatelic life in the two philatelic centers of Latin America: Buenos Aires and Havana.

No doubt all of our readers have already seen pictures of the new Australian Commonwealth issue of which we will have a cut in the next issue of the WEST. The following from the Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser will no doubt prove of interest in connection

therewith:

"Although the designer of the proposed new federal stamp maintains a discreet anonymity behind the Postmaster-General, what seems to be the original fountain of his artistic inspiration has appeared in the shape of a medal struck by Messrs. Stokes & Sons for the state of Queensland during the federal celebrations of 1901. The obverse of this medal, which was designed and executed entirely by the firm, is almost exactly reproduced in the stamp. The only alterations made are that on the ball where the figure is seated the Commonwealth stamp replaces a relief outline of Australia by a numeral showing the price. There is a little scrollwork filling up the corners and while the arch on the medal has a keystone inscribed 'Federation 1901', the stamp dispenses with any such architectural necessities and bears the word 'Commonwealth' in a plain unbroken curve; otherwise the designs are identical. The medallist firm has no knowledge of the origin of the other design which bears so unmistakable a resemblance to its own work."

An interesting paper on the stamps of Seychelles is begun in No. 13 of Poole's Monthly Philatelist. The two dies are illustrated by enlargements and the following rapid test is given:

"There is one very striking point which at once determines whether the stamps are die I or die II. To decide this examine the second jewel space on the band of the crown. If the fine line under the jewel of the first space is continued into the second as far as the diamond and there are small lines to the right of the top facet of the same diamond, then the stamps are die II. If, however, the fine line stops abruptly before the second jewel space and the other fine lines are absent, then the stamps are die II."

PHILATELY AS CUPID.

(By Verna W. Hanway.)

FOR EXCHANGE—Stamps with all reliable collectors. References exchanged. Address X, Box 254 Lynn, Ill.

The above ad., which appeared in one of the leading philatelic papers, was the innocent cause of it all. Now I am a stamp fiend and as such am willing to exchange stamps with all reputable collectors. This ad. seemed to have the right ring about it, so I hastened to send my references to "X."

In reply I received a dainty little envelope addressed in a lady's delicate hand writing. As I opened it I caught the whiff of a strange perfume. How familiar it became to me in after years! My correspondent said that my references were perfectly satisfactory and hoped the enclosed would be the same. When I had proved my correspondent to be trustworthy I should write and say what stamps I had for exchange," etc., etc. The letter was signed, "Marjorie N. Westlake."

Her references were of the best and after a time we began exchanging. She seemed to have for exchange just the stamps I wanted, and I seemed to have just the ones she wanted. So we kept on exchanging.

After a time our letters began to assume a more friendly tone. She would ask my advice on little matters pertaining to philately, and I was only too pleased to instruct her. We became so friendly, in fact, that we exchanged photos. Her photo was of an exceedingly sweet and pretty girl. So pretty, in fact, that I immediately fell in love with her, or rather her photo. So would you, gentle reader.

After some time I wrote her that I was obliged to come to Lynn on some business (I own the business only existed in my brain), in a short time. Would she allow me to call upon her? As the reply I received said she would I straight way packed my valise and departed for Lynn. I meant busi-

ness.

After engaging a room at a hotel I immediately hunted up my fair correspondent. I found her photo had not pictured one-tenth of her charms. So I stayed in Lynn.

I called the second time, the third, the fourth, and kept on calling. I became more in love than ever. And Marjorie, the little torment, knew it and kept me on nettles all the time with her flirtations with other fellows. "Cads," I called them.

I would take her out driving, would take her to the theater, to picnics, to dances, everywhere that I thought she would enjoy. I would call about every evening, would make the new specimens of stamps an excuse, or a new book, or else would want her to try my favorite candy. That girl must have received enough candy to start a small candy shop.

To cut a long story short things came to a crisis one night. We were returning from a picnic, at which she had made me almost mad by permitting the attention of another fellow.

I can see the night yet, a beautiful moonlight night, every star in the heavens seemed to be out bright and twinkling. She asked me if I had completed the business which I had come to Lynn to attend to. "No," I said. "Nor can I complete it until you will." "Until I will!" she exclaimed. "What have I to do with your business?" "Everything in the world," replied I. Then ensued a declaration of my love.

Well, she accepted me and is now my wife. We sent the editor of that Philatelic paper a check and told him to send us that paper as long as we lived. Philately is still our hobby. "For just think," said my wife, "if we had not been stamp fiends perhaps we would never have met." So, we are still philatelists, and will remain so until the end of the chapter. Do you wonder at it?

I need not tell you what philatelic journal it was that played the part of Cupid. You will all guess. Long life to it!

Comment on Catalogues

By E. R. Steinbrueck

K OHL'S catalogue (Germany) came to my inspection through kindness of a friend collector. It was interesting to me to note the different ideas of compounding a stamp catalogue and my attention was called to the possibility of a marked improvement of our own standard catalogue (Scott).

A catalogue may not only be a common alphabetical price list, but with some changes in the arrangement and with a few more definite arrangements and with a few more definite informations, more to the point, it may become a very valuable guide, an excellent work for instruction at the same time.

Why should not we, who claim to be the leaders of civilization and the leaders in all branches of what is good and useful, also have the best work in this line, a work, worthy of our country, a work of real merit?

Comparing Kohl's and Scott's catalogues these thoughts struck me, when both of them, one through the other, pointed out to me their preferences or their deficiencies.

Scott's is superior in many respects to Kohl's. For instance in the arrangement, Scott at least has the Indian States following India as a heading; has under Straits Settlement, Morocco, China, etc., states or provinces pertaining thereto in alphabetical order; shows us some of the offices in foreign countries under France, Germany, etc. While Kohl, regardless of political or social connections, tears every country into strips adjusting them to the alphabet.

My suggestion would be to divide a catalogue into 5 or six parts of the world. Start with America for in-

stance. Take the United States first and let our appertences in North America follow. Treat that way every country in America, North America first. Take British possessions next, Canada, British possessions next, Canada; British Columbia and Vancouver Island, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edwards Island, all in alphabetical order. Canada ought to have had the lead in North America but for patriotic reasons we might make the exception by letting Uncle Sam lead the procession.

The alphabetical order preserved will make consultation easier. Give the predominate countries of a part of the globe in alphabetical order and all the tributary countries, states, provinces or colonies again in alphabetical order below. North America, West Indies, South America, Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe.

Scott's cuts of stamps are the better reproductions by far, while Kohl's are miserable blotted things of smaller size. I believe they are not permitted in Germany to give correct reproductions of stamps.

Another point in which Scott excels Kohl, is that Scott has every cut numbered for reference. Every stamp enumerated below these cuts is provided with the number of the respective cut, easy to look up. Kohl refers under certain issues to numbers of philatelic works for consultation. That is all right for the deeper student who either possesses or has easy access to all these works of science. Otherwise these references are useless for the multitude. The best and most valuable feature of Kohl's catalogue though is the plain and true counterfeits of the watermarks and of the surcharges, printed right alongside of each series of stamps. Also differences in stamps varying in print er-

rors, misprints, the different ways of network are shown reproduced one along side of the other for comparison. Of course this manner of explanation is by far the most superior to mere descriptions as in Scotts which often remain a mystery to the reader. For instance a simple matter for illustration. Scott says under 1890-93 "cap on right '2A'" Kohl shows us the picture, where and what that "cap" is.

If Scott would choose Kohl's way of showing us the watermarks, surcharges and differences in plain pictures even omitting all descriptions and if he would adopt a different arrangement of the stamps of the world, as indicated above, according to the parts of the world, all pertaining in alphabetical order under the heading of their sovereign or supreme country I believe it would be a vast improvement over the present good old way.

An Exception to the Rule.

Stamp Collectors Fortnightly

The old penny "Interinsular" stamp, issued in the Bahamas in June, 1859, stands out as one of the most notable exceptions to a fairly general rule of Philately—viz., that old issues of British Colonial stamps, are, in the majority of cases, rarer in the unused state than in the used. The Bahamas "Interinsular" stamp is a noteworthy example to the contrary, and the reason of its comparative cheapness in the unused condition is the same as that which has made many of the "pence" stamps of Newfoundland far more readily procurable as unused than as used specimens. That is to say, an official remainder was placed on the market, and it is possible, down to the present day, to buy unused specimens of the penny "Interinsular" at about a sixth of the price of used copies.

In an Old Catalogue

B y W . H . P L A N K

BEFORE me lies an old "Scott's Philatelist's Album" which is older than one half of the stamp collectors of today.

In the back of this album of some hundred pages is Scotts catalogue, twenty eighth edition. As we look it over we can not help but get out our "sixty second" and compare the two.

In so doing the great changes through which stamp collecting has passed may be seen, and as but few of the readers of the WEST have ever had the opportunity of examining one of these old catalogues, a little comparison and description may be of interest.

This catalogue consists of forty three pages against seven hundred and twenty five of today! There were then but one hundred and twenty seven stamp issuing countries and now it takes a good man and a secretary to keep up with the new ones which are springing up today.

The United States, Spain and New Grenada (now U. S. of Columbia) were the greatest stamp producer, while the French colonies (just think of it) Nicaragua and Costa Rica the smallest.

What an easy time of it the "old timers" must have had. No Seebecks, jubilee issues, watermarks, papers, shades or perforations to bother the eye or worry the brain. Nothing but straight stamps, and the prices! It will be hard on your nerves but I cannot resist quoting you some of them to show how far a slim purse could go.

In our own United States a dollar and a quarter would purchase the 1847 issue, complete unused, mint no doubt, and now they list at over twenty times that amount. Fifty cents, or "four bits" as they call it down here, would buy unused the 24 and 30 cent issues of 1851. The catalogue says they are worth \$150.

10. The 3c pink had not then been catalogued and you could have your 1862 issue with or without embossing at the same price. The 90 cent blue of this issue could be obtained for \$1.10 unused. About \$3.00 would buy the 1869 with all its colors unused. The 1870-71 issue was current then and could be bought at face!

The Department stamps are not quoted unused as they were not allowed to be sold, but a \$5.00 bill would pretty near buy them all. 30 cent Justice were going at 10c each and the 24 cent at 15c.

The Local stamps are carefully listed and priced. The newspaper stamps of 1865 now catalogued at \$27.50 for the four stamps could be bought for one dollar and seventy five cents.

In the foreign countries we notice that in Bergedorf the $\frac{1}{2}$ s and 3s 1861 originals, unused were selling for \$6.00 while now the catalogue reads \$175.00 for the two and homely things at that.

The 5c rose of British Colombia which is listed at \$110.00 was going to the boys at 15 cents straight.

For a 12c Canada 1851 which is worth from \$400.00 to \$500.00 is not listed, but I presume a five dollar bill would have bought a nice copy.

The Cape of Good Hope triangulars were almost as cheap as when Stanley Gibbons was buying them by the barrel!

Two hundred dollars will not cover the catalogue value of the 1857 issue of Ceylon while in 1875 a hundred cents would buy them.

The 1p black of Great Britain issued in 1840 was catalogued then at 60 cents unused against \$60.00 now and the 2d blue at 75 cents against \$25.00 now.

Guatemala only possessed six stamps while she now boasts of 150 varieties.

The stamps of the Phillippines are catalogued under the head of Luzon.

The 4-4 schilling red of Mecklenburg Schwerin (Scotts No. 1) was then known

as 1 schilling and catalogued at 10 cents unused and 5c used.

None of the 1861 issue of Nevis was catalogued used over 30 cents but what a vast difference now.

In New Brunswick we find the 3c, 6c and 1 shilling selling then at \$9.50 complete unused. Now the catalogue says \$316.00 for the trio.

The Sydney Views of New South Wales were going from 75c to a dollar, while a five shilling of Nova Scotia 1851 was selling for 35 cents, worth now four times that many dollars.

In the unfashionable stamp issuing countries of Central and South America and some of the European countries the advance has not been so great.

Our Confederate States stamps are the highest priced stamps listed and no doubt collectors then looked at the price of \$10.00 for an Athens or Macon and whistled loud and long over such high prices such as we do now over a St. Louis or Brattlesboro. What has caused this great advance in some countries and not others some may ask.

The United States, Great Britain, France and Germany are the great stamp collecting countries. Hence the increase in price of the countries and colonies. The great varieties of shades and minor varieties will cause a certain stamp to increase. Scarcity and demand are the prime reasons.

Think of it gentle reader and isn't it true with stamps as with other things, there are no times like the old times and old times are best.

There are many collectors at the present time who do not buy the commonest varieties at all, such usually buy British colonials, the higher values only, and thus fill their books with stamps that are as good as gold, increasing in value every day and always saleable.

S T. K I T T S *By FRANK C. YOUNG*

THE joining together of the islands of St. Christopher, more generally known as St. Kitts, and Nevis in the recent issue of stamps for these two colonies jointly marks the accomplishment of that which has been thought probable by philatelists for many years. Indeed, the wonder is that it has not been done before, for neither colony was large or of much importance, and their proximity, being separated by only two miles of water at their nearest points, made such a grouping desirable. As a matter of fact, except in matters of postal administration, in government and in revenues, they have been wedded for many years.

As most of you know, St. Christopher is one of the Leeward group of the West Indies, a colony of Great Britain, with an area of only 86 square miles, being 23 miles long, while its greatest breadth is but five miles. Notwithstanding this extreme narrowness, it possesses a mountain range traversing the whole length of the island, which at one point reaches the respectable altitude of 4,100 feet.

The population is between 30,000 and 40,000, mostly blacks and the principal industry the production of raw sugar. I have been unable to ascertain the amount of imports and exports, all consular reports at hand grouping the Leeward Islands as a whole and not showing St. Christopher separately, but at best they are not large.

As before mentioned in some of my papers on British West Indies, the postal arrangements for all of these colonies, was, prior to 1860, in the hands of the imperial government, the service being supplied and the rev-

enues taken by the home postoffice department. Even the local postmasters and officials were appointed by the Postmaster General of Great Britain.

During 1858, 1859 and 1860 stamps of Great Britain were used in the West Indian Colonies, which it is asserted by most philatelic writers, can be distinguished by the cancellations. A01 for Jamaica, A02 for Antigua, A12 for St. Christopher, etc. This, I believe, is, unfortunately, not true, as at approximately the same time some of the postoffices of England were using the same combination of letters and figures. There were, it is true, differences in the frame work surrounding the letters, but sufficient similarity exists as to raise a doubt unless the stamps are shown on original covers.

Between 1860 and April 1, 1870, the date of the first issue of stamps for St. Christopher, letters from the colonies postage stamps, but were hand stamped "St. Kitts Paid."

The first issue, printed by DeLaRue & Co., in London on Crown and CC paper and perforated 12½, consisted of only two values, one penny for local letters and newspapers, and six pence for the letter rate to Great Britain. The penny value comes in dull rose, quite rare, and varying shades of lilac rose, from deep to very pale. This color is more common. The six pence is found in two shades, green and is in used condition a much more common stamp than the penny value, though not at all common unused. The pen cancelled stamps of this and all other issues of St. Kitts were used as for fiscal purposes and should not be considered as postage stamps.

About 1876 the perforation was changed to 14, the colors and watermark remaining the same. As before we find the sixpence much more common than the penny value.

I find that Scott catalogues (No. 4

and 10a) penny stamps bisected diagonally and used as ½d, while Gibbons ignores them. As the colony had no half-penny rate for anything prior to 1882, the only possible legitimate need for these split stamps was to make up a two pence half-penny rate,

St. Christopher joined the Postal Union July 1, 1879, and the rate of postage to sister West Indian colonies became 2½d and to Great Britain four pence. Stamps of these denominations were not, however, placed on sale in the island until November of that year, having an interim of four months, during which there was use for the split provisionals. This will account for Scott's No. 4a, but for the other I am unable to find even the shadow of an excuse.

In 1882 the watermark was changed to Crown and C. A., the first to appear being the half-penny, a value which had become necessary to prepay the rate on newspapers and circulars or price lists to local and nearby points.

This was soon followed by the 2½d red brown and the 4d blue in the new watermark. After a use of perhaps but little more than six months the colors were changed, the 1½d becoming blue and the 4d gray, making the first mentioned pair quite rare stamps.

Considering the number of varieties originally issued, St. Christopher has been prolific in provisional surcharges and of varieties of these, lists and descriptions of which are better procured from the catalogues than could be given in the limited space at my command.

