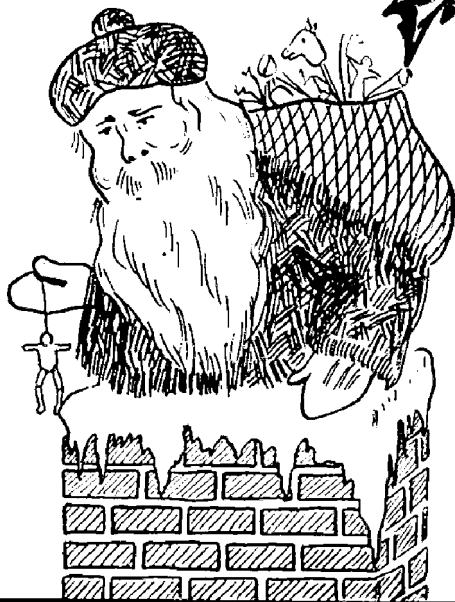




December 1904



THE PHILATELIC WEST AND CAMERA NEWS

Make Yourself A Christmas Present

From Our Offers
Below:



1c Pan-American stamp, inverted center, unused and original gum, a bargain at	\$12.00
Envelope franked with autograph of Franklin Pierce .....	.75
South African Republic, 1892, 5 shilling piece, dollar size, very rare	7.50
Old U. S. 1/2 dollar dated, before 1815 .....	.60
Abyssinia, silver dollar, very scarce	2.00
Velvet Napkin Rings made by Boer prisoners on St Helena Island, ornamented with melon seeds and fish scales, very beautiful handwork .....	.40
Turkey, 1877, 1 piastre, paper bill issued during war with Russia .....	.07
Same. 10 Piastres, large and curious .....	.20
Same. 20 Piastres printed in yellow brown .....	.30
Gold plated Lapel Button Holders, for St. Louis or Portland gold dollars .....	.25
Large flint lock pistol, brass mounted, perfect order	4.00
Large Oriental three bladed knife, curious design, curved handle made by hand	1.00
Large Oriental cartridge belt, very odd	1.00
\$5.00. Confederate bill, "Stonewall" Jackson and Flag fine, cheap .....	.25

NOTE: After January 1, 1905 this bill will be 40c

90c Justice stamp, unused, fine color

10.00

All of the above items are in fine condition. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Ask for our free list No. 9, just out. Five other lists also free.



**St. Louis Stamp
& Coin Co.,**
115 N. 11th St., St. Louis, Mo.



Advance Collectors

If you are looking for Bargains Read down the line and Send for a trial selection on Approval of U S and foreign stamps, don't forget to send a good reference.

	Cat.	Our Pr.
Passage ticket \$1.00 red....	\$6 00	\$2 50
Probate will \$1.00 red.....	1 25	55
Conveyance \$10.00 green....	2 00	85
Documentary \$10.00 gray ...	50	15
For'n Exchange 20c red.....	1 00	45
Playing cards' 5c red.....	75	35
" " 4c black.....	2 00	85
Treasury 90c brown.....	60	25
" " 7c ".....	1 50	65
Interior 90c vermln.....	2 50	1 15
Agriculture 2c yellow.....	1 00	50
Navy blue 1c.....	1 25	55

Send your want list to us. We can please you.

FREE STAMPS TO BEGINNERS

THE HARVARD STAMP CO,
827 Main St, Cambridge, Mass.

1-50 Catalogue

2 Peru 10c surcharge inverted '81 cat by Gibbons at \$24.00 for only 48c.

OTHER WHOLESALE BARGAINS

	Cat.	M.	P.
1000 sets of Cuba 3 var und	\$60 00	\$3 00	
500 " " same	30 00	1 75	
100 " " "	6 00	40	
90 Ha'ti 20c bru fine sellers	27 00	5 00	
100 Austria '00 2 krone fine	6 00	1 25	
75 Guatemala '97 10c	3 00	50	
42 sets of Cuba '99 1-10c fine	6 72	1 25	
15 " " same	2 40	50	
40 " " Costa Rica off un'd			
2c 10c 20c	16 40	2 75	
10 " " Costa Rica	1 30	30	
9 Italy '01 5 lira	4 50	75	
9 Venezuela rouletted un'd	1 08	15	
25 Greece 50c imp	1 50	30	
10 Peru	5 00	85	
50 var per 10 20c	100 var per 10	50c	
800 var \$1.79	Only stated number on hand.	Order at once.	

Ben L. Fuller,
1321 R I Ave,
Washington, D. C.

STAMPS: 200 mixed. Clarence Sogaser
(Stamp Dealer), Brookfield, Mo.



While They Last

3c Second Issue U S Revenue	\$ 12
20c " " " "	08
70c " " " "	24
\$2 00 " " " "	23
3 00 " " " "	50
3 50 " " " "	2 00
5 00 " " " "	27
1c Third	57
4c " " " "	37
6c " " " "	36
15c " " " "	21

Postage 2c extra. Returnable.

Choice net U. S. approvals to responsible parties with a reference.

Investigate.

Frank Dee Brayton,
13 Green St.,
Freeport, Mich.

Find WEST best paying medium for ads. had over 400 orders last number besides numerous repeats.—A. Roessler, Denver, Colo.

LOOK THIS OVER

*1897 3 var Gua. 100 200, 500c cat	90c	35c
*1892 3 " Costa Rica 1-2-5p cat	80c	35c
*1889 5 " Persia 1s to 5k cat	62c	30c
*1894 3 " Labuan 12-16-24c cat	67c	20c
*1903 8 " Belgium 10c-1f cat		20c
*1901 6 " Argentine off. 1-50c cat	84c	40c
*1891 3 " Honduras 2-5-10p cat	75c	35c
*1882 5 " Peru 1c-12 cat	82c	40c
*1891 5 " Persia 1s-1k cat	93c	40c
*1901 13 " Nyassa 2½r-500r cat	\$1.31	65c
*1924 2 var Johore 3 on 5-3 on 6	95c	40c
*1889 1 " Philippine 10 on 20c	\$1.00	35c
1903 5 " Nyassa provisional		40c
1897 1 " Canada 50c fine	35c	20c
1893 1 " Columbian U. S. 50c f	50c	35c
1894 9 " Persia 1s to 10k	\$1.99	60c
*1897 3 " Persia 5s to 2k	98c	40c
*1897 5 Nicaragua 1-25c	50c	20c
*1896 Ecuador	56c	25c
*1894 San Marino	40c	20c
1893 Borneo	\$1.38	45c

Make money orders payable Friday Harbor, Washington.

J. O. BERGMAN, JR.,

Argyle.

Wash.

To Close Out

A large job lot of stamps that I have just purchased. I offer to the readers of the WEST good stamps at one fifth to one-twentieth catalog.

I have placed the entire lot in envelopes and sealed them. No envelope will catalog less than \$1.25 and many will catalog up to \$3 and \$5. The price is 25c each or 5 packets for \$1. There is no stamp that catalogs less than 2c and many will catalog from 25 to 50c. They will not last long at this price with this guarantee back of them. Your money back if not entirely satisfied and postage returned to you so you will not be out one cent if you are not pleased.

V G Badger
East Highgate, Vermont.

1000 VARIETY POSTAGE STAMPS

All genuine good copies, mounted in Scott's \$1.50 album express free, only \$3.50. Send money order or check. Satisfaction guaranteed.

J. H. Wilson & Co.,
12 Marine Bank Bldg.,
Pittsburg, Pa.

(8-5)



Stamps

100 Honduras, etc, a stamp album and catalogue of thousands of great bargains, illustrated, all for a 2c stamp Think of it!

Free to every new agent—a booklet telling how to scientifically repair damaged stamps, make watermark revealer, etc. Latest catalogue of the stamps of all nations, illustrated, 10c. Big album for over 1200 stamps, 10c. Largest retail importers. Immense stock. The Hill Stamp Co, Box B, So. End, Boston, Mass.

Don't Forget Us When You Wish To Buy and Sell.

50c 1902 4c 40c Revenue 1c

Our 1904-5 list is just out. It is free. Hundreds of bargains, U S postage and bargains priced singly. We have over 10,000 satisfied customers on our books and would like to have you try us. Send reference and we will send you what you wish.

Stamps of any country supplied.

Try us.

J. T. STARR STAMP CO,
Coldwater, Michigan

For 5 2c stamps we will send you fifty calling cards and 10 money earning certificates. Filkins Printing Concern. Syracuse N Y

Four Popular Countries

Hard to get varieties at bargain prices. All in good condition. Used unless otherwise stated. Postage 2c extra on orders under 25c.

1	Canada 5c Beaver 1859 ex. fine	.02	51	" " " 50c violet.....	6	
2	" 2c 1859 64 cat \$1.25	60	52	" " " 1892 15c green.....	2	
3	" 17c " " very rare.....	65	53	" " " 1892 25c brown.....	3	
4	" 12½ 1868 scarce.....	25	54	" " " 1892 1 peso.....	9	
5	" 15c " " og average.....	22	55	" " " 1899 30c rose carmine....	12	
6	" 10c rose lilac og cat 2.50.	95	56	" " " 1900 1 2 5 10c 4 var.....	4	
7	" 6c yellow brown 1872-73..	3	57	" " " 20c gray Gibbons 25net	6	
8	" 6c red brown 1882-90.....	2	58	" " " 50c brown.....	6	
9	" 10c red 1882-90.....	6	59	" " " 5 on 30c rose carmine..	4	
10	" 20c 1892-93 cat 12c.....	5	60	" " " 1901 30c orange.....	5	
11	" 50c 1602 cat 25c.....	9	61	" " " 1902 4 var 1 to 10c.....	4	
12	" 8c 1892 3 shades each.....	1	62	" " " 30c purple and black..	5	
13	" ½ 1897 jubilee og.....	14	63	" " " 50c orange and black..	9	
14	" 1-2-3c " " og.....	9	Addenda—Approvals 50 and 60 per			
15	" " " " used.....	4	cent discount for A 1 reference.			
16	" 5c " " used.....	5	64	" " " 1904 2 5 10c og on 1902 telg	15	
17	" 5c " " og.....	7	65	" " " 1903 10 on 30c orange.....	5	
18	" 6c " " og.....	33	66	Congo Free State 1894 5c og..	30	
19	" 8c " " og.....	12	67	" " " " 10c og..	35	
20	" 8c " " used.....	8	68	" " " " 25c og..	10	
21	" 10c " " og.....	15	69	" " " " 50c og..	19	
22	" 15c " " og.....	22	70	" " " " 5fr used.	40	
23	" 20c " " og.....	30	71	" " " " 1895 5-10c og.	6	
24	" 50c " " og.....	53	72	" " " " 1896 15c used.	4	
25	" 50c " " used.....	15	73	" " " " 1896 40c used.	10	
26	" \$1 " " og.....	1	20	74	" " " " 1898 3½fr "	70
27	" Maple leaf 7 var 1897 cat 17c	6	75	" " " " 1898 10 fr "	1 00	
28	" 6c " " or 6c numeral fine..	7	76	" " " " 1900 5-10c og	5	
29	" 10c " " very scarce.....	12	77	" " " " 1900 25c used	7	
30	" numerals 1898 9 var cat	10	78	" " " " 1900 50c used	12	
	.26 only.....	10	79	" " " " 1901 1fr used	10	
31	" num. 6c num og rare.....	16	80	Argentine Republic '99 1p fine	8	
32	" num 8c num on ent. cov.	5	81	" " " 1901 30c vermilion	4	
33	" num 1901 20c.....	6	82	" " " 1902 5c rosario og'	4	
34	" num 1902 7c.....	4	83	" " " official 1901 com.	34	
35	" num 1933 king 7c.....	2	84	" " " 20 sup var cat 1.20	44	
36	" num 1903 king set 1-10c...	5	85	Honduaas 1903 com fine used.	30	
37	" special delivery a no 1	6	86	Labuan 1894 12-18-24c cat .67.	17	
38	" 1000 mixed 5 to 8 var....	25	86a	Nicaragua 1869 4 var cat 50c	13	
39	Chile 1853-62 10c blue.....	6	87	North Borneo 1893 9 var cat 1.38	35	
40	" 1854-65 5c red.....	5	88	Nyassa 1901 comp all fine....	65	
41	" " " 10c blue.....	12	89	Nyassa 1903 com 5 var po		
42	" " " 20c green.....	*85	90	Panama map 1892-94 5 var		
43	" 1867 5-10-20c pen can.....	5	cat \$31.....			
44	" " 10c postal cancell.....	3	Want lists of U S post. rev. depts,			
45	" " 20c postal cancell.....	12	dues, Canada, Chile, Congo and Ha-			
46	" 1877 1c fine o g.....	6	wain filed at bargain rates. Lists on			
47	" " 10c blue.....	6	request. Wanted to buy St. Louis			
48	" " 20c green.....	3	stamps. Will allow \$5.75 on cash or \$6			
49	" 1878-81 50c lilac.....	25	net above bargains for each 100 sets			
50	" 1884-86 20c grey.....	1	good condition.			