In February, 1887, was issued a new value, one shilling lilac, in two shades, dull and bright, of which the former is the scarcer.

January 1, 1891, St. Christopher in company with several sister colonies,

became a part of the Leeward Islands postal administration and Leeward stamps were used until the recently issued St. Kitts-Nevis set came into use.

Just prior to the supercession of St. Christopher stamps there must have been a great scarcity of stamps in the island, as letters are known dated during December, 1889, and January 1890, which contained no stamps but were marked "St. Kitts-Paid," as in the days before 1870.

In February, 1890, a small quantity of penny stamps was borrowed from Antigua and used in St. Christopher.

These, unless on original covers can only be recognized by the cancellation "A12" instead of "A02."

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Jan. 1, 1891, St. Christopher became a part of the Leeward Island postal administration and Leeward stamps were used until the recently issued papers and books to local and nearby points. This was followed by the 2½d red brown, and the 4d blue in the new watermark. In a short time these colors were changed, the 2½d becoming blue and the 4d gray, making the first mentioned pair scarce stamps.

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The last stamp to be issued for St. Christopher was the six pence olive brown, probably in May, 1890. Very few of these were used as the six pence green was still on hand in considerable quantity, and what became of the lot is a philatelic mystery which has not yet been cleared up, as only 1,217 copies were among the remainders sold in 1891.

The matter of postal fiscals or revenue stamps used for postage is a large subject and one on which the best authorities do not seem always to agree. These are most desirable and most interesting as well as most rare and most valuable when shown on original covers and this known to be genuinely used postally. The unused stamps catalogued under this head and sold by leading dealers are part of the remainders sold by the Crown Agents for the Colonies in London in 1891 and it is open to question whether they should be classed as postage stamps when unused, although it is admitted that they were included in the stock of postage stamps taken over by the Crown Agents at the time of the change to Leeward Island stamps and by them so considered.

Rural Pre-Cancellation.

Metropolitan Philatelist

From a western collector I learn of a new scheme of precancellation. Large quantities of envelopes, containing a variety of circulars, are sent out by a firm, and as the envelope with enclosures is bulky, and it is difficult to cancel the stamp on that account the following method is adopted: The envelopes are addressed and one-cent stamps affixed in the office of the firm. Then the envelopes, stamped, are taken to the local post office and the stamps cancelled with the regular hand-stamper, after which the envelopes are taken back to the office of the concern and the bulky circulars placed inside the envelopes. Then the parcels are placed in the post office and mailed in the usual way.

When penny postage stamps were first issued to the unprogressive settlers in the Bahama Islands in 1859, it was only as a means of inter-communication between the islands of the group. There was no issue available for over-sea postage until the middle months of 1861, when 4d and 6d values were created.



CHECK LIST OF NEW ISSUES.

For the Month Ending September 15th.
Compiled by W. O. Wylie.

- AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH** Adhesive
Commonwealth Design
9p brown and blue (New South Wales)
9p brown and blue (Queensland)
- AUSTRIA** (Leevant) Adhesive
20 para on 10 heller carmine
- BOSNIA** Adhesive
40h orange and black
- BULGARIA** Post Card
5st on green (Ferdinand)
- CANADA** Post Card
1c green on cream (King)
- CAPE OF GOOD HOPE** Adhesive
3p red, King's head
Envelope
1p pink, King's head
Registration Envelope
4p blue, King's head
- E. AFRICA and UGANDA** Adhesive
2a violet and lilac (King)
- FRANCE** (Mong-Tze) Adhesives
Stamps of Indo China surch in black
1c black on blue
2c red brown on chamois
4c red brown on gray
5c yellow green
10c rose red
15c gray
20c red on yellow green
25c blue
30c brown on brownish
40c red on chamois
50c rose on rose-toned
75c black brown on orange
1f olive green on greenish
5f lilac on lilac-toned
- HONG-KONG** Post Card
1c green on buff (buff)
- MONTSERRAT** Adhesives
Design—Seal of the Presidency
½p green and light green
1p carmine and black
2p brown and gray
2½p blue and gray
3p lilac and orange
9p olive brown and lilac
1sh violet and green
- ST. LUCIA** Adhesive
1sh green and black (King)
- SEYCHELLES** Provisional Adhesive
Surcharged on King's Heads
"3 cents" on 15c ultramarine
"3 cents" on 45c brown and carmine
- SURINAM** Adhesive
5c red (numeral type)

Counterfeits and Their Detection.

By R R THIELE

(Continued)

GUATEMALA The earlier issues of Guatemala are no great varieties, but still scarcer than one would think, at least in used condition. It is this class of medium priced stamps which forms the favorite field of the forger and hence these issues have been forged considerably,

The first issue is of French manufacture and the originals show the pretty satiny finish peculiar to French stamps of that period (1871) and due to their typographic production. The forgeries I have before me are lithographed, which does not help us much as a good lithograph is often very difficult to distinguish from typographed impressions. Let us therefore look for other distinctions, taking first the 1 centavo bistré of 1871. A very conspicuous difference lies in the coat-of-arms. Its upper half contains a number of white vertical bars on a horizontally lined background. The genuine stamp has six complete bars and one fragmentary one at the left, the forgery has only five complete bars and a fragmentary one at either side. The mountain peaks in the lower half of the shield are also different, though not so conspicuously; the central peak seems less distinct than the other two, while the genuine stamp shows the three with equal clearness. The oak branch at the left of the shield on the genuine stamp reaches up to a level with the top of the bars at the center of the shield. On the forgery the top of this branch is all of a millimeter lower down. The leaves at the right side of the shield are all smaller on the forgery than on the genuine stamp, though it is difficult to give measurements for such irregular objects. The rays of the sun above the shield on the forgery for some reason or other are much shorter at the right as well as rather irregular all around, so that some of them apparently do not reach the sun at all, but are merely stuck in between others that do. In the corners

there is a Celtic ornament composed of interlaced lines. On the genuine stamp it is easy to tell which of these lines crosses the other, as the intersections are very distinctly drawn. Not so on the imitation; it is hard to distinguish at many of the intersections which line is supposed to cross over the other. The inscriptions are fairly well done, but all the letters appear a little too low and thin. The point of the shield on the genuine stamp points between the e and n of centavo; on the forgery the n is directly in the center under the point and therefore stands upright, while on the genuine it leans slightly to the left. Similarly at the top of the stamp on the original the center of the upper side lies between de and gu, so that the g leans to the right, while on the forgery it is in the center and therefore stands upright. The corners of the shield bearing the coat-of-arms are not alike on the forgery; the upper left corner is much narrower than the upper right corner. To the left of the sun there is a sort of flaw in the lines of the background and of the surrounding oval, as though some lines had been erased and redrawn. On the original all the lines of the background are evenly drawn. A forgery of the 5c brown is also before me. It does not seem to be a mere alteration of the 1c, as it shows some differences. For instance there are six entire vertical bars in the upper part of the coat-of-arms and no trace of a fractional bar; all of them are too narrow as compared with the original. The rays of the sun are too short on the left side, not on the right as in the 1c. The leaves of the laurel branch at the right are all too small and narrow as against the original. The 5c centavos is too large, being taller than the other letters of this word. Of the three mountain peaks in the lower half of the coat-of-arms the middle and left ones appear to be of the same height, whereas the left one should be much higher than either of the others. The cancellations of these two counterfeits are purely imaginary ones, as already described in these articles, something like this:

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(To be continued)

Washington Notes.

~ ~ C. M. ~ ~

THE opening of the schools and the return of the government clerk from his holiday has caused an increase in stamp talk, the writer has had more collections shown him and endeavors to trade in the past week than during the rest of the warm season.

The number of rural routes which are being established and the consequent abolition of many small post-offices opens new fields for the postmark collector. Some of the new postoffices of the fourth class which are being established have rubber postmarking stamps instead of the metal ones, the rubber stamp, in an office where the mail is light, being more legible and economical.

A few orders of the Department of interest philatelically provide

"Railway Postal clerks are required to keep constantly on hand a supply of one and two cent postage stamps for the accomodation of the public at the car: and such stamps must not be sold for more than their face value."

The practice of mailing letters at the car seems to be on the increase, to judge from the number of railway cancellations on envelopes.

"August 4, 1903.—The Department is constantly in receipt of complaints and exhibits showing postal cards, private postal cards and souvenir cards which have been destroyed by back-stamping on the side intended for the message. Cautionary orders to postmasters and employes have been published frequently. Hereafter postmasters employes will be held strictly accountable for a violation of the regulations in this respect."

The order providing that Phillipine

stamps will not be received for postage in the United States after October 1 caused a great many of them to appear on domestic letters, and since that date there is a corresponding number "Held for postage."

Philatelic news from the department practically amounts to nil. So far the investigation has not affected the stamp offices, so that nothing interesting has transpired. The new two center and the Sherman postal card are promised daily, but promises are not always synchronous with performance.

Stamps as Sticking Plaster.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

The following extract from the "Morning Herald" of many years ago shows that Londoners tried to kill with ridicule the first postage stamps that were issued:—

Considerable diversion was created in the city today by the appearance of the new penny-post devices for envelopes, half-sheet letters, and bits of "sticking plaster" about an inch square for daubing on to letters. The surface of the latter is filled up with a bust of her Majesty, or what is guessed to be intended for such, but which is much too vulgar of expression to be mistaken by any royal subjects who have had the good fortune to see the graceful original herself. But for this unlucky perversion of the Royal features the penny-post "sticking-plaster" might appropriately have come into fashion and preceded the court sticking plaster, so common for the concealment of trifling cutaneous cracks on the face of beauty. Thus women and men, too, might have carried sovereigns on their countenances as well as in their hearts and purses, and many a decayed beauty might have refreshed her faded charms with the renovating representation of Royal youth and loveliness. It is shrewdly suspected that this untoward disfiguration of the Royal person has been the studied work of ministerial malevolence and jealousy, desirous of rendering their Royal benefactress, if possible, as odious as themselves.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

GEO. D. BARNES, Deputy United States Marshal; Mr. Barnes of Tennessee.

The subject of this sketch is known by one or the other of the above titles by almost every citizen of Tennessee. He is better known perhaps by the hermits of the mountains of East Tennessee than any man in the United States. They know him not to admire, but to fear, and are unanimous in the belief that he is a good man—to keep away from. He strikes terror to their hearts by "ruthlessly" destroying their "stillries" and causing them to be dragged before the courts to answer the charges of violating Your Uncle Sammie's laws regarding elicit whisky.

HIS CURIOSITY SHOP.

Mr. Barnes has on exhibition in one of the large rooms in his residence in Highland Park one of the finest collections of war and mound relics in the south if not in the United States. It would be impossible to enumerate in detail the many interesting and valuable relics which he has in his possession, but suffice to say that it is complete.

Most of the relics were found in the mountains of Tennessee by Mr. Barnes while searching for "moonshiners." The display includes the rarest collection of pottery, war implements, and quaint ornaments, made and used by the Mound Builders centuries ago, ever exhibited anywhere. In addition, he has a fine display of relics of the late war, including guns, swords, pistols, pack-saddles, etc. Among the rarest of this collection is a medicine case left on the Chickamagua battlefield by a Union surgeon. It was with much difficulty that he got possession of this relic. On the lid is a list of the different kind of medicines contained in the case, which is still plainly legible.

Mr. Barnes also has a small collection of arms that were used by the Cuban insurgents during the present

revolution, among which were several machettes. He prizes this collection, as there are very few of these weapons in the United States that are known to be genuine. They were sent him by a cousin who resides in Cuba. They were taken from a boat deserted by a small band of insurgents.

His mountain relics includes flints, war axes, shells, etc., and any number of ornaments worn by the Indians and Mound Builders.

Mr. Barnes relics have attracted the attention of a great many curiosity-seekers and have caused many university presidents to come to Chattanooga especially to see them. Only last month Mr. Barnes sold quite a collection of his relics to the Wesleyan university of Middleton, Conn., for a handsome consideration.

Mr. Barnes "curiosity shop" represents years of tedious toil in securing the present collection and he naturally prizes it very highly. The relics are displayed in show case, boxes, trays, etc., and makes an interesting study for most anyone. He takes great pleasure in showing any of his friends through his exhibition room, and it is unnecessary to say that he has a number of callers.

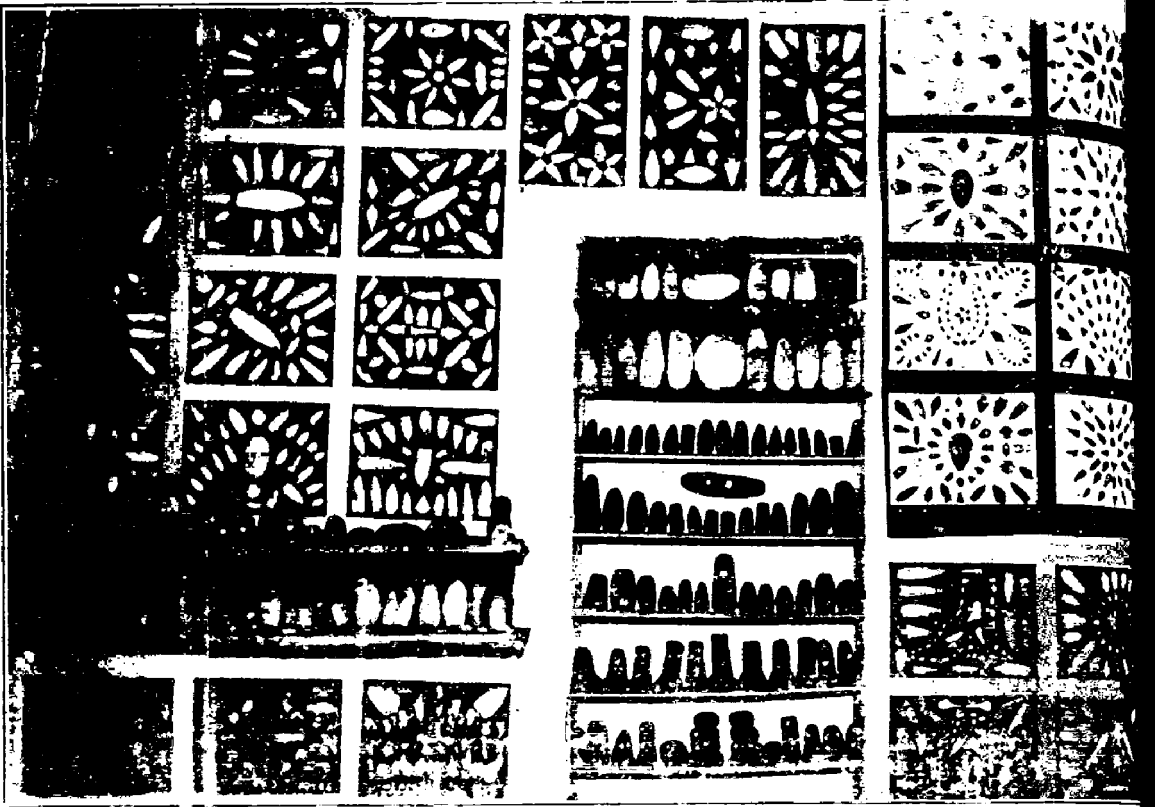
Photographs of the relics have been taken and sent to various colleges for the benefit of pupils who are unable to come to Chattanooga to see the original display.

Among other curiosities in the collection are several barnicles, taken from the Scotch clipped ship Ben Laire, several months overdue from Chili.

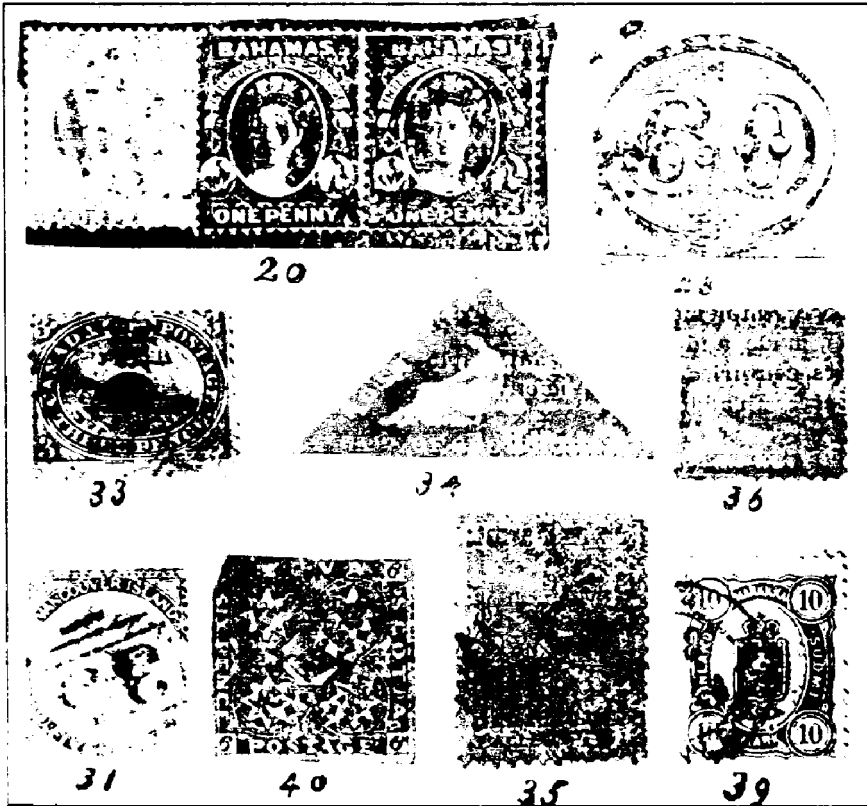
He also has a number of valuable relics stored away in his barn and other places.

A GRUESOME RELIC.

Packed away in a box are a couple of "relics" which Mr. Barnes is loath to show. They are nothing less than the skulls of two ancient warriors,

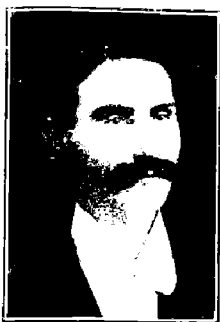


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Some Scarce Stamps.



T. K. Burrow.



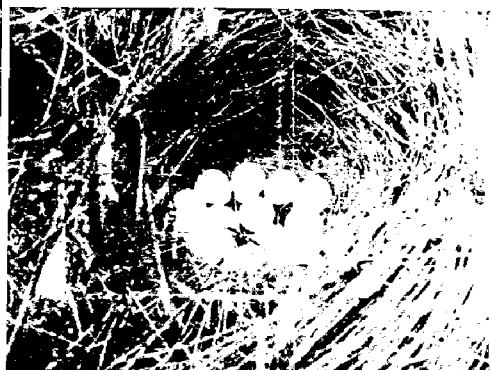
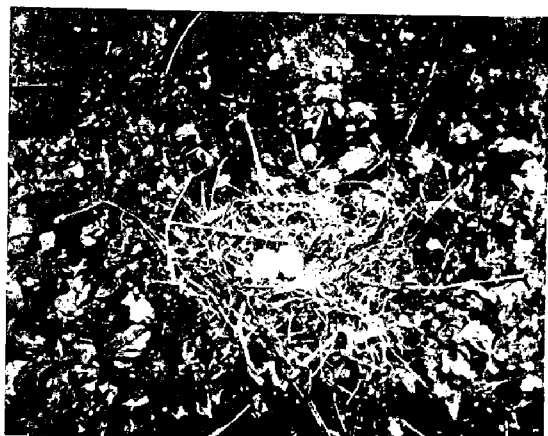
H. Treherne.



J. L. Mayer.



G. Barnes Exploring a Mound near Chattanooga, Tennessee.



Two Iowa Bird Nests.

ound in a remote cave in the mountains of Tennessee.

An important fact connected with the collection is that Mr. Barnes has the history of most every relic in his possession, and their genuineness is undoubted.

The accompanying cut of Mr. Barnes was made from a photograph taken while he was dressed and armed ready for a trip to the mountains in the interest of the government. See his ad in this number.

T. K. BURROW.

Born in Dorset, England, 1868. Commenced collecting when ten years old, but discontinued on leaving college. At 20 left England for Canada, leading a strenuous life in the North West, but the severe winters compelled the seeking of a warmer and more congenial climate.

Left Canada the following spring for Texas where he took up the practice of pharmacy, and has been in business for himself for about eight years. Recommenced collecting at the appearance of the Columbian issue, but was called to England on business which prevented collecting for a time. But as soon as able the old adage held its own, "If once a collector all ways one."

The appearance of the new issue fired his ambition to push through, which he has done successfully. He possesses a fine collection and is building up rapidly, hunting up old correspondence and fishing in out-of-the-way places for specimens. He has a fine approval collection subject to the best of references, which he exacts because he gives the best himself. A trip to Mexico added materially to his stock as he collects everything and puts it all away for future use. He will be in Europe next summer when he ex-

pects from old friends, etc., to have an available list of not less than 6000 varieties.

S. MORTESEN

Manager Omaha Stamp and Coin Co., opposite Omaha National Bank. Is one of Omaha's oldest dealers, call and see him when in the city. Miss Emly, his daughter, made a very fine work in art in the shape of a stamp-plate, 18 inches in diameter, made entirely of U. S. stamps cut out in designs of flags, shields, lettering, dateing, borders, etc. It required 3000 stamps to construct it, and is without doubt the finest piece of workmanship in that line ever done in this country.

J. S. MAYER.

Occupation since 19 years of age has been a telegraph operator, up to 2 years ago when he launched in the confectionery business. Commenced collecting stamps in 1890 and accumulated a collection of over 3000 varieties which he disposed of some years ago, and since he became one of the few dealers in Minneapolis. In October, 1901 he reorganized the Minneapolis Stamp Collectors Club, which at present time has a large membership.

H. T. TREHERNE

Of Brighton, England, was born in St. Louis, U. S. A., and has lived in England for several years. Has had many articles in the WEST, mostly on locals of United States and Europe.

G. F. TRIFET

Who used to publish the Stamp Mercury. His photo was loaned us by DeLamater, president of the Kansas Philatelic Society, who made exchanges with Trifet in 1868 when only one other American dealer was known.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

By ROY FARRELL GREENE. A. S. of C. C.

THE Howell County Gazette, a Missouri paper, announces the appearance of the book which should greatly interest book-collectors as well as archaeologists. The book is the first volume of a work by Dr. E. S. Curry, and is entitled "Prehistoric Races of America," the introduction of which appeared some months ago. It is a wonderful book in more ways than one. The printing, engraving, and binding was done at the home of Dr. Curry, the author, in the wilds of eastern Howell county Missouri. It was done with crude material but the work is said to be very nice. The maps are spoken of as exceptionally fine and the binding of the book beyond criticism. Dr. Curry, it is announced, will soon begin printing on the second volume of the work. Those desiring a copy of the volume just completed should send two dollars to the author at Christy, Mo., and receive the same. It is said to be well worth the money.

A Des Moines paper recently contained a lengthy mention of the numismatic collection of Dr. W. H. Vincent, who lives at Red Oak, Iowa. Of course the Curio Editor cannot vouch for the truth or correctness of the following statements. We simply quote them from the newspaper account, and let the WEST readers believe or reject

it, as they see fit. The paper says: "The largest coin in Dr. Vincent's collection is a Boer dollar. It is of silver and is about half as large again as a silver dollar of the United States. The smallest coin in the collection is a tiny gold quarter coined in San Francisco in 1872. Dr. Vincent has eleven pieces of paper money that are worth considerable more than the face value. One is a paper half-dollar believed to be one of the first, if not the very first one ever made in the United States. It was issued by the United States government during the first month of the year 1770, and according to a recent communication from the Secretary of the treasury at Washington, there are but two of these paper half-dollars in existence, and as this is the only one yet heard from, it is quite probable that it is the only one that will ever be found. It is valued at \$1000. Dr. Vincent can sell it for that amount, but prefers to hold it for a higher figure, and is quite certain that its value will increase. Dr. Vincent has representative pieces of copper coin from every nation on the globe, and silver coins from almost every country that has such a form of money." Remember now, that the Curio Editor doesn't vouch for the above statements you may investigate for yourself.

The historic mansion on the Place

des Vosges, Paris, in which Victor Hugo spent the most active years of his life, has been presented to the municipality of Paris by the grandchildren and other kin of the great author. It will be kept as a memorial museum of the great author. Besides being filled with many valuable souvenirs of his work, a library of 5,000 volumes and a collection of the author's drawings and wood carvings, the house also contains many souvenirs of Hugo's friends, including La Martine, George Sands and the older Dumas, consisting of ink-wells, pens and letters.

In the experiments made in Germany with metals heated in a vacuum, Cadmium boiled at 430 degrees C., zinc at 545 degrees, and bismuth below 1000 degrees. Silver evaporated quite rapidly at 1200 degrees but did not boil at 1340 degrees; copper evaporated slowly at 1315 degrees, but gold gave only a slight evaporation at 1375 degrees, the highest temperature reached.

The most singular forest growth in the world is encountered in the Falkland Islands, a dismal region constantly swept by a strong polar wind. What appears to be weather worn and moss covered boulders are scattered about, and when one of these curious objects is seized in an attempt to overturn it, strong roots are found to hold it down, these "boulders" being in fact native trees, which the wind has forced to assume this shape. The wood appears to be a twisted mass of fibres, almost impossible to cut up into fuel.

In the center of one of the ground floor rooms of the British museum is an ordinary looking slab of basalt, about three feet long and two and a

half feet wide. Few among the thousands of people who pass it day by day deem it worthy of a second glance. Yet to it we owe practically all we know, of the life and history of the early Egyptians. Unearthed near the town of Rosetta by a fellaheen in the employ of a French officer, it was found to have inscribed upon it a message in three languages—hieroglyphics, demotic or modified hieroglyphics, and Greek. In its entirety it constitutes the key to those mysterious inscriptions, which, though met with everywhere up and down the Nile Valley, had, nevertheless, baffled up till then all attempts at decipherment.

Many years ago in Europe it was a fad to make miniature Bibles for watch charms or to be hung around the neck by a chain. And they can now be found in Museums and libraries. The smallest are about an inch long, three fourths of an inch wide and half an inch thick, and they generally contain the gospels. The type is so small that it cannot be read without the aid of a powerful magnifying glass. The smallest book in the world, however, is an edition of Dante's "Divine Comedy," and although not larger than a thumb-nail, it contains 208 pages, each having nine lines and an average of ten words to the line. The paper is as thin as gold leaf. The pages are four tenths of an inch long by about a quarter of an inch wide. It was printed in 1615 with type so small that it requires a microscope to read it.

The Indian and Mexican Building in Albuquerque, N. M., contains the finest and largest collection of Indian and Mexican curios in America. Many of the articles exhibited are made by Indians and Mexicans now living while others are rare and can

never be duplicated. The principal exhibits are in the way of woven goods, pottery and baskets. Navajo, Zuna and other weaves of cotton and woolen fabrics are shown, and the pottery exhibit shows old and modern vessels of the Moquis, and the Zunis, of the Pueblos of Acoma, Daguna, Isleta, Santo Domingo. Cochita, San Juan, San Philippi, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, as well as the cream, the black and the white and the coiled ware of the prehistoric Indians. In the main room is a vast display of Navajo silverware, old bead work of various designs and makes, dolls of the hopis, vessels for various uses, wampum, war bonnets, weapons of war and the chase, and innumerable examples of handiwork of the first people of America. Basketry is shown from all the western tribes, the Hopis, Piutes, Havasupies, Walapais, Apaches, Mescaleros, Jicarillas, Pimas, Chemehuevis, and many more. California has long been known as the home of the basket makers, and the prettiest specimens in the Albuquerque display were gathered in that state. Collectors going to New Mexico should not miss seeing the great collection in this building.



The Historical Society of Iowa, through the efforts of Mr. Charles Aldrich, is gathering for its building in Des Moines a valuable collection of curios connected with the Hawkeye State's history. The present building is far too small to display all of the collections well, but no doubt a more commodious structure will be built for the keeping of the relics later on. The collection of books and manuscripts includes works relating to the North American Indians, the records of the Roman Catholic Missionaries and early explorations and travels in the

Northwest. The most interesting section of the historical department is a collection of autograph letters, manuscripts and portraits presented to the State in 1884 by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Aldrich. It contains over 2000 papers of great historical and personal interest. Among them are autograph originals of the letters of Lincoln and Grant accepting their elections to the presidency. There are also original pages of the manuscript of Macaulay's "History of England," Bancroft's "History of the United States," Darwin's "Origin of Species," President Roosevelt's "Winning of the West," containing his alterations, and manuscripts of Henry Ward Beecher, Phillip Brooks, Charles Kingsley, Henry James, Thomas Bailey Aldrich, and many more. There are about twenty commissions issued by the early presidents, from James Madison to James K. Polk, and letters written by all the presidents, except Taylor and Johnson, who very seldom used a pen. Their autographs are more valuable than those of George Washington. The archaeological department of this Iowa institution is not as complete as it ought to be. The Indian mounds in Iowa have furnished immense quantities of valuable material to the museums of the national government and several of the states, but very little has been kept in Des Moines. Not one half the treasures of Natural history and archaeology are now exhibited in the Des Moines building, for lack of space, but Mr. Aldrich hopes soon to secure appropriations for the extension of the building. It is really the most attractive place for visitors in Des Moines, and the people of Iowa are beginning to take a deep interest in the collections. Curio lovers should not miss visiting the Historical Society building.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Fellow Members:—

In the last issue of this journal appeared this department NOT edited by the secretary as provided by the constitution, but the publisher may have been ignorant of this provision. It contained a report of the late convention sent direct to the publisher by the acting secretary and a call for a new election by J. C. Miller, former president of the society, the members in attendance having decided that the ballot was illegal on account of an alleged technicality, viz. that the form of ballot had not been prescribed by the president. The president prescribed this identical form of ballot last year and so it was perfectly legal, and the officers named above are clearly entitled to the offices named, by vote of the members. T. H. Gafford nominee for vice president, being ineligible, not in good standing and A. H. Hall having declined the nomination of Auction Manager. Up to date of sending off this report, I have not received reports of any of the committees nor the

officers reports or books from the acting secretary of the convention whose duty it was to forward them to me. Nearly all the legislation passed at the convention is illegal there not being one third of the entire membership represented there, which is necessary for changes in the constitution. Numerous complaints against the conduct of the sales dept. were sent to the convention, the most important business to come up, but not even considered as far as the report reads. 16 proxies of the 89 at the convention were made in favor of members not present leaving 73 to vote on convention seat. As 49 of these were instructed in ink, "Gettysburg, Pa. for convention seat, 1904" that is the vote, and not Pittsburg as stated. Now, fellow members, it would be unjust for me to take any other position than I have as above. It was a case of Pittsburg trying to control the convention by hook or by crook and highly favored by my absence. I regret the decline in membership during the past year, but I know that much of it was due to the mismanagement of the sales department, and it has taken many, many hours of my time in correspondence endeavoring to secure the return of stamps which have been in the sales department from one year to two and a half years, and worse than that the owners can get no replies from Mr. Platz regarding them AND THE COMPLAINTS ARE STILL COMING IN. The trustees have not been able to do much in the matter thus far but I hope that matters will soon be righted and papers, etc. turned over to his successor who has plenty of time to attend to the department. I trust that now we shall be able to coax back those who have resigned and been suspended and that the coming year may be a successful one in the growth and usefulness of the society I have already secured some reinstatements as will be seen by report below.

NEW MEMBER

381 Homer Sanderson, 1155-12th St, Detroit, Mich.

APPLICATIONS

(With age, occupation and references.)

382 Thomas D Sheehan, 5 Granville St, Halifax, N S; 25; painter and decorator; W F VanMalder, P J McUlames

383 Walter F Slusser, Fort Casey, Wash; 26; Electrical Engineer; R L Doak, J F Dodge, Bernard H Linne

384 R Von Pirch, Berlin, Canada; 48; clergyman; J P Dodge, W V Uttley

385 E L Warner. 648 Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, Ill; 56; Dealer in Historical Paper and Curios; Leon V Cass, J E Kennedy

The above will be admitted in 30 days if no sufficient objections are received and will then receive their membership cards.