Frank B. Kirby

227 Arnold St. New Bedford Mass.



Stamps Stamps



and Pictorial Postcards

are what we handle and your trade is what we are after. A trial order is sure to bring another. Read the following and if you don't see what you want, ask for it.

Stamps

40 different Japanese mounted on sheet	.25
Complete set of North Borneo 1894 cat 1.38 price	50
4 different Ceylon "on service," etc	10
4 different Tunis	8
4 different Turkey	8
5 different Uruguay	10

Special Prize Packet. To reduce our large stock of stamps, we have made up packets of stamps that will actually catalogue from 50 to 75c each, but are offering them for only 15c per packet. The above are only a few of the many bargains we have to offer and will be pleased to send sets and unmounted lots of stamps on approval, at net prices to responsible parties. Every new applicaut for our fine approval sheets at 50 per cent discount receives a good stamp or a beautiful post card free. Special terms to agents.

Postcards

One more chance to obtain souvenir cards of the St. Louis exposition at regular prices. We have just received a large shipment of these cards from the publishers who are closing them out and as they sell very fast you will have to hurry if you want a set. The following are our special prices: 10 all different highly colored on embossed card board only 25c, 10 all different handsomely enameled in silver 35c, 10 all different illuminated depicting the grounds and buildings as they appeared at night all aglow, illuminations are beautiful only 50c per set.

Agents Wanted

We want bright, energetic young persons in every city in the United States and Canada to act as our agents for the sale of our pictorial post cards. We give liberal discounts to such agents. Send us 25c for samples, catalogue, special prices, terms, etc. The samples alone are worth more than this. Write today, do not delay.

**The Dixie Stamp Co, Jos. H. Winkers, Pres.
1011 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia**

Please mention the WEST when answering advertisements.

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U GREAT SNAP S

Catalogue Value \$14.18

MY PRICE \$4.50 MONEY ORDER

Stamps Registered and Postpaid

THERE are old timers, used and unused departments, postage and revenues in this very select lot. They have all been well cared for, are clean and each specimen has its catalog value beneath it. The whole neatly mounted in small book. Party who bought previous collections offered by me was well satisfied. You will be if you buy this

R. R. McGill,
7 Burton Place
Lincoln Park Station
Chicago

Special Offer

APPROVAL SHEETS
 60 PER CENT DISCOUNT.

LABUAN

1894 12 18 24c

Catalogue price 67c

My price 22c

References required

Paul K Gooch,
 33 Kingston Ave,
 Brooklyn, N. Y.

A Guide and Referance

For the Rest of Your Philatelic Days.

The many mistakes young collectors make in mounting their U. S. stamps issued from 1870 to the re-engraved ones of 1882 has prompted me to give my attention to the uninitiated ones of these "puzzlers" and hope the same will be appreciated by thousands of the young collectors who read the WEST. I therefore have mounted and classified on printed card-board (4x2½) the 1c, 3c, 6c and 10c values with date of issue above space for stamp and name of respective print below same.

Price for the 4 1c prints	16c
.. " " " " 3c "	5c
.. " " " " 6c "	20c
.. " " " " 10c "	16c

The 2c, 7c, 12c, 30c and 90c values I will also classify for any applicant and deliver same at thirty-three and one-third per cent off catalogue price.

Orders under .50c postage extra. My approval books equal anything that are making the circuit at the present time U. S. all issues as well as foreigners against references. Premiums and valuable ones to all buyers.

Wendelin Weber, Buffalo's Stamp Man,
 869 E. Eagle St., Buffalo, N. Y.

WANTED

Philatelic Literature in complete volumes only. Good condition. State prices, delivered.

Precanceled stamps in large and small lots. State price.

Write before forwarding.

A. R. Butler;

500 8th St N W. Washington D. C.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!

Old Japanese sent on approval, also a new list just out to dealers. Remember we have all the stamps from 1871 up to the present date. 50 United States for 10c and many other cheap packets for collectors. Send for my 1905 catalogue FREE. A special offer for This Month. Anyone applying for approval sheets will receive 100 stamps for 2c postage. These packets are first class, no trash, no reprints or U S all good stamps. Give me a trial. Lewis and Clark souvenir gold dollars for sale \$2, sent by registered mail on day of receipt

JAPANESE STAMP CO.

741 E Pine Street, Portland Oregon.

Scott's Catalog For 1905 FREE

for purchases from my approval books to the net amount of \$4. Write now for a selection and also get free six different foreign postal cards, very pretty and part unused.

Elmer Smith, Pontoosuc, Ill.

Price List Free. Eagle Stamp House, Keokuk Iowa.

Card, stamp and curio collectors directory in English and French, thousands of addresses of collectors world wide with exchange wants and offers, post free, 60c, unused stamps.

Everard & Co. Heiloo, Alkmaar, Holland, Europe.

Good Saint Nick Says

my 600 variety packet beats the rest of them "all holler" and is just the thing for a Christmas present for your friends, or your enemies. 600 varieties including Cape of Good Hope, Natal Orange River Colony, Transvaal, kings heads Swiss Jubilee and Newfoundland for only \$3. Remit by money order or bills, stamps not taken.

Albert Edgar, Noble, Iowa.

FREE.

50 DIFFERENT STAMPS OF SPAIN

One free advertisement of four lines offered to all subscribers of

L'Annonce Philatelique

A monthly journal in its third year. 4000 Readers.

Subscription 30c per annum.

Less than cost of postage and prize

Advertisement of four lines inserted twice at the cost of one namely 20c.

Specimen free.

Directory—Verdy-Troyes France Gen'l agent United States and Canada

Emil Spinony P O bx 453 Great Falls Montana

100 Stamps, hinges, souv. card and list free to applicants for our fine sheets at 50 to 60 per cent discount inclosing 2c for postage. ref. We take your duplicates cat 3c to \$1 and allow you 2/3 value in fine stamps for them. Send what you have.

Western Stamp and Exchange Co.,
1926 Crystal Lake Avenue North,
Minneapolis Minn.

Grand Christmas Offer!

FREE

To every new applicant for our 50 per cent approval books we will send **FREE** any one of the following grand premiums:

1. Cuba 1856 2 R Scott's No 1 cat 75c.
2. Argentine Republic 1892-96 5p (star punched) cat 50c.
3. Antiquia 1899 20c gray violet cat 25c
4. 5 varieties Newfoundland cat about 20c.

Remember, you may have any one of the above absolutely **FREE** simply by writing for an approval selection. The only condition is that you must send a good reference.

When you have bought stamps to the value of \$1.50 we will (in addition to the above) send you **FREE** a set of Venezuela 1896 maps unused cat 42c.

We pay the highest prices for collections and job lots.

CO-OPERATIVE EXCHANGE

(Established 1898)

85 Putnam Avenue,

Brooklyn, New York.

FREE FREE FREE

100 stamps to all who buy 15c worth of stamps from our approval sheets at 50 per cent discount

BARGAINS

- 1 collectors own catalog for 10c
- 35 var U S stamps for 8c
- 300 mixed foreign stamps for 10c
- 5 var U S stamps cat 15c for 8c
- 1000 hinges for only 8c
- 5 var U S stamps for 1c

We are selling fine approval sets that contain 20 stamps for only 10c each or 3 for 25c. We send fine selections of stamps on approval against reference. Postage 2c extra on all orders under 25c. Agents wanted.

Sterling Stamp Company.
2317-25 Ave So. Minneapolis Minn.

WANTED

New customers for my approval sheets. Conditions fine, prices all right. Try me. Fifty per cent discount. Good business references required.

- 100 var foreign.....10c
- 200 " ".....25c
- 300 " ".....50c
- 800 " ".....90c
- 500 " ".....1.25
- 100 mixed var foreign.....18c
- 25 U S square envelope.....20c
- 50 var Australian.....30c
- 40 var Japan.....30c

George A. Knight,

90 Msridan St.,

Boston, Mass.

1000 MIXED STAMPS 10c

This Lot of U. S. Revenues 20c

\$3 gray, \$5 orange, \$5 gray, \$1 carmine, \$1 gray, \$2 gray, \$1 green, \$2 green and black.

U. S. Postage

- 50c orange 1895 5c
- \$1 black 1895 25c
- 43 diff U. S. 7c
- 100 different U S 20c

Send for our buying list of U S stamps. Our 20 page list free to all.

C. W. Leonard & Co.
18 John R. Street.
Detroit Mich

- Just to get acquainted.
- 20 var British Colonies 5c
 - 60 var foreign and U S in books 6c
 - C S A 10c used 5c
 - C S A 10c original cover fine 7c
- Approval sheets at 75 per cent from Scott's. Postage free. Reference.
J. A. Stallings, P. O. Box 613, Atlanta Georgia.

PHILIPPINES

Mixture, current Philippine stamps 1-10c values, per 100.....60c
 Current unused stamps supplied at 10 per cent over face, plus 10c for registered postage



U S Coinage for Philippines comp 1/2, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 1 peso \$1.55
 25 diff Oriental coins silver, copper, bronze, etc.....1.00
 100 diff Oriental Coins silver, copper, bronze, etc, fine collection....5.00
 Fine Philippine hat very durable (your hatter can make it up for you to size and shape desired 3.00
 Canes, of valuable Philippine woods—Mahogany Ebony, Narra, Limoncita etc curiously shaped carved or polished, collection of 6 diff canes 3.00
 Bolos, carved from Caribao horn, rare each 2.00
 Canes, " " " " very hand me ea 3.00
 Rings, " " " " each......25
 Beautiful Philippine Shells, many kinds and sizes per 100.....2.00
 Sample lot of 50 shells for.....1.00

Large list of Philippine curios included in each order.

Everything sent post paid and registered. Remit by P O money order, or registered letter. Unused stamps not accepted in payment.
 CHAS. C. DESELMAS, Manila, Philippine Islands (Formerly Richmond, Ind.)
 Reference Brodstone. Member Am. Philatelic Assn. No. 1698.

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That's the number of packets we sold of our U. S. mixture last month. 3 ounces (1000-1200 stamps) of United States only, no common 2c reds and only 12c post free.

We also offer:

100 Special delivery	30c
100 2c Pan Americans	12c
100 2c Omaha	12c
100 5c Pan Americans	\$2.50
100 British Colonials	10c
100 Canada 10 var	10c
100 diff (cat \$2.)	12c
100 \$1 and \$2 U S Rev	20c
100 diff unused	55c
100 good U S	10c
100 unused Philippine and Cuba	20c
50 unused British Colonials	\$1.00
100 Australia 10 var	5c
10 U S rev [cat 15c each]	25c
200 varieties stamps	17c
100 2c Columbians	7c
25 different Chinese	25c
8 old coins	10c
1000 hinges	5c
100 var United States	12c
30 diff Sweden	8c
3 diff unused Liberia	4c
100 3c Canada Jubilee	25c
100 diff unused	60c
10 Newfoundland [cat 40c]	15c
100 1c St Louis	30c
100c Australian	48c
10 diff Cuba	7c
100 2c purple Canada	8c

Send us your order. Give us a trial. We know we can please and satisfy you. Roessler always pays the postage. Our price lists free for the asking. Want list on Australia solicited.

A. C. ROESSLER.

21 Club Bldg., Denver, Colo.

"BARGAIN PACKETS"

50 varieties Stamps.....	5c
100 " "	12c
100 fine var "	18c
400 fine mixed "	20c
600 " "	32c

Mammoth Packet containing over 1000 For and U S stamps for 50 cts postpaid.