REINSTATEMENTS

184-P. Parker. 111-D. D. Doolittle.
89-Wm. J. Kirk. 112-Wm. H. Giles.
110-W. O. Bailey. 274-D. I. McKenzie.
218-John W. Patter-174-Chas. H. Robinson.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

355 R L Doak, Avondale, Coshocton Co, Ohio

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328 H S Hernan, 161 Ferry St, Malden, Mass

63 H Edgar French, New Castle, Ind

43 O H Phinney, Manhattan, Kas

358 Thos C E Reichelderfer, 1010 Seneca St, So Bethlehem, Pa

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

206 Ferd Sermin

24 W H Wechans

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Membership last report	361	
New members	20	
Reinstated	20	401
Suspensions	92	
Resignations accepted	10	
Error	10	112
Present membership	279	401

Just as I am making up this report I

receive nominations in response to unauthorized call published in last issue and one from Pittsburg shows what the convention (?) proposes to do. Note some of the nominations: John J. Oesch and J. D. Bartlet who carried out the wishes of the Pittsburg members at Clayton are nominated for Pres. and Secy, Mr. Platz is renominated for Sales Supt. Of course I can take no notice of any nominations sent in under this call. The board of officers selected will carry the society along nicely during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DODGE, Secy.

SALES SUPT. REPORT

Fellow Members:—

I thank you one and all for the support you gave me and also for the best interests of all its patrons, and hope to receive word from all members who wish to be placed on circuit as soon as possible so I can arrange my circuits. Members having stamps to dispose of should mount them in Sales Books obtainable of me at 5c each or 6 for 25c. If, however, you should have sales books from my predecessor, they can be used. I regret the delays experienced in dealing with the department under his care and assure you that such will not occur under my charge and that all participating will be treated courteously and promptly when writing for information. Trusting that you will assist me to make this department, what it should be, the leading feature of the society, I am

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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.; F. G. Hillman, New Bedford, Mass.; Basil G. Hamilton, Moose Jaw Association, Ontario, Canada; A. W. Conner, 640 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.; Oswald A. Bauer, Piermont, N. Y.; W. G. McLain, Edison, Ohio; W. C. Alken, Angwin, Cal.; Archibald Crozier, 810 W. 5th St., Wilmington, Del.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

As the election of next year's officers should properly be held not later than December 1st., I would respectfully request our members to send in nominations to the Secretary, by postal or letter, so as to reach him by October 23, for the offices of President, three Vice Presidents, and a Secretary-Treasurer. Members in sending in nominations may nominate their choice for all five of the offices or for any one of the five. I would like to say in this connection that Mr. Warner does not care to longer fill the office of Secretary-Treasurer, and in fact has only by great coaxing been induced to fill out his present term. As for myself, I much prefer to work in a humbler capacity than that of chief officer the coming year. I have been greatly honored by the society, and feel that the good things should be passed around. I have neglected the office, and the correspondence connected therewith, very much of late because of my connection with the editorial rooms of a daily paper that keeps me at an up town desk sixteen hours each day, leaving me no time for private work or correspondence. Let us have a new set of officers. Send in nominations before the 23 inst.

ROY F. GREENE.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:

I submit to you the following report. Now that that the summer has gone let each member endeavor to secure a few new members and thereby increase a the membership roll, applications can be had for the asking.

As a special inducement the A S C C offers to all new members from now until Jan 1st '04 FREE upon payment of the regular dues and fees for the year 1904

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EXCHANGE SUPT. REPORT.

Since my last report for Aug. 12, I have received 3 filled books value \$210.96
 Previously reported in circulation 18 value 540.00
 \$751.00

Less 3 books returned to owners (from which has been sold \$114.17) 223.13
 Books remaining in circulation 18, value 528.13

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES ROEMER, Supt.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER Applications for Membership.

DeJarnette, Wm L Y, bookkeeper, age 42, Whitney, Hill county, Tex. Ref. Edw W Heusinger and Chas Roemer.
 Hofheinz, Th W, merchant, age 39, Lock Box 27, Maxwell, Caldwell County, Tex. Ref. Edw W Heusinger and Chas Roemer.
 Adams, Harden W, commercial agent, Frisco R R system, age 33, 259 Main St, Dallas, Texas. Ref. Chas Roemer and Edw W Heusinger.
 Garwood, George C, student, age 16, New Braunfels, Comal Co. Ref. S V Pfeuffer and Otto Heilig.

Cash Account.

General fund. Cash on hand Aug. 1, '03 \$47.30
 Received for fees and dues since 1.45 \$48.75
 Insurance fund 53.09
 No expenses, balance on hand Sept. 30, 1903.... \$101.84

I would like to see all our members take more interest in our association. I am willing to answer letters and send out application blanks to new collectors, but can not do so if the numbers do not "put me on" to new collectors. All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD W. HEUSINGER, Sec-Treas.



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New Members.

- 291. Marshall Hancock, Chicago.
- 292. A. J. Kirby, Fall River, Mass.
- 293. E. B. Jones, Sioux City.

Members should send for some application blanks and induce others to join. The Official Organ alone is worth twice a years dues. We have the best Sales Department in America.

Respectfully,

W. P. KELLEY, Sec-Treas.
 3324 Peery Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Some Minerals of Southwest Missouri

By Ernest J Palmer, A S of C C 224

THE Missouri-Kansas, or Joplin, mining district commercially considered is one of the most important sources of zinc production in the world; furnishing about 90 per cent of the ore of this metal mined in the United States and 20 per cent of the world's supply. Scientifically the region is of much interest and for the mineralogist and collector it is a happy hunting ground, where a great variety of beautiful and interesting minerals and fossils abound. Formerly specimens could be obtained readily at the mines but of late years they are much in demand and choice ones command good prices.

I will briefly describe a few of the more common species.

Sphalerite or zinc sulphide, called "jack" by the miners, is the principal ore mined. Beautiful crystals often line cavities in the ore bed. In color they range from yellow, through shades of brown to almost black, many showing iridescent hues. They are frequently sprinkled over with smaller crystals of pink dolomite, white calcite or greenish marcasite or chalcopryrite. Some pretty specimens of calamine and Smithsonite are also found, but these minerals do not here exhibit the beauty and variety of color that they do in the Northern Arkansas district.

Cubical or actahedral crystals of galenite, lead eulphide, are often found grouped all angles on chart. The cubes range from a fraction to several inches in diameter. Some times they are entirely coated over with marcasite and often have formed on sphalerite.

Marcasite is usually of a greenish silver to a copper color. The curved

facets of the closely aggregated crystals frequently show iridescent tints. Pyrite and chalcopryrite are not of such frequent occurrence here. The former usually forms distorted cubical crystals and the latter three covered or tetogonal.

A gray massive dolomite forms in many places a large part of the ore bed. In cavities beautiful surfaces of pink or flesh colored crystals are found. The facets are curved and often are thin as a knife blade. In combination with other minerals it furnishes some of the most handsome specimens.

The calcite of the Joplin district is famous amongst mineralogists and specimens are found in most large collections. The crystals are formed in water-filled cavities. They are sometimes as much as one or two feet in length, pointed and spear like. Several years ago a good sized cave was discovered at Joplin, the walls, floor and roof of which were entirely covered with such crystals.

Barite, quartz crystals, cerussite, anglesite, hydrogincite and a number of other minerals are of less frequent occurrence.

In another paper I will describe some of the fossils found in this district.

The third story of the Omaha Library building is used for museum purposes and there are some fine collections. The Byron Reed collection containing coins, medals, books, manuscripts and autographs given to the city by the late Byron Reed, is on the second floor. In this collection there are 6,395 coins, 474 patterns, 2,136 United States notes, 607 Confederate notes and 1,200 medals. The Numismatic collection is considered third in rank in the United States, and being so full of rare and beautiful specimens, requires an expert to adequately describe. The autograph collection contains 1,029 specimens, all of which are catalogued and almost all exhibited.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD WORK

(By Arthur B. Coover, Roxabell, O.,
A. S. of C. C. 374.)

The field work of the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical society, under the direction of Prof. W. C. Mills, curator and librarian for the society, is now over for the season.

The first part of the season was spent in exploring the Gardner Pre-historic village site on the Scioto river, in Ross county. The latter part of the season was occupied in exploring the Harness mound, also in Ross county.

The work has been very interesting and many new facts have been learned in regard to aboriginal man. In the village site, hundreds of pits were found containing camp refuse and many specimens of the work of pre-historic man. The specimens found would indicate that the mound builders were not only hunters and fishermen, but were agriculturists as well, the evidence of agriculture is found in the large quantities of corn and beans taken from the pits in a charred condition.

Bones of the elk, deer, bear, grey fox, raccoon and many other animals were found in abundance, giving evidence that the pre-historic people were hunters, and the many fish bones and fine fishhooks are evidence that they were fishermen. The hooks were made of bone and with the exception of the barb being absent, resemble the hooks of modern manufacture. Skulls of animals were found which had been worn as charms, together with necklaces made of the teeth of the elk and the bear. Broken pottery of various designs was found in large quantities. Large bone awls and needles made from the bones of the wild turkey were also found. That the fresh water mussel was an article of food highly appreciated by these people was shown in two immense clam bakes unearthed. To bake the clams a cir-

cular hole some five feet deep and four feet in diameter was dug and an intensely hot fire built in the hole, then good-sized boulders to the number of four or five hundred were placed on the hot coals, after which the mussels were put in and covered over with grass. Six weeks was very profitably spent in exploring this village site, after which we moved our camp to the Harness mound, some sixteen miles down the Scioto river.

The Harness mound had been opened by Squier and Davis in 1840 and a number of fine specimens were found at that time. In 1884 Prof. Putnam dug a trench twenty feet wide which extended about one-half the length of the mound and got a great many specimens for his labor. In 1896 Prof. Moorehead tunneled the mound and found some 26 or 28 skeletons with which were many shell and copper ornaments. Several years ago a lot of school boys dug a small hole in the top of the mound, and they also found a large quantity of shell and copper ornaments.

Our survey adopted a different method in opening the mound by commencing at one end of the huge pile and moving the earth back of us. By this means we could examine each shovelful of earth and no specimens would escape the notice of the workmen. On the base of the mound was found 68 skeletons, of which number 67 were cremated. With the skeletons was found many pieces of copper and some of shell and stone. Thousands of beads made from small ocean shells were found with the remains, also mica and graphite was found in large quantities. Woven cloth and a coarse matting was found with several of the skeletons. Ornaments were found with each pile of bones. The one uncremated skeleton had been decorated with many pearl beads. With one of the skeletons were charred pieces of a well-formed wooden bowl. With others were ornaments made of the teeth or bones of animals, pieces of mica and of copper and slate. All the ornaments

have holes in them and were intended to be suspended from the neck by cords. One piece of slate is fashioned in the form of an eagle's claw and is a handsome piece of workmanship.

Two of the skeletons were evidently those of ancient traders, and prominent men of the village. With one was several thousand beads made of ocean shells, while with the other was a score or more of the delicate and beautiful flint knives and as many needles and bodkins made from the bones of the wild turkey.

The strangest and most rare was the finding of an ivory ball an inch and one-half through and pierced by a hole through the exact center. This piece of ivory may be a part of a fossil mammoth tusk or from the tusk of the walrus. A ball of cord is the best preserved specimen of the kind ever found in a mound. It was wrapped on a piece of copper and the action of the metal had kept it in a perfect state. The cord is made in two strands, but of what material has not yet been determined.

About one-half of this mound has now been thoroughly explored, the remaining half has been reserved for another season, when the work will be completed. The plan adopted by Prof. Mills in moving all the earth in a mound gives an opportunity to study each successive stage in the building of the mound, and as the work is thoroughly done and photographs made in site of all important finds there can be no dispute as to the thoroughness of the work.

The society publishes a full and complete report of the field work each season. Copies of these reports may be had from the secretary, Hon. E. O. Randall, or Prof. W. C. Mills, Columbus, Ohio. The society makes a

small charge for the reports, but to any one interested in the archaeology of Ohio they are well worth the money.

STAMP COLLECTOR'S BUTTON.

(By L. G. Dorpat.)

Reading lately so much about an identification button for stamp collectors, I can not help but consider the matter myself, and I think I have an idea which is novel. To make the proposed button acceptable to all, the design must be of a universal character and must not refer to any society, except by additional smaller character. For all English-speaking collectors a button with the plain word Stamps in simple letters seems to be the most appropriate; but that would be non-acceptable for the French, German and Russian collectors. Substituting the word Philatelist for stamps might satisfy the English and the Germans; but the Timbrophile of France and Belgium would hardly accept it. I know of but one word which is equally understood by all, and that is the word Post; but this seems too remote to serve as an identification for collectors of stamps which include fiscals. If we want a universay button, we shall most likely have to refrain from adopting any staple design. The only way to do, seems to be this: Select a universal frame and let every individual collector insert in it that stamp which is his favorite. I would suggest a gold or gilt frame, rectangular (about the size of our present issue of United States stamps) with slight rounded corners, polished and plain, about a sixteenth of an inch wide on the face, holding a piece of glass, mica or celluloid with any desirable stamp under it. Anybody who knows a stamp when he sees it would be able to identify the wearer as a stamp collector.

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Detroit, Mich., Sept. 30, 1903
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I received a card the other day from a man in Pennsylvania, saying he had seen my ad in the WEST, and wondered if I was the Hubel that was in Co. G. 11th U S Infantry, when he was a member of that Co. I replied that I was. He has since written me a long letter telling me all about himself since we parted 36 years ago at Lynchburg, Va. It seems he is a subscriber to the WEST also; his name is B. F. Smith of Millersburg, Pa. All of this goes to show that naught can beat the WEST you know.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN D. HUBEL.

DURING the past week two agents of The National Museum have been exploring the Large Caverns at this place and have found many curios.

Among them were bones of the deer, beaver and others, teeth of human beings, the above named animals.

Indian tools such as awls, needles and many arrow heads and knives were also found.

The writer would like to correspond with some collectors as he has some specimens to exchange.

Many years ago the government issued 4,500,000 bronze 2-cent pieces, and of these over 2,750,000 are still outstanding. But nearly all of them, it is thought, are lost, inasmuch as it is seldom seen that one turns up for redemption. The same is true of the nickel 3-cent pieces, of which nearly 2,000,000 are unaccounted for. Somewhere in the world are 119,000,000 big copper cents, but it would be hard to find any of them, barring the few in the hands of the collectors. What has become of them is a mystery, and the same may be said of the old $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, corresponding in value to the English farthings. Of these $\frac{1}{2}$ cents 800,000 were minted, and none have been returned for recoinage or are held by the treasury. Save for a few in the possession of curio hunters, they seem to have vanished from the earth.

Nearly all sea shells are polished by the action of water and sands.

The advertiser should see that his ad appears in every issue of the paper he uses. The good advertiser never gives people a chance to forget him.

COINS REVEAL A MYSTERY.

(By Clarence P. DeKay, A. S. of C. C. No. 311.)

The many readers of the west will recall, perhaps, the publication of a short sketch in a recent issue of this journal regarding a unique find of ninety dishes along the New York frontier, with an estimated value of \$300.00. Today they are worth over a thousand dollars. Their ownership still remains undecided, and the claimants are seeking the courts to establish their respective claims.

The community has again been aroused by the finding of gold and silver money on the John S. Rockwell farm, in the Butternut valley, Otsego county, which was buried by John Johnston shortly before he was taken prisoner by the Indians, in 1778.

Your correspondent has had the pleasure of examining these old English coins at the home of Mrs. Rockwell, having found the budget to be an extremely valuable one, consisting of thirty-three gold coins of various denominations, bearing the likeness of King George III, dated from 1761 to 1771; thirty-seven silver coins, dated from 1661 to 1671, and a number of old copper coins of undetermined value. Mrs. Rockwell intends to dispose of the coins to the descendants for nominal sums, inasmuch as their discovery establishes the innocence of a person wrongfully accused of stealing them 120 years ago. The legend is worth relating here.

John Johnston died a firm believer in the dishonesty of a daughter whose innocence has been demonstrated to the descendants by the finding of the old English coins on the Rockwell farm. The daughter had always protested her innocence, and grieved over the accusations of her unforgiving parent, but he never relented, and even denied her his best wishes upon her marriage.

Johnston emigrated from Berbyshire, England, about 1774, and set-

tled on what is now known as the Rockwell farm. According to the family history, Johnston was not wealthy, but for those days he was comfortably well off. One daughter married Robert Garrett, and they lived on an adjoining farm. Johnston, his wife and his remaining daughter lived on the farm when the Indians began to raid the white settlements in that section. Then came the bloody massacre at Chery Valley, in 1778. Property was destroyed and valuables taken by the Indians and their white allies. Johnston, like the other settlers, buried his treasure for safekeeping. Johnston's daughter was with him at the time. Before long the Johnson and Garrett families were taken to Canada prisoners of war for five years.