F. B. MINER.
 Corning, Iowa

200 var foreign postage	17c
300 " " "	37c
40 " Japanese, mounted	17c

Each postpaid. First 10 answering get packet 15 old U S revenues free.

GEO. C. KEMPER.
 2551 N. 5th St.,
 Philadelphia, Pa.

THE BUSY STAMP SEASON will soon be with us. In order to increase the circulation of my 50 per cent discount approval selections, I make the following offers: To the one making the largest purchase there from previous to January 1, 1905, I will give a \$1 unused present issue. Second largest, a copy of Scott's Catalogue 1905. Third, a years subscription to the WEST. Fourth, a set of unused St. Louis stamps. Write me now. No attention will be given applicants unless accompanied by good references.

GEO. A. KNIGHT,

90 Meridan St. Boston, Mass.

BARGAINS at 1-7 Catalogue. Send me 10c and I will send you seven times the value in stamps at 1-7 cat, stamps include at U S, Austr 1 and 2 krone, Columbia, Filipinos, Peru and Mexico, etc. WM. HUTH, 117 Maybury Ave, Detroit, Mich.

WEST gets better for ads each number, and is steadily improving, our ads get good results.—F. C. Traub, Elma, Ia.

While They Last

50c Columbian U S Postage.....	27c
50c 1895 United States Postage.....	.06
50c 1902 United States Postage.....	.07
1.00 1902 United States Postage.....	.26
50c Omaha United States Postage.....	.15
7c Stanton United States Postage.....	.27
15c Orange United States Postage.....	.10
\$50.00 Documentary uncut No. 3042.....	1.00

Postage 2c extra. Money back quick if you want it. To the purchasers of United States from approval sheets we extend a cordial invitation to "look us over." Send reference and state preference. Want lists and correspondence solicited. For good United States address

Frank Dee Brayton

3 Green street,

Freeport, Michigan

U S Revenues 1861

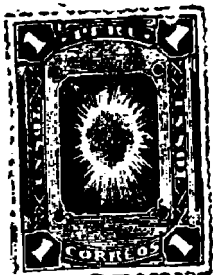
Special Low Prices For This Month

	Cat	Pc	Our pc		
2c certificate orange	.40	.14		\$10 black revenue cut	.20
30c 3rd issue	.25	.10		10 grey revenue cut	.15
40c 3rd issue	.75	.20		1 packet of revenues 1861 cat 1.00	.20
\$2.50 1rd issue	.50	.20		1 set 1898 revenues 1/2 to \$1 incl	.12
\$5 3rd issue	1.50	.30		50c late postage	.06
\$5 3rd issue	.75	.15		\$1 late postage	.25
1 manifest	.60	.20		15c orange 1879	.10
1 probate of will	1.50	.30		30c black 1879	.06
1 passage ticket	6.00	1.50		1 set Bulgaria 4 varieties	.03
1 mortgage	3.00	.75		1 set Sweden 11 varieties	.06
2 mortgage	.15	.05		2 set Servia 5 var	.05
50c lease	.40	.10		1 set U S army Franks 3 var	.03
50c foreign exchange	.50	.12		1000 Omega hinges	.06
25c bond part perf.	.50	.10		100 var foreign postage	.06
\$5 grey revenue cut		.04		500 mixed foreign postage	.06
3 brown revenue uncut		.08		We will take 3-5-10c St. Louis stamps as	
5 grey revenue cut		.05		2c each in trade. Agents wanted, 50 per-	
5 orange revenue uncut		.12		cent commission references required.	

COOLEY BROTHERS

8-10 NOYES STREET UTICA NEW YORK

	Cat.	Price.
Peru 24	2c	1c
" 53	3c	1c
" 54	5c	2c



" 57	4c	2c
" 61	4c	2c
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" " F1 2 50		28
" 1900 10 12½ 15 20 25 50		14
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Lot No.	Cat val	No in lot	Lot No.	Cat val	No in lot
1 U S 1847 5c28 & 28b.	\$3 75	2	50 1869 30c no 121 fine.	3 00	1
1a 5c new fine.	7 50	1	50a 2-3c cent n new.	1 75	2
2 10c close 2 sides.	4 50	1	51 1c no 123 used fine.	5 00	1
3 1c no. 30 fine	25 00	1	52 1870 7c grilled fine.	3 00	1
4 1c no. 32 fine	10 00	1	53 1871 1c new fine.	3 00	1
5 12c no. 36 fine.	2 00	1	54 7c no 149 new fine.	6 00	1
6 1857 1c no. 40 fine	7 50	1	55 24c no 153 fine.	1 50	1
7 3c no. 43 fine new	12 50	1	56 24c 153 centered E.	1 50	1
8 5c no. 45 very fine	10 00	1	57 90c no 155 fine.	1 25	1
9 5c no. 47 1 straight edge.	4 00	1	58 7c no 160 fine new.	6 00	1
10 5c no. 49 cent. S W	2 50	1	59 24c no 164 cent n not cat		1
11 5c no. 49 looks dirty.	4 00	1	60 90c no 166 fine new.	6 00	1
12 5c no. 46 1 straight edge.	4 00	1	61 90c 166 fine.	2 50	1
13 10c no 50a new fine.	7 50	1	62 1870 3c new o g.	2 00	1
14 12c fine	1 25	1	63 1893 \$1 o g very fine.	2 50	1
15 12c centered E.	1 25	1	64 1892 \$4 o g fine.	5 00	1
16 12c new o g fine.	2 50	1	65 1894 \$2 fine.	3 00	1
17 24c no 52 o g fine.	6 00	1	66 Agriculture navy 1c marked specimen.	4 75	2
18 24c no 52 new fine.	0 00	1	67 2c cent N o g new.	1 00	1
19 24c no 52 1 straight edge.	4 00	1	68 Executive 3c fine.	6 50	1
20 30c no 53 o g cent S.	10 00	1	69 6c very good.	15 00	1
21 1861 AUGUST 10c cover.	7 50	1	70 Interior o g set.	9 33	10
22 3c pink no 64 fine.	7 50	1	71 Justice 1c o g fine.	1 50	1
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28 24c no 70 fine.	1 00	1	78 collection of 926 var in old Int album good in U S includes no 47.		
29 30c no 71 cent. n new.	5 00	1	79 collection of 705 var in Imperial album includes U S no 52.		
30 90c no 72 1 straight edge.	3 50	1	80 U S postage and revenues in envelopes lot of 1100 list over.		
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34 24c no 78 fine new.	4 00	1			
35 5c no 76 fine o g pair.	8 00	2			
36 1867 1c 11x13 fine.	2 00	1			
37 2-10-12c 11x13 fine.	1 45	3			
38 15c 11x13 1 straight.	4 00	1			
39 nos. 92, 93, 96 98 good.	2 45	4			
40 30c 9x13 fine cent S.	3 50	1			
41 5c no 76a new fine.	15 00	1			
42 3c no 94 new o g fine.	1 00	1			
43 5c no 105 very fine new	12 50	1			
44 1869 6c o g fine.	4 00	1			
45 same 1 straight edge.	4 00	1			
46 10c same.	6 00	1			
47 12c same.	4 00	1			
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1 1st issue 1874-5 32x48 mm perf 12, rough yellow gum, white wove paper. Sheets of 50, 5 rows of 10
 1 1c brown 6 25c orange
 2 3c violet 7 50c brown
 3 5c vermilion 8 1p blue
 4 5c orange 9 5p rose
 5 10c green 10 10p black

2nd Issue 74-5 same as above except they are perf 12, smooth white gum instead of yellow. All values.

3rd issue 74-5 horizontally laid paper, perf 12 rough, yellow gum wmk. Renta del Timbre. All values

1876. 26x36 mm perf 12 yellow gum. No wmk. Sheets of 96, 12 rows of 8
 White wove or laid.

11 1c lilac 13 5c bistre
 12 3 carmine 14 10c vermilion

On yellow wove paper

15 25c green 17 1d blue green
 16 50c blue 18 5p ochre
 19 10p red

The following varieties occur on paper wmk Renta del Timbre.

3c carmine on white wove

5c bistre on white laid

1877. Same issue as above surcharged Surcharged "Habilitada-Para-1877"

20 5c violet bistre 21 50c blue
 Surcharged "Habilitada-1877" vertically
 22 5c violet bistre
 Surcharged "Para-1877"
 23 1c lilac 25 5c violet bistre
 24 3c carmine 26 25c green
 27 50c blue

1877. 30x37 mm. perf. 12 wmk as last Yellow gum sheets of 100, 10 rows of 10

28 1c blue grey 32 25 olive
 29 3c rose 33 50 deep blue
 30 5c olive brown 34 50 deep blue
 31 10c orange vermilion 35 5 red brown

1877. Same as above colors changed
 36 1c red 41 50c bright yellow
 37 3c ultramarine 42 50c bistre
 38 5c lilac 43 1p violet
 39 10c orange brown 44 5c yellowish green
 40 25c violet 45 10c car & black
 Nos. 28, 30, 32, 33, 36, 38, 40, 41, 42 have the left figure of value reversed, a mistake of the engraver. Nos 36 to 45 exist on wove paper.

1878. 30x37 mm. Perf. 12½ white wove paper, wmk as last. Sheets of 100
 46 1c green 51 25 green
 47 1c bronze green 52 50 chocolate
 48 3c orange 53 1 ultra marine
 49 5c brown 54 5 carmine
 50 10c vermilion 55 verm & green
 No 51 has left figure reversed

1879 30x37 mm. Perf 12. Vertically ribbed. Wmk as last. Sheets of 100.
 10p 35x55mm

56 1c brown 58 25c slate
 56a 3c ultramarine 58a 50d yellow green
 57 5c orange 59 1p vermilion
 57a 10c bistre 59a 5p lilac

60 10p brown and blue

Nos. 56 59 inclusive occur on wove paper also, and Nos. 56 to 57 inclusive on vertically laid paper

1880. 32x36mm. 10p 35x57mm perf 12½. Yellow gum wmk. vertically laid paper. Sheets of 100.

61 1c blue 65 25 ultramarine
 62 3c orange bistre 66 50 lilac
 63 5c green 67 1 emerald green
 64 10 violet 68 5p vermilion

Nos 62, 63 and 66 also exist in finely ribbed wove paper.

1881. 30x40 mm 10 peso 35x57 mm mm perf 12. Yellow gum, wmk, vertically laid paper

70 1c vermilion 74 25c dark green
 71 3c yellowish green 75 50c violet
 72 5c orange 76 1p dark blue

73 10c ultramarine 77 5 lilac
 78 10p blue and black
 No's 70, 71, 72, 73 and 75 are known
 on white wove paper. No wmk.
 1882. 32x38mm. Perf. 12. sheets of
 100, yellow gum, horizontally laid paper
 Wmk.

79 1c blue 83 25c ultramarine
 80 3c orange 84 50c green
 81 5c olive 85 1p purple
 82 10c brown 86 5p carmine
 87 10p brown and blue

No's 79-84 inclusive are known on
 thin paper. No wmk.

1883. 30x40mm. Perf. 12½, horizon-
 tally laid paper, sheets of 100. 11 4-5 15
 in white gum

88 1c bistre 92 25c orange
 89 3c ultramarine 93 50c violet
 90 5c deep green 94 1p brown
 91 10c vermillion 95 5p carmine
 96 10p carmine and black

1883-4. 26x31mm. perf. 12 vertically
 laid paper. 100 stamp to sheet 10½x12½
 brown gum wmk.

97 1c blue 103 50c orange
 98 2c bistre brown 104 1 p violet
 99 3c yellow grn 105 5p deep green
 100 5c indigo 106 10p grn and brn
 101 10c violet brn 107 25p " "
 102 25c red 108 50p violet & "
 99a 3c dark green

1885-6 23x32 mm perf 12, vertically
 laid paper paper sheets of 120. 10 1-10x
 12½ in wmk. yellow gum

109 1c olive 115 50c vermilion
 110 2c ultramarine 116 1p green
 111 3c orange 117 5p blue
 112 5c violet 118 10p red
 113 10c dark blue 119 25p orange & blk
 114 25c brown 120 50p carmine "

Nos 109, 112, 115, 116, and 117 exist on
 plain unwmk paper.