After their release, in 1783, the Johnston and Garrett families started for Otsego county. Johnston began to seek his buried treasure, but it could not be found. The search was extensive, but it produced no results. The unmarried daughter was the only possessor of the secret, and Johnston accused her of taking the money. She denied the charge, but Johnston could not be persuaded that she was innocent. He refused to speak to her, and it is said by descendants that he never conversed with her after that. She lived in the family home for a few years, when, grief-stricken, she married and moved away. Johnston died, still believing his daughter a thief.

As time rolled by there was no trace of the buried treasure, and among the many descendants of the family there was a division as to the guilt and innocence of the daughter. There were many who believed she had been greatly wronged.

The writer, who has often conversed with a collecting enthusiast that has misjudged the faults of his exchanging friend, considers it far better for us to have undeniable proof of the guilt of those about us before condemning them, rather than allow

grief impair a single tender soul.

It has been the writer's fortune to live the greater portion of his life amid this charming and historical section of the Empire state, which was long ago the scene of devastation and terrible massacres by the invading hands of Indians, and it was due to the dangers to which the settlers were exposed that occasionally a revelation of some new, historical and valuable find, most interesting and important to active collectors everywhere. A prosperous historical society has been formed, to which The West is the bright monthly visitor.

Romance of a Charles II. Coin.

A rare and valuable coin with a pathetic history will be sold by auction by a London firm next month. It is one of the very few known specimens of the Charles II. "petition crown," and has been in a sealed parcel in a bank for the last 114 years.

The story goes that the merry monarch deprived one Thomas Simon of his position of coin designer to the Mint and gave it to a Dutchman. With a view to regaining his post he turned out beautifully executed five-shilling piece, admitted to be one of the greatest masterpieces ever produced. Round the edge he inscribed in a double line the following petition to the King:—"Thomas Simon most humbly prays your Majesty to compare his tryall piece with the Dutch, and if more truly drawn and embossed, more gracefully order'd, and more accurately engraven, to releive (sic) him."

Simon's petition was, however, unheeded, and he died of a broken heart in a debtor's prison. The actual coin presented to the king was bought by Messrs. Spink at the sale of the Murdoch Collection for \$2100.00.

THE FIRST GOLD AND SILVER COINS.

(Ernest R. Holmes.)

"Rich as Croesus" is still a common proverb, but few know how intimately this king of Lydia in the sixth century B. C. is connected with the history of money. Not only did he accumulate greater wealth than any other ruler of his time, but he also was the first to introduce a system of gold and silver coins. Before his day, as early as 700 B. C., in Lydia, there had been coins of electrum, an alloy of gold and silver. According to some authorities a few towns had issued gold coins, though M. Babelon, conservator of coins and medals in the French National Library, in a lecture at the College of France recently, gave Croesus the credit for issuing the first coins of pure gold. The early coins were marked merely with rude designs, such as parallel lines on one side, and square or oblong depressions on the other. Croesus introduced standard coins harmonizing with both the Babylonian and the Phoenician standards, thus facilitating commerce between the different countries of Western Asia. His coins bore the image of a lion and a bull fighting, and another design was of an elephant. One of his coins is in the Louvre at Paris, and one is at London.

Croesus was conquered by Cyrus of Persia, and losing all his wealth, underwent many misfortunes, all said to be the fulfillment of a prophecy by the Delphic oracle. The coinage of Croesus, and his monetary standards were superseded by those of Darius I. of Persia, 516 B. C., who made the standards simpler, avoiding the double series of Croesus, and increasing the weight and fineness of the coins, so that the inferior coins of Croesus were driven from circulation.

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Complaint by Robinson of Belvidere Ill., A E Carr, Lynn, Mass and W F Slusser of Ft Casey Wash against party by the name of Perry of Portland Me. Would advise all members to put your complaints together in the hands of the P.O.Dept. and see if you can't get better results. Blanc of Washington and Slade of Detroit do not seem to be heard from as well as Scott & Williams or Brassington of Seattle, Wash. M. Milliken of McPherson, Ks complains of M Duhumel, St Omer, France. Slusser, Ft Casey, Wash., complains of A Nelson, East Greenwich, R I.

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Nominations for officers made by H. Wendt all old officers hold or run over, but Librarian Park of Lincoln and Auc. Mgr. Pond of Omaha are back on dues so others must be put in their places and nominations of Stewart of Lincoln for Librarian and Mortensen for Auction Mgr. Sorry delay of paper makes it impossible for me to be present at the annual meeting. With best wishes.

L. T. BRODSTONE, Secy.

REPORT OF SALES DEPT.

75 books in cir July 13 value	\$850 00
56 " rec'd since net value	406 70
131	\$1256 70
65 books retired net value	540 76

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As the August report for some reason did not appear, this report extends over two months. During this time \$73.00 worth were sold. We are now receiving fine stamps and can use more. We only wish more would try the dept. either in buying or selling stamps or both. Why not write me?

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POSTMARKS OF NEW YORK

NOTE: Corrections or additions welcomed. Cuts are half size. See illustrations in next number.

The postmarks of New York City, for several reasons make an interesting study to anyone who is interested at all in the subject of postmarks. New York is the largest office in the country and consequently uses more varieties than any other office. Beside receiving and dispatching its regular mail, it is the clearing house for nearly all South America, and so furnishes many additional marks. New York was also one of the first offices established in this country. By studying the postmarks of this one office, therefore we can become acquainted with nearly all the leading varieties of postmarks, and to a good extent trace their history down to the present time.

At the time when regular postmarking stamps were first introduced into this country the postal system was very crude. Letters were carried by horses and stages between the few offices that then existed, and were often delayed or lost in transit. The postmarks had up to this time been written with pen and ink. This custom was originally started in 1673. In that year a law was passed, establishing a post-office at Boston, and one section provided that every letter should be marked with the office, day and month. (Stat. Province Mass. Bay, 1673.) The colonial statutes of New York, although they authorize a postoffice in New York City. (1691) do not specify that letters should be marked, and letters are very rare, dating before the federal government, which bear any

written postmark. At the same time it is reasonable to think that the letters must have been marked in New York, since they were marked from many other cities at this time.

When the regular postmarking stamps were used here, about 1775, the English and French postmarking systems were in an advanced stage. Nearly a hundred years ago London and Paris were using postmarks which contained the station, year and hour, in addition to the office, day and month. London had a complete set of "Penny Postmarks" from all the different branch offices in the city. But it will be shown that though the New York system grew slowly at first, it has developed so rapidly within a quarter of a century, that it now is the most perfect in the world.

(Continued in next issue.)

It is said that the largest gold coin now in circulation is the gold ingot, or "lool", of Anam, a French colony in Eastern Asia. It is a flat, round gold piece, and on it is written in Indian ink its value, which is about \$225. The next sized coin to this valuable but extremely awkward one is the "obang", of Japan, which is worth about \$50, and next comes the "benda," of Ashantee, which represents a value of about \$45. The California fifty dollar gold piece is worth about the same as the "benda". The heaviest silver coin in the world also belongs to Anam, where the silver ingot is worth about \$15; then comes the Chinese "tael", and then the Austrian double thaler.

Many an advertisement which apparently does not sell a dollar's worth of goods may do many a dollar's worth of good, for it brings the customers nearer and nearer to the establishment, and the next advertisement may bring them in. "The last stroke makes the horseshoe;" the others were merely preparatory.



Camera News



Editor, F. J. CLUIE, San Francisco.

THE AMATEUR SHOULD SPECIALIZE.

(By L. F. Walker, Cincinnati, O.)

I have wished to express my ideas on this point for some time, and a recent request from the editor for a contribution to the pages of *The West* gives me the opportunity. While my own spare time is so limited that I find little to devote to photography, I have, perhaps, a more keen appreciation of the more or less rapid progress of my photographic friends than might be the case were I more deeply absorbed in my own photographic work. It is to this fact, no doubt, that my lively appreciation of the advantage of one's concentrating his interest upon a certain line of work is due. I can say without the least fear of being contradicted that the amateurs of today who are making their mark in the photographic world, who are reaping the reward of well-directed effort, and who are enjoying the pleasure derived from a feeling of success, are those who have taken up one line of work and followed it with a determination not to be drawn into other fields, be their attractions ever so enticing.

One has but to go over a list of their own photographic acquaintances to prove that my contention is well grounded. If this be not enough, carefully go over a list of the names that are known to you through the pages of your own favorite photographic magazine. You will find this man invariably represented by a marine or something akin to it; another confines himself to natural history

subjects; a third is only at his best in figure studies. As you will find amongst your friends, so you will find with the men who have made a name in a wider field, the one who is making a flashlight interior tonight, a portrait in the morning and a landscape in the afternoon, is not the man who is winning the prizes; except in rare cases.

Aside from this question of improvement in one's work is the pleasure one derives from the added interest that a concentration of effort insures. An unthinking person might imagine that by restricting his field to one line of work, interest would the more quickly wane, but a little thought will show that such is not the case. The worker who allows himself to follow first this and then another path, will much sooner weary of the unsatisfactory progress he is making than he would had he confined his work to one clearly defined path; one line of effort.

Taking a couple of my own amateur photographic friends as characteristic examples, and I am sure you can all cite like cases, let me picture them to you. The first has really the most favorable conditions under which to make progress in the art. His leisure is more abundant and his purse less limited. His collection of negatives includes everything from simple landscapes to surf and wave studies; the latter necessitating a trip to the seashore, a few hundred miles distant. It is needless to say that these last are even poorer than the others. The successful photographer in this line is not the man who journeys from inland for a few day's

work, without regard to season and lacking in that experience so necessary in any special line. While these attempts at marine work are, perhaps, the worse failures he has achieved, it is safe to say that he has not six negatives in his collection capable of producing prints that would draw the second look from the editor of a photographic magazine desirous of securing illustrations. He admits as much himself.

On the other hand, there is my friend who has hardly wandered from his own backyard with his camera. He has only his Sundays and evenings; only at mid-summer do the latter give him an opportunity for exposures after his return from the office, and yet his work is in constant demand by the publishers of the photographic magazines. His sole subjects are children, and he finds the possibilities, even confined in his own back yard, unlimited. A plate is rarely wasted and his successes are almost a matter of course. His every exposure suggests new subjects or the improvement of some previously made. Poses suggest titles and titles do the same with available models. His own children are always at his disposal, and those of his neighbors are easily enlisted when desired. Need I enlarge upon the desirability of pursuing this latter course? I think not. Of course, I do not wish to suggest that all my readers at once examine their back yards and take an inventory of the children in their neighborhood, but I do wish I could induce each reader of *The West* to select some one line of work and employ his camera in that direction alone for a time. He would agree with me that my title to this article is good advice.

To make advertising pay keep right at it every day—tell what you have, and give the price, and never run the same ad twice; make some change and make it strong, and don't string it out too long. Use the mediums that are best (this is one—give it a test).—*Business Magazine*.



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New Members.

Note.—*V. W. P. E.* and *I. P. E.* members are cautioned not to write these new members with out first consulting the regular "Exchange Notices" appearing in their names in the current issue of the "PHOTOGRAPH EXCHANGE" as many of them advise only a certain class of prints, lantern slides or stereptic pictures, and will not honor requests in which such notices have been ignored.

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The Point of View.

Why is it that so few amateurs notice things that are wrong in their pictures until they make prints from their negatives? In nature the sky line seldom asserts itself, but in the finished print it too often makes or mars the entire picture. Again, how often do we have to trim off a considerable portion of one side of our print, in order to keep the point of interest from being too obviously "centered," or directly in the middle of the picture? Watch these things when setting up your camera, and save yourself from disappointment.

Development with Chloride of Gold.

Another interesting communication was also made at the same meeting of the Photographic Association of Vienna. Dr. B. Homolka, of the Photochemical Laboratory attached to the works of Meister, Lucius and Bruning, Höchst a-M., reported that he had succeeded in developing the latent image on gelatino-bromide and gelatino-chloride of silver with a dilute solution of chloride of gold. He had, however, been particularly successful with P. O. P. paper. The strength of the solution was 1 in 1,000. The process appears to be very slow, as it required fifteen hours to develop a gelatino-bromide plate. For retention of the purity of the high lights in developing printing-out papers, it is desirable to add phosphoric acid to the solution. Concerning P. O. P. prints, it was said that an exposure of 15 to 20 seconds to daylight was sufficient. After washing, the exposed paper is transferred to the bath of chloride of gold, acidified with

phosphoric acid, and a print very fine blue-violet color may be obtained in two or three hours. A specimen print was sent to the association and excited considerable interest. As there is a prevalent opinion that developed prints are more stable than those obtained by toning an image produced by the direct action of light, may not such a process as that of Dr. Homolka be of service in improving the stability of silver prints?

Black Ink for Photographic Purposes.

A good black ink which cannot be readily removed, and which is not soluble in water, is useful for writing the names of solutions on bottles, and for blackening the interior of cameras. This may be made by dissolving 60 parts of shellac in a solution of 30 parts of borax in 360 parts of water. Filter the solution and add enough gas-black to make an opaque ink. The best way is to pour a little of the solution into the black, making it first into a paste and afterwards thinning it out gradually with the remainder of the liquid. Once the ink has dried it is practically insoluble. If enough lamp black is added the ink will dry with a dull surface, and in that state is suitable for painting the insides of cameras and other photographic apparatus. If, in addition, a small quantity of fine emery is added, the ink may be used to repaint blackboards with. In a more dilute form the ink is excellent for making line-drawing.

Photographic Printing on Silk.

Wash the silk free from dressing, iron smoothly, immerse for five minutes in a solution prepared according to the appended formula and dry:

Arrowroot 4 grams.
Ammonium chloride . . . 4 grams.
Boiling water 600 c. c.

Keep at boiling temperature until the arrowroot is dissolved.

Brush the silk over with a solution of 4 grams of silver nitrate in 100 c. c. of water and again allow to dry. Print on the silk so prepared in the usual way, wash, and tone in a borax or acetate bath of half the usual strength and fix in hypo.

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We are glad to receive photographic articles and notes.

An excellent musical entertainment was given on the 9th by Miss Dora Dudley, Vocalist, sister of Prof. Dudley; assisted by Mr. Mooly Dawson, Violinist, a new student from Texas. It was greatly enjoyed.

Prof. Raymer has just returned from the Kansas State Convention at Topeka, where he gave a lecture and demonstration on lighting. He met a number of former students and many old friends, and reported a very successful and enjoyable convention.

Mr. Walter Beck, student of 1901 has just opened an elegant studio in Harrisburg, Pa. Walter was a very popular student, and his many friends will be glad to hear of his progress.

The College Camera Club held a public meeting and exhibition at the College Friday evening, Sept. 12th, many fine photographs were on display. The first prize, portrait class, was awarded to Mr. R. E. Draper and Mr. Jas. Radcliffe, who had work equally good. The prize for landscape was awarded Mr. Fred Gildersleeve. A fine time was enjoyed by every one in attendance. The C. C. C has adopted some "killing" variations in their initiating forms and all the members appear quite gleeful over the success of the new work.

Last but not least, Mr. Adin L. Hertzler of Carlisle, Pa. has realized the importance of a wife to a follower of the photographic art. Miss Mary Emma Cassell is the new manager of the Hertzler studio.

We have a cloudy remembrance that during the past month it came to our ken that some other enterprising I. C. P. lad or lady has scrambled in with the 'vast majority' and taken a partner, but in the confusion of more insistent but less pleasant affairs, we have lost the particulars. To avoid such mishaps in the future we would suggest that all students contemplating matrimony file with our secretary a notice of the fact at least thirty days prior to the event, and receive our benedictions, prepaidd.

Notes from the Illinois College of Photography

Mr. Raphael Ugarta of Tegucigalpa, Honduras has just enrolled, making the third student from Central America now attending.

Mr. Chas. R. Johnson of Toledo, Ohio left on the 6th to accept a position. It was a source of much surprise to the students that he did not remain to participate in the Odd Fellows' Reunion the following day.

Miss Lilian Peakman, a graduate of the August class has opened a studio in Decorah, Iowa.

Many students who have been home for the summer have returned to school, among them Miss Laura Ronaldson of New York and Mrs. M. B. Bryant of Chicago.

Mr. Adolph Blaul left the past week for his home in West Philadelphia, Pa. where he will enter his father's studio. Mr. Jos. Orr, another graduate of August has opened a nicely appointed studio at Auburn, Ill.

Answers

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

R. S. G.: Toning Purple Instead of Brown.—A reader in California wishes to get purple tones in his combined bath instead of the dirty browns that he now obtains. Soak a few pieces of unfixed paper in the bath, or add a few grains of silver chloride to it before proceeding with your toning and it will give you purple tones instead of the browns which are objectionable. Where a bath of prints are toned at one time, the color will be a pleasing purple, but if you tone only one or two prints in a new bath, you must first add a little silver chloride.

L. V. C.: Dark Spots on Negative.—I would suppose, from the print you send, that the fault lies more in the developing than in the fixing. In flowing the developer over the plate there have evidently been a few air bubbles formed, retarding, for a moment, the action of the developer on those spots, making them print darker than the surrounding surface. I do not think uneven fixing would result in defects of this nature, for the reason that I have fixed films, parts of which would accidentally remain above the surface and not become fixed until again immersed, when all fixed out uniformly. The only remedy I can suggest is some very careful retouching by an expert, to bring the density over these spots up to that on the adjacent parts of negative.

F. R. H.: White Ink for Titling Dark Mounts.—This correspondent wants to know how to make white ink. Candidly, I never made any, but here are a few recipes I have looked up: Find a piece of common whiting to the finest powder, and add it, a little

at a time, to a fairly strong solution of gum arabic in water. Mix very thoroughly to a thin, smooth cream. Use a small, finely-pointed brush.

Another Recipe.—Barium sulphate mixed with gum water as above. Or, make a solution of barium chloride and add to it, drop by drop, diluted sulphuric acid until the precipitate ceases forming. This precipitate is barium sulphate; let it settle, pour off the clear liquid, add water, stir and let settle and repeat as before three times. Mix with gum water. The common Chinese white, moist water color may be employed in the same way by mixing with gum water.

A. J. S.: Mounting Prints on Paper.—The only way I know of doing this, and it is the method employed by a well known firm, is as follows: Both print and mount are soaked in water and when thoroughly damped are then blotted off. The mountant is well rubbed into the back of the print, which is then laid in position on the paper and rubbed into contact. The mounted print is placed between blotting boards on a level surface, and kept under heavy pressure until dry. The result is an absolutely flat mounted print.

Copying Full Size.

If you will unscrew the lens from a common reading glass and then mount it in a board in which a hole has been bored just large enough to receive it, you will have a piece of apparatus that will enable you to copy nearly full size with your fixed focus camera. Nail two strips on one edge of the board to serve as feet and place it about half an inch in front of the camera lens. Care must be used to see that the board is parallel with the camera front and that the center of the two lenses are in a line. Focusing is done by moving the picture to be copied. Once this distance is found, it, as well as the position of the camera and reading glass, can be marked on a board used as a base, and the adjustment can then be made more quickly in the future.

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NEW MEMBERS.

73 R B Rockwell, Colbran, Mesa Co., Colo. Specialty photographs of birds, their nests and eggs wishes to exchange photos on this subject or for other desirable ones, has quite a collection of negatives of Colorado scenery, farm life and cattle also nice lot Central California views to exchange.

Chas D Lehmkuhl, Agaña Island of Guam U S A. Renew, for 2 years, must like the Society and the WEST.

74 J V Crone, Greeley, Colo

75 C E Smith, 52 Willow St. Halifax N S, Canada, has fine views to exchange. Lame Ducks, (disabled steamers,) of which a great number come here every year as well as views of one of the largest dry docks on the American continent, and prettiest public gardens seen.

Publisher wishes photos or cuts of members and any photos of historical or natural history views.

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Focal Length of a Lens.

Most photographic text-books give elaborate formulæ for arriving at the focal length of a lens. A very simple method is to pin upon the wall facing a window giving a good light a sheet of clean white paper or cardboard; unscrew the lens from the front of the camera, and hold it between finger and thumb in front of the sheet of paper until a sharp image of the window frame, etc., is thrown on to the paper; the distance between the diaphragm slit and the paper will be the approximate focal length of the lens.

If a foot rule is held in the hand, one end resting against the paper on the wall, the distance between the slit of the lens and the wall can easily be taken. This is a rough-and-ready means, and is also a good test for the covering power of the lens; especially if the card or paper have the different sizes of the plate plainly marked upon it, the definition of the lens can also be noted.

A LESSON IN LIGHTING.

(By Wm. J. Wood, Hays City, Kan.)

There are few amateurs who do not occasionally indulge in a little portrait work. There is a fascination and attraction about portraiture that is lacking in other classes of work. I trust that I may be pardoned for offering a few words on a "well worn" though important matter closely connected with portraiture: that of lighting. We readily learn to admit the importance of light in the making of our photographs, but how stubbornly we resist the conception that the beautiful bit of shade is just as essential to an artistic production. It is these bits of shade, distributed in their proper positions and acting in conjunction with a properly distributed light, that gives us that roundness and modeling in a face, that allows the lens to portray every line of character and permits of the securing of a pleasing portrait without the sacrifice of accuracy and truth.

Suppose we are working by a side window. Many would open this light to its full extent and by means of a white reflector on the opposite side of the sitter throw quite a glare of light on both sides of the face and get a portrait that resembles only a blotch of chalk with the eyes, nose and mouth penciled in. How much better it would be to cut down the light a little and screen the remainder with white cheese cloth. Then try your reflector at different distances and at different angles until you have secured the most desirable lighting that your room permits. Ask your sitters to pardon an infringement upon their time and exercise patience yourself. It will be found to pay most handsomely in the improvement of your work. If you are a beginner, do not

confuse your mind by trying to apply long, detailed articles upon fancy lighting. Watch the faces of those about you and learn to "see" the light and shade that each turn of the head presents. Examine a collection of portraits and ask yourself at what angle and from which direction the light fell upon each face. Try and determine whether the light was confined to a small area or was allowed to flood the subject. Until you can see the lighting on the faces of your sitters you will be working in the dark; but a very little study along the lines suggested will make this quite easy.

To go back to our side window: In justice to yourself, consider Prof. Kaymer's method, for instance, of throwing open a full light and then using large opaque screens to control it. Does not apply to you or your facilities; notwithstanding that the theory is good and the results would be unquestionably satisfactory, had you the means of carrying out his methods. A wide, open light, like a fractious horse, requires much skill and patience to bring into subjection, so that it can be depended upon under all conditions. Another suggestion: Do not dally with colored screens or reflectors, unless you are ready to take up in detail the chemistry of photography. The photographic and actinic value of various colored light is so little understood by the average amateur that its employment in portrait work is attendant with great danger.

Avoid an operating window, which has a red brick or yellow limestone wall opposite. You will be trying to make negatives in a light that would almost be safe to develop plates in. The light you require is a white one. In another article I hope to discuss this subject of a colored screen that can be used to great advantage in photographing sitters wearing glasses, pictures framed behind glass, and the like.—The Photographic Exchange.



Why do not more of our readers who are amateur photographers use a few postal cards, if nothing more, in getting acquainted with the advertisers of photographic goods in the pages of *The West*? Every one of them are reliable and all are desirous of hearing from you. If they had your address they would gladly make the first overture, but they can only place theirs before you and ask you to do the rest. Just to mention a few as they come to mind: The Cramer Dry Plate Co., no doubt the leading firm in the business today. They have a book: "Hints on Negative Making," that is worth a hundred postal cards to any amateur, but they send it on receipt of one with your address thereon. Mr. Newcomb, who uses the next page, is, perhaps, the best known authority on subjects photographic in this country. Every one of the preparations he advertises is guaranteed to be as represented or money refunded. He also has a booklet that he will be glad to send. Several of the best photographic magazines carry standing advertisements and will send sample copies on request. Photox gas light paper is another perfect production that you should not fail to try. The Photo Fan is a novelty worth investigating, and Photo Cloth should not be neglected. Use a few minutes time and get in touch with the advertisers. You will find it pays.

One of the old subscribers to *West* furnishes us with a most telling argument in favor of specialization, this month. That the advice he gives is good, goes without saying. One is justified in saying that it is of the best; in fact it is almost self-evident that he has outlined the only way in

which one may achieve success in photography.

On the page just turned over we clip an instructive bit of photographic literature from the pen of another old admirer of *The West*. It is clipped from the last issue of the *Photographic Exchange*, Marve Terrace, San Francisco, Cal. This little magazine costs 25 cents a year, including membership in the *International Photographic Exchange*. A sample copy will be gladly sent on request. It is clubbed with *West* at the price of the latter alone, or 50 cents for both.

Translucent Negatives.

Several correspondents, who have been making experiments with negative paper, have asked us to give details of the best method of making the paper translucent.

For rotograph paper it is recommended that a solution of one part of Canada balsam in five parts of turpentine be rubbed into the back of the negative with a pad of cotton wool. The method is said to be very effective, freeing the paper support from the slight grain that exists in it.

For ordinary bromide paper, vaseline or ponny oil, rubbed into the back is generally effective; or a sheet of heavy white paper, on which melted paraffin wax has been poured, may be placed, in contact with the negative, between several sheets of blotting paper. When a hot flatiron is used, the waxed paper gives off part of the paraffin, and the negative is rendered more transparent.

One Way of Mounting Prints.

Have you got a lot of prints that you wish to keep and yet do not desire to be burdened with a load of cardboard in the shape of mounts or albums? Try mounting them on a cloth. Use the ordinary cotton sheeting. It is cheap enough. Your prints will not tear if handled roughly, and they will be just heavy enough to be conveniently examined. At any time that you may wish to mount any particular print on a regular card you have only to see that no cloth projects beyond the edges of the print.

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a special effort and help swell the list.

R. W. GEAUQUE, Secy.

The first ad, like a baby's first at-
tempt to walk, is likely to be a failure.

New York's Proposed Aviary.

Now that the handsome lion house
in the Zoological Gardens in Bronz
Park, New York, has been practically
completed, and a fine collection of
lions, tigers, and jaguars is installed
in its commodious quarters, the mana-
gers of the New York Zoological So-
ciety have turned their attention to
another project that will add much to
the value and usefulness of the exhibit
which makes Bronx Park so attractive.
It is proposed to begin the erection
during the coming spring of a bird
house. which is to cost \$100,000 and
which, when completed, will be the
finest structure of its kind in the
United States. The necessary money
for the building has already been ap-
propriated, and it is hoped by the
managers of the society that the work
will be well under way during the
present summer.

The plans for the building, as sub-
mitted, provide for a one-story struc-
ture of brick and limestone, 108 ft by
150 ft. The architecture will be al-
most identical with that of the recently
completed lion house and the primate's
building. It will be situated on Baird
Court, near the lion house, and not far
from the immense flying cage and the
house now occupied in part by the
aquatic birds. The structure is con-
fined primarily for perching birds, and
the present smaller structure will, on
completion of the new structure, be
given over entirely to the aquatic birds.

Plans are also preparing for a new
ostrich house, on which 25,000 is to be
expended, and for a house for small
mammals, which is expected to cost at
least \$20,000.

Man wants but little here below,
But wants that little bad;
The way to get it, well we know,
Is just to run an ad.
And keep it running.

A Philippine Fillibuster

By *George J. Remsburg*

[Some time ago the Eastern papers contained accounts of a remarkable collection of war-relics from the Philippines, and recounted the many deeds of valor of their owner on the battle-fields of that country. Later it developed that he was one of those impostors and ghouls who follow the army for plunder and pecuniary gain. His methods escaped detection for a long time and he succeeded in getting back to America, where he placed his collection on exhibition, and gave lectures on his thrilling army experiences. His arrest as an impostor followed.]

He returned to his home with a legion
of trophies,

Which he claimed he had gallantly
gained at the front;

He told how his comrades fell thickly
around him,

And how he stood firm in the battle's
fierce brunt.

They trusted his word, did not ask for
credentials;

Those trophies intrinsic were ample
attest;

They paid him great homage, and
gave him a medal;

And vowed that their hero should
ever be blest.

They learned from Manilla he was a
guerilla,

He plundered and blundered through-
out the campaign;

Had gone out to pillage both vessel
and village

And ghoulish-like to steal the array of
the slain.

His name is not found on the roll of
the muster,

For his was the role of a Philippi-
buster.

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Continuation of list will appear next issue. Owing to being called away from the city on business I was unable to secure the cut of Bro. Shaw as announced last month but will see that it appears in next issue. The committee on Constitution and Laws are at work ere this appears in print and it devolves on everyone to get to work and secure new members. What do you think of having a meeting at St. Louis next year? No doubt you all will want to come and see the fair and why not arrange for all to get here at the same time. Let me hear from you on the project.

Fraternally yours,
EDW. P. HENNESSY, Pres.

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How to Find Arrowheads

By E. Curtis

NO pleasanter pastime, or more healthful one can be found than hunting of arrowheads. Out in the fields, walking slowly, getting all the good fresh air that's going, resting mind and body from regular work—I tell you I just enjoy it.

I had a cabinet with more shelves than I could fill so I decided to get some arrowheads and I wanted genuine ones so I made up my mind to find them. I visited the museum first to see just what I was looking for and took in everything in that line, over in one corner was a box of chips, "flint chips" and that's what you want to look for—chips struck off in making the points.

Select a field that has been plowed, situated near a brook, a lake or pond or better yet a river, and look for the flint chips, stones that look broken by heat and battered quartz pebbles the size of your fist. When you notice these "signs" in a field go over it carefully row by row you will be rewarded by a point or two, perhaps broken, but save them by themselves as they are often made of stone you are not trained to look for.

When you get home with your first find mount it on a card board 4x7 inches; write the location and date and you will see how interesting a subject you have taken up.

I started two years ago with a friend we will call Sid. We now have two hundred points, 4 spear heads, 3 hatchets, 1 pestal, several knives and only one soap stone bowl but its a splendid one and all there, Sid found it right on the river bank or the beach about two feet from the water, imbedded in the sand and how it got there we have

often tried to guess. After you have a number of Indian relics together you will want to read up on the subject and then you will be a first class crank or archaeologist. We recently had the pleasure of visiting some soap stone boulders in N Wilbraham, Mass., where the Indians had quarried soap stone block to peck and drill and was out these pots and bowls.

Imitation Neolithic Spearheads.

One of the most curious exhibits at the Ladies' Soiree of the Royal Society London last month was a case of arrowheads and spearheads which at first sight appeared to be the work of some neolithic worker who had taken jade and quartz and the purest flint for his material. But Dr. Henry Woodward, who was exhibiting the specimens, explained that the spearheads were made by the existing aborigines of the North-West Territories of Western Australia, and that instead of employing stone for their material, they commonly took glass bottles, and occasionally the porcelain insulators of telegraph wires. There was only one spear-head made of flint. But these implements, the work of modern savages, exactly resembled in form and workmanship prehistoric forms found in widely separated parts of the world and made by distinct races of mankind. Some of the specimens an uncritical attention would have declared to be Egyptian neolithic. Dr. Woodard adds that there is a large trade these spear-heads as curiosities, and that they are not infrequently made by the aborigines while in prison.

Readers who write to advertisers that advertise in this paper will confer a favor by stating that they saw the advertisements in the WEST.

if they make a trip to Iowa's capital.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an article by one of our A. S. of C. C. brothers, Clarence P. De Kay, which the Curio Editor confesses to be one of the most interesting essays that it has been his pleasure to read since he has been in charge of this department of the WEST. Mr. De Kay's article is the editor's idea of what an article should be, that is intended for the edification and enlightenment of our readers. There is no attempt at "fine writing," it is simply a splendid story told in plain language. We hope other members of our society, and collectors in general will send us such articles. You do not need to use scientific terms, high-flown language or polished phrases. Just tell an interesting story. That's all!

TWIN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Twin City Philatelic Society meets second Friday of each month at No. 535 Smithfield st., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Regular meeting of The Twin City Philatelic Society held September 11th 1903.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, Mr. A. G. Burgoyne was elected President pro tem. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Six members and four visitors were present at Roll Call

The Committee to secure the 1904 Convention of the American Philatelic Association reported that it has been successful and the next Convention will be held in Pittsburgh, Aug. 9th 1904.

A number of bills were read and

ordered paid.

The resignation of Rev. Henry Madtes was accepted with regrets.

Mr. William A. Hemphill was unanimously elected a resident member (No 155)

Mr. John Neessner, Jr, was re-elected to corresponding membership.

The following was presented and adopted unanimously. (See separate sheet.)