Nos 109, 112 and 115 exist on horizon-
 tally laid paper, making Nos 109a, 112a,
 113d, 115a, 116a, 117a, 109b, 112b and
 115b.

1886-7 23x32mm, perf 12 sheets of 12

10 1-10x12½ in, white gum, plain paper.

121 1c brown 126 25c brown

122 2c " 127 50c "

123 3c " 128 1p red or flesh

124 5c " 129 5p "

125 10c " 130 10p "

1887-8 24x31mm perf. 12½. Sheets of

120. 11 1-10x12½ in white gum vertical-
 ly laid paper.

131 1c deep green 137 50c deep green

132 2c " 138 1p bright red

133 3c " 139 5p "

135 5c " 140 10p "

136 25c " 142 50p "

All varieties exist unwmk on plain
 paper

1888-9 25x30mm perf 12. sheets wmk,
 vertically laid paper.

143 1c red 149 50c red

144 2c " 150 1p violet

145 3c " 151 5p "

146 5c " 152 10p "

147 10c " 153 25p "

148 25c " 154 50p "

1889-90 26x33mm perf 12½ white gum
 laid paper wmk

155 1c orange 161 50c orange

156 2c " 162 1p blue violet

157 3c " 162a 2p? ""(Lundy)

158 5c " 163 5 " "

159 10c " 164 10 " "

160 25c " 165 25 " "

166-50p blue violet

1889-90 Lundy also gives all values as
 existing on white plain paper.

1890-1 33x38mm perf 12½ plain thin
 lilac paper No wmk

167 1c green 173 50c green

168 2c " 174 1p carmine

169 3c " 175 5p "

170 5c " 176 10p "

171 10c " 177 25p "

172 25c " 178 50p "

The next installment will give a list
 of Federal stamps again let me urge all
 collectors of Mexican Fiscals to send
 any notes they may be incorporated in
 the notes.

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Counterfeits and Their Detection.

B Y R R T H I E L E



Genuine

Counterfeit.

Western Australia

The counterfeit above illustrated is one of the 2d yellow of 1865, perforated $12\frac{1}{2}$, watermarked crown or the same value of 1872, perforated 14, or the same value of 1882, watermarked crown A. perforated 12, or finally the same value perforated 14. You have your choice, as the counterfeit has no watermark and the perforation is too ragged to gauge it accurately. The execution is lithographed, while the original is one of Perkins, Bacon Co's line engravings; but the forgery is never the less imitated well enough to deceive the beginner, perhaps even an older collector. for some collectors somehow never seem to acquire the instinctive, feeling of distrust which makes them aware of a counterfeit. It is surprising, in fact, how many forgeries, even of the rankest kind, some large collections contain alas, how often must one shatter fond illusions which the trustful collector had entertained as to this or that cherished specimen! But this by the way let us take a closer look at our Western Australian 2d. I may say at the outset that the swan is very well imitated indeed. The yellow color of the stamp makes it difficult clearly to distinguish the details

of the drawing, but the outlines are well done. The upper part of the neck of the swan is rather too thick as compared with the genuine, so that directly under the T of postage the neck of the original measures barely 1mm. in diameter, while the neck of the forgery at the same place measures rather more than $1\frac{1}{4}$ mm. in diameter. The same is true, relatively, of the entire vertical right hand curve of the swan's neck. The space found between the neck and the lower part of the wings ends quite pointedly on the original on the forgery it is too rounded at the end, even widening somewhat here, so that the space is somewhat bulbous in appearance.

Better distinctive marks may be found in the inscriptions in fact it is curious how often comparatively well done forgeries fall down on the lettering, which one might suppose to be the easiest part of the stamp to imitate. The entire upper label is too wide, so that all the letters of the word Postage are too tall. For the same reason the label is too close to the neck of the swan under the t of postage the original has fully 1 mm. between the upper inscribed label and the top of the swan's neck, while the forgery in the same place measures barely $\frac{3}{4}$ mm. The colored patch in the upper part of the P on the original is small and quite round, on the forgery it is large and D shaped. The O on the forgery is too tall and therefore appears oval on the original it is round. The lower end of the S on the original is too short and does not extend out as far as the curve above it; on the forgery it extends out farther than the curve. The upper bar of the T on the original is of the same thickness as the vertical bar; on the counterfeit it is thinner than the vertical stroke

The feet of the A, below the cross-bar, are very short on the original; on the counterfeit they are longer and the one at the right is thicker than the one at the left. The cross-bar of the E on the genuine is of the same thickness as the upper and lower bars; on the forgery it is much thinner. The letters of Australia are all rather thinner on the counterfeit than on the original. The feet of the As are too long; the U is almost square at the bottom instead of round; the lower half of the R is larger than the upper. In Western all the letters of the forgery are too thin. I have two copies of this forgery before me which, while otherwise identical, differ at this point. One of them shows this label of normal width; on the other something seems to have happened to the transfer, so that a slice of this label has been cut off and the W and E are minus part of their tops. The vertical part of the second E on the forgery is much thinner than the horizontal bars while on the original all are of approximately the same thickness. The R is quite mishapen, the foot being widely spread, while on the original the opening is no wider than the patch of color in the upper part. The letters of TWO PENCE are the best formed of any; the most serious defect is that the upper bar of the first E is too thin as compared with the others. The O likewise does not appear very well rounded in its lower part on the forgery.

There are, of, numerous differences to be found in the machine-engraving of the background around the swan, for no human hand can exactly reproduce the lacelike pattern of such lathework. But for the same reason it is virtually impossible to convey a clear idea of these distinctions in words; the only thing to

do here is to compare a suspect with an undoubtedly genuine specimen. Most of my counterfeits of this set are "postmarked" with a number apparently four—of concentric circles. I have no originals showing any similar postmark consisting of parallel horizontal bars forming a circle or an oval and broken in the center by a small circle containing the number of the postoffice or the the letters G. P. O.

(To be continued.)