An informal auction sale was held at which 36 lots were sold.

Adjourned
GEO. W. RODE,
Secy.

WHEREAS: Today, September 11th, 1903, is the sixty-first (61) anniversary of the birth of Mr. Eugene Doebelin, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Doebelin, as one of the oldest and most distinguished members of the Twin City Philatelic Society and of the American Philatelic Association, and as one of the most valuable officers of the latter body, has obtained a position of eminence in the Philatelic world, whereby the whole body of stamp collectors in Pittsburgh is benefited, and

WHEREAS: His advanced knowledge his wide acquaintance and his many other resources have always been generously used for the advantage of his colleagues here and elsewhere, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Twin City Philatelic Society tenders to Mr. Doebelin its warmest congratulations on this auspicious occasion, and wishes him many happy returns of the day, and further be it

RESOLVED: That the Secretary be instructed to spread this preamble and resolutions on the record of his Society and send a copy of same to Mr. Doebelin.

France has a new coin made of nickel and called a nickel like the American piece, and of the same value —25 centimes or 5 cents. On one side its value is marked, the date 1903, and the inscription, "Liberte, Equality, Fraternity." On the other is a woman's head wreathed in laurel, representing the French republic.

The Hall of History of Iowa

By F C Allen

THE Iowa Hall of History is located at Des Moines and is a place of interest to curio collectors. The building is near the capitol building and is a fine stone structure, built especially for the large collections of historical curios, which had outgrown their quarters in the capitol. On the second floor the first room you enter is the portrait gallery, on the walls of which are hung oil portraits of many of the pioneers and prominent men and women of Iowa. Here also are portraits of the Indian chiefs of the tribes who used to roam over these plains.

In the museum is more, however to interest the collector and thither we shall go. The Aldrich collection of autographs is first seen. It comprises autographs of all the famous men of America, the crowned heads of Europe and many famous literary men. There are also many relics of famous persons as well as letters and photos. One is a small grammar used at school by Lord Bulwer Lyton and bearing his signature. Many army and navy commissions are shown bearing the signature of presidents. Then there is a collection of medals, mostly of the army and navy. One medal of special interest was given by the British to Casmanee the Lame, a Winnebago Indian, in reward for his services against the Americans in the War of 1812.

The collection of paper money is small but contains Continental and Confederate currency and some broken bank bills also Iowa state currency. To delight the eye of the entomologist there is, in wall cases, a large collection

of insects and butterflies. These are of insects and butterflies. These are arranged by states. In a large case are fossil remains of the Mastodon which have been found in different parts of the state. Beyond this are the Indian relics with fine specimens of bead and basket work, also models of pueblos (restored) and model huts of different tribes of the Indians of the Southwest. Another case contains mounted birds, and another, relics of the late war. Then there are interesting old books, Civil war relics and many objects of interest.

On going down in the basement, we find many relics of the pioneer days. Among them are fence rails of black walnut wood, part of which have been polished, showing of what fine, and now costly wood, many of the early pioneers built their fences. Next is a mounted collection of the large animals which were once plentiful in the state. Here too, are the two Chinese canon, with which the Boxers assaulted the legations at Peking. They are small bronze canon of antique pattern. There are also several canon captured from the Philippines, one of which is little more than a piece of 3 inch iron pipe wound with heavy wires. And then there are several aquariums for the fish of different kinds and many sea curios. Several hours can be pleasantly spent here, by any collector and he will be fully repaid for his time.

The paper may not agree with you in politics, in fact the publisher may be a chump. Yet he must have a pretty good sized audience to talk to, or he could not pay the printer. A word from him which you can get for five or ten cents a line, may be worth more than a page from a better man. He may reach the crowd you don't train with. Your personal friends will likely come anyway.—Ad Writer.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:—

Although it is somewhat early for me to make such a report, but as it the desire of all concerned that we get started toward permanent organization as early as possible, I take pleasure in submitting to you my first report.

To date I have received the applications of thirty-nine members, as follows:

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- 18 R E Baldwin, 4407 Calumet Ave, Chicago, Ill
- 19 Fred Michael, 258 W Madison St. Chicago, Ill
- 20 Chas W Arndt, 332 Park Ave..

- Chicago, Ill
- 21 C F Whitmore, Jr, Kankakee, Ill
- 22 Judson N Burton, Madison, N Y
- 23 A D Blair, Jr, Elmira, N Y
- 24 Eben S Martin, Minneapolis, Minn
- 25 A W Dunning, Newton, Mass
- 26 Charles C DeSelms, Richmond, Ind
- 27 Henry A Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn
- 28 Leo Kahn, 1106 So East St, Indianapolis, Ind
- 29 B F Egan, 519 So West St, Indianapolis, Ind
- 30 Geo F Bull, 131 So Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind
- 31 H C Crowell, 512 Caston Bldg., Cleveland, O
- 32 Charles W Abbott, Upper Montclair N J
- 33ONEY K Carstarphen, P O Box 734, Denver, Colo
- 34 Jos S Davis, 1460 Pearl St, Denver, Colo
- 35 J E Zahn, 731-17 st Denver, Colo
- 36 C L Moreau, 105 W 42nd St., New York, N Y.
- 37 Edwin H Wilkenson, 2825 Charles St Omaha, Nebr
- 38 J A D Park, 510 Deleware Ave, Buffalo, N Y
- 39 A C Chase, E Providence, R I

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Recvd from dues from 35 mem.	\$17.50
Paid for appli. blanks	\$2.75
“ “ blank book....	.25
“ L T Brodstone Superior, Nebr.....	.31
“ for postage.....	1.35
Total	\$4.66
Balance on hand which I have remitted to the treasurer	\$12.84
Unpaid dues.....	2.00

Hereafter the financial report will be given by the Treasurer but as a rule the dues have been sent to me and a great deal of it was in unnegotiable stuff such as unused stamps I have held the money until a short time ago when I could turn the money into cash.

We have a large supply of application blanks on hand and shall be pleased to send a supply to all inquiring for the same. We have received letters from influential collectors of most all of the large cities and they promise us their support and most of them have their good will by sending in the application of one or more friends.

Respectfully submitted,
 SHIRLEY E. MOISANT, Sec.
 Kankakee, Illinois, October 1, 1905

Not A Lottery

But you take a chance of being of the same opinion as others.

Opinion Contest Number Two

Our recently concluded opinion contest was so successful that on its conclusion we immediately drew plans for another. In this second contest the requirements are but nominal, the prizes worth having. To enter this contest you are required to answer the following questions:

- 1. Which page advertisement do you consider the most interesting? Why?**
- 2. Which half-page advertisement do you consider the most interesting? Why?**
- 3. Which quarter-page advertisement do you consider the most interesting? Why?**
- 4. Which dealer has advertised the greatest bargain, irrespective of the size of his advertisement? Why?**

The advertisements judged must be in this number of the WEST.

Awards Awaiting Anxious Answers.

1. If your replies to two of the four questions agree with the opinion of the majority of the contestants you will receive prize number one.
2. If your reply to one of the questions agrees with the opinion of the majority you will receive prize number two.
3. If your replies to all four questions are found to possess greater evidence of neatness in preparation and attention to detail than the replies of the other contestants you will be awarded prize number three.
4. If your replies fail to win either of the first three prizes, but still are considered of merit as indicating a close reading of the advertisements, you will receive prize number four

Prize No. 1 \$10.00 of stamps, coins, curios, camera goods or ad space same value.

Prize No. 2 A life subscription to the WEST.

Prize No. 3 A subscription to the WEST for 3 years

Prize No. 4 A subscription to the WEST for one year.

Rules.

Your replies must be written on but one side of letter paper of regular business size. Your name and address must appear at the top of the first page. To be eligible to contest you must be a subscriber to the WEST. Awards one and two are awarded to those who have chosen those ads which have also been chosen by the majority of the other contestants. Contest closes on October 29th. Address your replies to

*Philatelic West Contest Department
Superior, Nebr.*

Kansas Phil. Soc'y

Some Illuminated Cards

BY MISS M. KELLER

President. F. N. De LaMeter, Wichita, Kansas.
 Vice-Pres. T. O. Cunningham, Kansas City, Ks.
 Secy-Treas. F. A. Lilly, Sabetha, Kansas.
 Sales Supt., W. P. Kelly, Kansas City, Mo.
 Auction Mgr., F. R. Hayworth, Wichita, Kans.
 Librarian, E. G. Stephens, Kansas City, Kansas.
 Counterfeit Det., Rev. K. Stollenwerk, Lincolnville, Kansas.

Int. Secy. C. W. Meyers, Wichita, Kansas.
 Attorney. H. W. Broadbent, Kansas City, Kansas
 Trustees, T. C. Stephens, O. H. Phinney, F. J. Bescher, Kansas City, Kansas.
 Official Organ, The WEST.

SALES DEPARTMENT REPORT.

20 books in circulation Aug. 28 \$178.33
 2 books received since 13.89

22 \$192.22

This is my last report as Sales Superintendent. By the time this is in print my successor will have been appointed. I thank all who have contributed to my department and wish my successor all success. Books on hand will all be retired by Oct. 10 or 12.

Respectfully,

W. P. KELLEY, Sales Supt.
 3324 Peery Ave, Kansas City, Mo.
 SECRETARY'S REPORT.

As our Annual Convention will be held in Wichita, Kansas, on Wednesday, Sept. 30. This will probably be my last report of the year, for this magazine. Thanks to the prominent position given our society's report by Mr. Brodstone in the last issue of the Philatelic WEST. I hope all of our members have noticed the call for this Convention by our president, and hope that many of our members will make arrangements to attend. As I am now busy mailing to every paid up member an official ballot and proxy blank, this will further remind them of the convention, So we hope many will remember to send in their ballots even if they cannot attend.

Application for membership, Austin Salee, Penaloosa, Kingsman, Co., Ks., Ref. Bank of Penaloosa, T. DeLamater. New member 59. I N DeLaMeter, Wichita, Kans.

I trust that the members will show Mr. Ford, the new secretary, the same courtesy they have shown me.

Very respectfully,
 F. A. LILLY, SECY.

These depict various streets and buildings lit up as though by night. These cards do not only appear lit up when held up to the light, but are made to appear so by means of yellowish cream colored paper on the address side of the card showing through on the picture side wherever the openings representing windows, doors, etc allow. Those seen depict some views from Boston, Mass. The Museum of Fine Arts, Cowley Square, Trinity Church. Others are views of Philadelphia, Penn. showing the Pennsylvania University and grounds the other shows the Memorial Hall, Fairmont Park, also various others, yet some are from New York and St. Louis. These are the newest in illuminated cards and differ from the older ones in appearing lit up as well by not being held up to the light as when held up, cause the natural tint or glow of the setting sun or artificial light is furnished by the back ground paper of the cards and give a really pretty effect and furnish as nice a card as anyone would want. One of the most beautiful that I saw was that of Grace church on Broadway and 10th St. Greater New York. This being a grand and beautiful structure well adapted for illuminated cards even. another building appearing equally as grand is the City Hall Dome of San Francisco, Cal. also the "Claus Spreckels" or Call building one of the San Francisco sky scrapers. still another shows a street scene in Chinatown also of San Francisco. The China lanterns are seen hanging from roofs and pillars and this together with the Chinese people appears really artistic. All collectors must avail themselves of the opportunity and use such cards.

Non Halation Plate Backing

Price 50 cents postpaid, with full directions. Will perfect 250 5x7 plates

Plates you can take nature as you find thing for indoor or outdoor photography. The latest and best article for filling in holes in the negative, so no spot will show on the print, also for touching up all black and white prints. Two shades of medium to match any tint. Any one can use it, and improve negatives and prints amazingly. Spot your negatives before printing, or before sending them to be printed, for best results. A radical improvement over the old fashioned red opaque.

Persulphate Ammonia Reducer

50 cents postpaid with full directions. In sealed glass tubes, each tube a bath.

all the knowing ones now. Over-develop your snapshots till the shadows are full of detail—that ruins the high-lights of course. Then use Persulphate and the lights at once reduce to a beautiful printing density. In hermetically sealed glass tubes, each tube making a bath for many plates. Sealed tubes are NECESSARY, as the bulk chemical keeps poorly. Nothing But Water Required. The blue print has again become the rage. It is seen on paper, postals, menus, cloth, and in many forms. Each of these tubes makes half an ounce of the best deep-blue sensitizer, making about three dozen 4x5 sheets, or a yard of cloth. Don't buy blue paper: it will

not keep; make your own and see the beautiful results to be had from FRESH PAPER. Prints are absolutely permanent. A child can use this simple process, which, though the cheapest and easiest known, is wonderfully beautiful. A brush can be made of each tube for applying the solution

Triumph Combined Toning and Fixing Bath

In dry form. Rich in gold. Each box makes one-half pint. Price 50 cents postpaid. Full directions.

you like. The verdict of all is that it's One capsule dissolved in a half pint (or more) hypo solution keeps it clear, hardens the film and removes all developer stain. Contains no alum to decompose the hypo, injure its fixing properties or leave a white deposit on the film that is hard to remove. For plates or films.

My booklet illustrated in colors, tells more about the above—FREE. Whatever you do BACK YOUR PLATES this year and court success.

EDWARD W. NEWCOMB, PHOTO EXPERT,

Or Your Dealer

20 Hoyt St, Stamford Conn.

With this backing, which is most easily applied and removed, ordinary glass plates are made perfect. It prevents that white fog-around light objects, renders perspective truthfully, lends atmosphere and removes all restrictions as to source of intensity of light. With Backed her, truthfully and artistically. The

Ideal Spotting Medium

Price, two tints, warm and cold black with full directions, 20 cents postpaid.

This salt possesses the extraordinary property of reducing only the parts of a negative requiring reduction, thus preserving full detail in the shadows. For negatives with too much contrast it is worth its weight in gold, as it retains all the good and makes the dense parts print well. It is freely used by

Blue Print Powders in Dainty Tubes

Twelve tubes in each box, with full directions. 50 cents per box, postpaid

Add the contents of one box to one-half pint of water and your toner and fixer is ready. It has a full allowance of gold and readily tones from a hundred to one gross of 4x5 prints. Just immerse the prints in Triumph and get rich purple or purple black professional tones (sepias and browns too, if a Triumph, hence its name.

Hardening and Clearing Capsules

Always good, but a NECESSITY in summer. 50 cents a box, post paid. Full directions.

WANTED

Lady agents to sell our toilet preparations, samples free. You can make \$20 a day on our scheme. Address

THE C. F. STASCH CO.,
Robey & Superior Sts.,
Chicago, Ill.

Important Notice

Having had a number of requests from Dealers for advertising space in

The Stamp Collectors Directory

Which will go to press Nov. 1, 1903 I have set aside a few pages for advertisements. I quote space as follows

1 inch, not to exceed 50 words.....	20c
1/4 page, of 3 inches.....	55c
1/2 " " 6 ".....	\$1.05
1 " " 12 ".....	2.00

Terms are cash with order.

Only a limited number of ads inserted Send copy at once. Address

V. G. Badger,
East Highgate, Vt.

Souvenir Card Collectors. During the next thirty days, for only a "nickel", we will send you three historical Illinois river valley scenes including "Starved Rock" all engraved upon a regular U S postal by our celebrated local artist, Bowman. No daub, but a genuine artistic gem. A. P. Wylie, Triumph, Ill.

IF NOT TODAY TOMORROW

If you are a Seller and want a Buyer. In fact if you want anything. Why not fill that want today?

The Exchange Columns of the WEST put thousands into communication daily resulting in the filling of the Wants of both the Buyer and the Seller. Do it now. Try the WEST. 1c a word.

The Numismatist Vol. IV \$1 per annum. The only illustrated monthly magazine devoted to coins and their collecting published on the American continent. Official journal of the American Numismatic Association. Special offers to the WEST readers and new subscribers. I. The Numismatist one year, and foreign coins to the value of \$1.00 on receipt of that amount plus ten cents for return postage. II. Six months trial subscription on receipt of 25 cents. III. Sample copies on receipt of ten cents (none free). Address. The Numismatist Monroe, Mich.

Will ex. fossils and curios (postpaid) for common stamps from sheets. Write or send.

E. M. COOK, Eolian, Texas.

Indian Relics, Coins and Curios

One Exchange Notice under 15 words free to each subscriber if sent with subs. For Sale Notices 1c per word. 50 words 25c

X what you don't want for something you do If you have goods, stock or something similar and want to ex them for others, put an advertisement in the WEST. There are probably many persons among the readers of this paper with whom you can effect a speedy and advantageous ex. The price for such advertisements is 1c per word. Send along your advertisement.

Wanted. Will pay cash or X for unmounted ph os, interesting subjects also min and buffalo horns. C F Reifsteck, Gaza, Ia.

New Scotts Alum. pressed flowers, wood, rooted ferns, minerals, to ex for fossils, curios, minerals or good work on mineralogy. Eliza Mark Ferris, Nelsonville, N Y.

Mrs R L Payne, Battery Rock, Christ Church Barbados, Brit West Indies will send assortments of shells from 25c to \$5.00 cash with order, 1c for 25c. Larger the order the greater var. Letters take 5 days to come, if answer is desired x should be enclosed in current stamps of any country (always in tissue or oiled paper). Postage prepaid on orders. Ref if desired. Stamps must be sent extra unless on orders for \$1.00 and upward

Wanted. Some fossils all kinds anywhere. Send on app with lowest cash price. All sending some will receive a curio free. A C Mac 22 S Mont St. Butte, Mont.

California Abalona shells, worth 5 to 25c each to x for Indian Relics. W H Over, 2307 4th ave So. Minneapolis, Minn.

Want to buy for spot cash, gold dollars, any date. Also other U S coins. I pay the most. Write or send your coins and price, remit same day. Bank ref if wanted. B J Witt, Box 64 Houston, Texas.

I want to buy fossils, war and mound relics. State prices (wholesale) or send on approval. A M McDonald, 502 S Mont St. Butte, Mont.

For archaeological specimens we offer in ex an Indian beaded and embroidered suit--buckskin, Indian tan--of 1849. It is a beautiful piece of work. Some bows and arrows--Papago Indians; 200 flint implements of all kinds and sizes. These are good, fair common and poor grades. 30 stone objects such as axes, pestles, celts, etc. The grooved axes are especially good specimens. A war club used by Sitting Bull. Whole pottery from Florida. Department of Archaeology, Phillips academy, Andover, Mass.

I have thousands of perfect fossils, all diff will ex for arrows, spears or other Indian relics one for one. Try me. Thos W Aller, No 92 S 6th St. St Joseph, Mo.

Minerals, curios, stamps, etc ex with reliable collectors. John Whitman, Brooklyn, N Y. N Willoughby Ave.

A whole lot, [of anything] for a very little x stamp. Just What You Want Association, Pueblo, Colo. No fees or dues.

IF YOU WANT \$20.00 SUITS

we have over a hundred patterns to select from in our stock.

IF YOU WANT A \$40.00 SUIT

you can select from nearly a hundred.

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these prices we have over 1,200 patterns.

Samples Free.

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Clark and Adams Sts

Chicago, Illinois.

Branches in all Principal Cities.

W. G. JERREMS, Proprietor.

SEND 10c

For one dozen alligator teeth and my catalogue. E. W. Kimball, Boulder, Colorado.

WE WANT COLLECTORS

to read our paper so we offer you until Nov. 1st, 1903, a full paid up yearly subscription to our fine large monthly for only

5 CENTS

Send today. No free samples. Money back if you want it. Address Anybodys Magazine, Peekskill, N. Y. (6-5)

Sure to Bring Good Results

In the WEST—the readers are the best people on earth to do a Mail Order Business with, and an advertisement inserted in its columns is sure to Bring Good Results. Our rates have now been cut way down, and are within your reach. Place an advertisement in its columns and note the results. Try it, only 1c a word. Do it now. Write us

Agents Wanted



To sell ZEPTO, removes tartar from the teeth and prevents decay. Nothing like it ever sold before. Ladies delighted with it. Easy sales.

Samples and terms 25c.

APOLLO LABORATORY,
Ellsworth, Kans.

J Ross, Glendive, Man., Canada.—WEST is simply a splendid paper, and best published of its kind.

Please mention WEST when writing advertisers,



Stamps on App.

At 66% below Scotts

To every one answering this ad for stamps I will give 25 stamps at over 50c.

A. C. Chase,
East Prov. R. I.

The Best

5
Cent

Packet on Earth.

Try one and you will order seven or eleven more. 50 varieties 5c

10 packets for 40c 100 packets for \$3.00

Plain envelopes so you can stamp your name on each and sell to your customers.

Clark W. Brown, Watertown, Mass.

OMEGA

It is an old saying "All roads lead to Rome."

We can say all mail routes lead to Brooklyn, the home of the Omega Hinge.

Always has been the best. Now better than ever.

If anyone doubts it send 35c for sample 10,000. Quotation for large quantities on application.

R M Gay & Co. Brooklyn, N Y

OCTOBER SPECIALS

Antioquia No. 124 unused 10c

Guatemala No. 178 unused 4c

" No. 179 unused 6c

Salvador No. 1 used 5c

" No. 2 used 5c

Postage extra. See Last Month's Ad.

Wm. E. Ault,

Jeffersonville, Indiana

NOW!



That the Stamp collecting season is here and prices have an upward tendency. A word to the wise is sufficient. We list a few items that may be of interest to you.

U S			
1873	12c	Dk purple	20
1861	12c	Blk	20
	12c	Treasury	06
	12c	Interior	20
	12c	Justice	15
	12c	Navy (fair)	55
1895	\$1.00	black	20
	50c	orange	05
	50c	Postage Due	20

Foreign

1867	Great Britain	6 shillings	50
	Dominica	1 shil. Rev postally used	40
	Sarawak	3c First issue	30
1868	India	8 annas	05
1874	Dutch Indies	2 1/2 Gued	12
1875	Japan	15c lilac	60
1878	Victoria	2 pence lilac	05

Remember that we still handle Superior hinges 10c per M.

Elmwood Stamp Co

9th & Elmwood, Kansas City, Mo.

Now's Your Chance!

We have put up (1000) envelopes and each will contain 25 perfect stamps and will be numbered 1 to 1000. Each envelope will catalogue from 50 cents to \$5.00 and will be sold for the small amount of 12 cents, we will also put up one envelope that will catalogue \$10.00 and have numbered it and the one who purchases said number will have same mailed to him when all the above are sold.

We guarantee you will be pleased whether you buy one or a hundred. The reason we do this we find it the best way of disposing of large collections. Don't wait. Send at once.

Bedford Stamp Co. 702 Duff St.
Pittsburg, Pa.

APPROVAL SHEETS

50 per cent and 75 per cent discount.
References please.

100 varieties	5.05
150 "	.15
1000 well mixed	.15

MISS ALMA APPLETON,
GOODALES CORNER, ME.

Special Offers

\$1.00 We will send you the WEST for one year and insert you a 35 word ad in our Exchange Column for four months. This is to dispose of your surplus stock.

**The Globe
Souvenir
Card
Exchange
Box 301
Minneapolis
Minn**



If you want your cards answered; if you want your name promptly published and if you want a list of names that are reliable join us. The dues are now very low, only 15c per quarter or 50c a year which includes a membership stamp and 4 fine view cards as premiums.

Lots of foreign names and they answer!

We will supply copies of The Globe at 5c each.

WANTED!

Brass and pewter candlesticks, old mahogany furniture. Grandfather clocks, flintlock guns and pistols and all kinds of curiosities for which I will pay a reasonable price, if you have anything in this line to sell send discription and lowest cash price. Geo D Barnes, Chattanooga, Tenn, Box 236.

I Wish

I wish to exchange U. S. and foreign stamps and fine field glass for the best offer. Storage battery, typewriter or 6x9 self-inking printing press complete.

J. F. Toberman,
Seymore, Texas

A watch for 12c Do you want it?

Send us a 2c stamp for full particulars, etc. Chas A Phildius, 124 Java St, Dept 12, Brooklyn, N Y

"A Word to the Wise is Sufficient."

And is proven by the fact that, for the past two months I have been overwhelmed with orders from intelligent people all over this great round world, for my truly wonderful souvenir cards of Colorado. No one has been dissappointed and everyone more than pleased

This month I have greatly increased my stock by adding some new and interesting cards of Arizona, Utah and New Mexico, which are all beautifully colored and of a Historical nature.

Buy and convince yourself that I am advertising honestly, and my cards are what I represent them to be.

SOME OF THE SUBJECTS ARE

- Denver Views, Pikes Peak, Indians.
- Mexican Bull Fight Cards,
- Burros, Salt Lake Views, Canyons,
- Rocky Mountain Animals.
- And Mountains and Canyons.

25 cents (silver) per dozen post free. Address

G. PARK GRAYBELL,
51 West Cedar Street, Denver, Colo.

**KNOW THY
COUNTRY.**

The Magazine of
American History
Illustrated



It is the open sesame. Covers the Historical Field thoroughly. By reading it you will become a better American.

No home complete without this publication. Subscribed to by Americans throughout the world. Great advertising medium. Returns always. By the year \$1.00.

MAGAZINE of AMERICAN HISTORY
Port Chester, New York

OLD COIN AND STAMP GUIDE

A book giving all the rare dates, prices paid, where to sell and full particulars. Price 20c. Indian arrowhead from Arizona 10c. Send 2c stamp for big packet of circulars describing my curios, relics, novelties, books, etc. Albert French, 59 Main Street, Exeter, N. H.



A BARGAIN

In U. S. Postage Stamps
And Indian Relics

Arrows 30c dozen; spears
75c dozen; 100 all different
for \$7.50 cash consisting of
3 grooved axes, 3 pestles, 4
celts, 2 knives, 36 arrows,
24 spears, 2 drills, 24 scrapers, 2 stone
balls. Send stamp for out lines.

1000 U S postage stamps; even mixed
50 var 75c; 250 mixed postmark stamps
40c. **SOL H. HAYES**, Elizabethtown,
Ohio, Hamilton Co.

Civil War Relics

From Battlefield of Kennesaw Mountain. Ga.
Tremendous assortment at lowest prices.
Send stamp for price list, or send 5c and re-
ceive a 1 ounce bullet. also have large collection
of INDIAN ARROW POINTS which I am sell-
ing at bargain prices—don't fail to send for
lists. **E. A. BAILEY**, Marietta, Ga.

Permanent Photo Cloth.

For Pillow Tops, Banners, Pin
Cushions, Quilt Blocks, Resort Souve-
nirs, Designs, Plans, Advertising, etc.

This sensitized cloth is the best
Rtella Silk. A child can print it.
Simply print, wash and fix. The re-
sult will be a beautiful glossy per-
manent blue.

Put up ¼ to 1 yard in air proof cans.
Sample print on application.

Sensitized Cloth, 9x36 30c
Permanent Photo Cloth Co., Collinwood, O.

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During last 2 years over 15,000 ads were
published in the WEST and most of the
ads stay who try it. With such a vast
army of ads and the fact that the num-
ber is steadily increasing there is but
one conclusion to draw. That is, the
paper is satisfactory. American peo-
ple like variety, and this trait is well
humored in The WEST with its large
number of departments. No matter
in what direction your interests lie or
how peculiar your taste may be, you
will find many things that will enter-
tain you in The WEST ads. If not
why not try it, only 1c a word. Do it
Now. Get the habit. Send today

RUBBER STAMPS of finest quality, made by
up-to-date style, ready
mounted with AIR CUSHION base, at 10c per line. All
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Sample Copies 10 Cents.
Special to Camera Club Members.

Art and Photography
ATLANTA, GA.

Bargains in Mound Relics

Pottery from mounds in Tenn, Ga and Ala \$2.50 to \$5 00 each

Stone axes 50c to \$1.50 each

Stone pestles 50c to \$1.50 each

Celts 3 inches to 12 inches long 20c to \$2.00 each

Flint hoes 3 inches to 12 inches long 25c to \$4 00 each

Arrow points \$1.80 per 100

Copper gorgets \$2 to \$5 each

Copper brackets \$1.50 each

Broken flints 50c per 100

I have over 20,000 mound relics for sale at a very reasonable price

Also civil war relics which I have collected on 26 battlefields

Geo. D. Barnes,
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Chattanooga, Tenn.

AMATEUR PAPERS PRINTED

I am the man that has printed so many amateur papers for the young publishers during the past five years at such reasonable rates. Can you get your paper printed any cheaper than this:

500 copies on S. & C. book
paper, 50 cents per page

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paper, 55 cents per page

These prices include express charges paid to your city. Work guaranteed or money refunded.

Address all orders to

ED B. HOWE,
Minnesota Lake, Minn.

Exchange Column

One notice under 15 words free to each subscriber when sent with subscription. For sale notices 1c per word. Three insertions for price of two. 50 words 25c

I make a specialty of catering to collectors of moderate means. My app sheets of stamps cat one to five cents at 50c, contain a large variety of desirable stamps. Write today for a selection Winfld Barclay, El Cajon, Calif.

Small Egyptian egypt unused and entire 5c each Lincoln Stamp & Coin Co, Lincoln, Neb.

Will ex stamps for Florida Co tags, also stamps for stamps, ref Brodstone. J R Verbyrke Jr, 2307 First St, N W, Washington, D C

Desire to ex rare stamps with forn collectors. Have several valuable rings to ex for stamps, coins, old paper money or curios. U S collectors send approval sheets and receive mine. W F slusser, Fort Casey, Wash.

Do you collect stamps? Then your name should appear in the Stamp Collectors Directory. Look up large ads in this issue. V G Badger, East Highgate, Vt.

Notice! X notice ad published in last number stating we were still "giving away free, 50 var forn revs" was unauthorized by us. Our large stock of free packets is entirely exhausted and we do not purpose making up more for the present. J H Petersen & Co, 70 E 121 St, 115-117 Nassau St, New York City.

Send me your duplicate stamps. I will allow you 1/2 catalogue value for all I can use and give you good stamps for your collection, always have on hand from 2000 to 7000 varieties; Reference member A P A No 1829. Wm G Kirchenbower, 6744 Simen Ave, Pittsburg, Pa.

Just bought 1000 org covers (envelopes) with foreign stamps on, some rare, which we will send post paid for only 10c per doz. Lincoln Stamp & Coin Co, Lincoln, Neb.

To forn collectors—Send me any amt of diff stamps of your country and receive same amt in U S stamps. Wm E Stevens, 405 Bronson St, Kenosha, Wis.

Stamp ex desired with all countries, sheets or lots. L E Quinby, Chillicothe, Mo, U S A

Will ex 200 2c forn stamps all diff for a U S stamp my choice that cats \$2.50 also ex other stamps. F A Masters, Decorah, Iowa

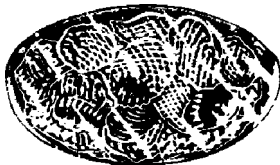
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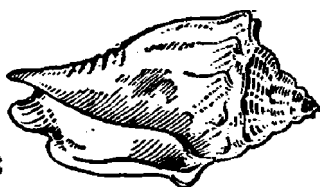
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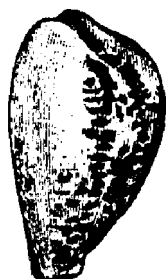
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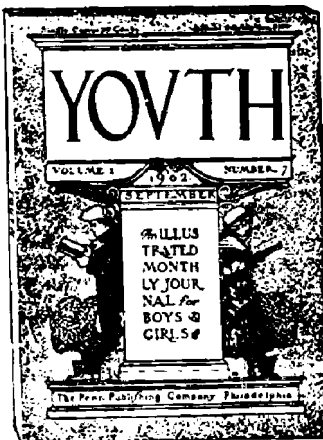
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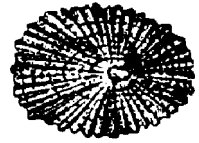
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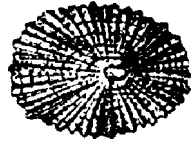
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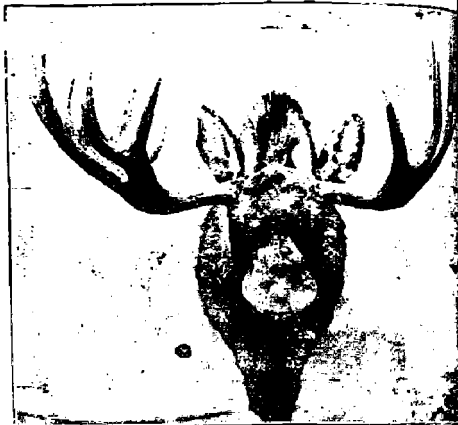
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