Much is being written about the abuses of the of the postal franking system. It is stated that postal officials, Congressmen, Senators and others burden the mails with cheap campaign literature on which no postage is paid. If all this were paid for at regular rates there would not be the big deficiency which exists every year. From sixty or seventy tons in 1833, the amount of free matter has grown to thousands of tons. Down to about 1845 Postmasters receiving less than \$2,000 a year salary were allowed 2 cents for handling and delivering each piece of franked matter. From examinations made in the Washington City Postoffice, covering a period of about two and a half months, it was discovered that 979,820 pieces of paid matter and 5,900,000 pieces of unpaid matter of all classes went through, the unpaid matter on some days running as high as 135,000. This year 45,000,000 packages of garden and flower seeds will be sent out, and without a cent being paid for postage. One Congressman recently sent a friend in Missouri a package of seed, and got a letter in return thanking him, and asking him if he could not mail back a sack of wheat, a sack of oats and as many trees as he could get at the Agricultural Department.



WOMAN COLLECTORS' DEPARTMENT



Since the time of the first noted woman archeologist, Mme. Schlieman who with her husband made important archeological discoveries in Asia Minor, there have been many women archeologists, and some famous ones.

In England there are today two very learned women, twin sisters, who have devoted their lives to Biblical study—Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Gibbons. Both are Ph. D's of the University of Halle and L. D's of St. Andrews. They became master of the Syriac language which many Biblical students believe to be the language spoken by Christ. There are numerous monasteries perched upon the mountains of Syria, wherein it would be only natural to expect to find important manuscripts of Bible times. So thought the sisters. Among other monasteries visited by them was that of St. Catherine on the Mount of Sinia. Overruling the scruples the good fathers held against women intruding upon their retreat, they were allowed to search the unused portion of the quaint abode. One apartment in particular held many old documents. The English ladies' efforts were rewarded by discovering among the number a palimpsest that underneath its outer writing had another which proved to be a record of the sayings of Christ which dated back to within a century, and a half of his actual existence upon the earth, thus constituting the

oldest New Testament document in existence.

Scientists acknowledge this to be the most important find ever made.

The sisters are still pursuing their studies and researches of ancient scriptures.

In our own America, Harriet Ann Boyd, a Bostonian, stands foremost. This woman although young, as yet has had a very checkered career. Receiving a preliminary education in the Boston public schools she entered Smith in 1888. While there the Egyptologist Amelia B. Edwards came to America on a lecture tour and gave an address at Smith. Dr. Edwards' story of archeologic researches among ancient nations made a vivid impression upon the girl's mind which grew as time passed. Overcoming obstacles she went to Greece and entered the American school of Classical Studies at Athens. While there she mastered modern Greek. Then the war broke out between Turkey and Greece. Miss Boyd at once abandoned her studies and became a nurse to the Greek soldiers. Her conduct was admirable that Queen Olga presented her with a decoration.

After the war Miss Boyd passed the examinations and won a fellowship. Her attention was then turned towards Crete. When this island became a British protectorate and was thrown open to explorers Miss Boyd seized the opportunity. She

made many important finds that now repose in the museum at Crete.

In 1900 she returned to America and became a teacher of Archaeology at Smith. Reading an address the following winter before the American Institute of Archaeology at Philadelphia she attracted the attention of secretary Mrs. Cornelius Stevensen who used her influence with some wealthy Philadelphians to have Miss Boyd continue her explorations at Crete. Early in 1901, accompanied by a classmate, Miss Blanche E. Wheeler, she started on her second exploring expedition.

Miss Boyd with 100 workmen excavated a hill near Gournia in eastern Crete. When it was completed a whole city was discovered, Implements proved it to have belonged to the bronze age. While about 3400 years old it was more civilized than any American towns today. The streets were paved and stained. There many were two story houses, the lower of stone and the upper of brick, with seven rooms.

Beautiful pottery somewhat like our modern Japanese Vases with carved hieroglyphics so ancient as to have no key. A shrine of the goddess Minerva was also unearthed before which probably heads had bowed that had turned to dust long ere Moses handled the children of Israel from Egypt. A considerable portion of the treasures will be placed in the University of Pennsylvania.

This discovery is especially important because it throws light upon the real life of the mysterious people of Mycenaean civilization. Last spring Miss Boyd started upon her third expedition to Crete, where she is at present.

I shall at some future time continue this paper with sketches of other women archeologists.

CHIT CHAT.

When the number of the WEST containing this department reaches you, you will probably be thinking of other than collecting subjects. There will be all over this vast country--and world, in hill and dale, mountain and valley, city and country, happy anticipations of the joyous Christmas tide. There will be merry home comings; happy meetings between friends of the "auld lang syne."

For a time we will put aside all our tribulations and pleasures and plunge into the merry carnival from Christmas to the New Year.

After all is at an end we take up our old life, turning with renewed zest to the old round of pleasures and duties.

And you, dear Madame or Sir, will take up your especial hobby of hobbies with increased ardor to face the collector's "busy season."

Perchance, dear Madame, you may remember your editor, if so gladden her heart with a letter--yes of criticism. Many of my readers have written to me regarding this department, assuring me that they liked it, which was of course very flattering to my vanity. But I want something more than "taffy," as the school children say. I want criticism; be it as hard as nails. I also want advice for the bettering of this, Madame, your own especial corner. Though you may regard all the rest of the paper yours, this corner is solely and entirely your own to do with as you will. Anthing you may care to discuss herein you are at perfect liberty to do so.

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Washington Notes.

By C M

The Jefferson Bible, the correct title of which is "The Morals of Jesus," is to be reprinted in a new edition of ten thousand. It has been a popular book, and the first edition was soon exhausted.

The annual report of the Smithsonian Institution has just appeared (for 1903): it contains the usual interesting articles on scientific and popular subjects. Either of these books can be procured through Congressmen only.

The decision of the War Department to use hereafter the stamps of Panama in the Canal Zone will render the issues surcharged on U. S. rather rare. While one million each of the, 18 and 10 cent, five million of the twos and 2 million of the fives were surcharged, the destruction of the remainders after a comparatively limited use will make the U. S. set a good one.

The total postal receipts for the island of Guam during the year 1904 were \$288.72, which shows how little necessity there was for the large supply of overprints.

The year 1904 shows a decrease of 3583 fourth class postoffices from 1903, this is due to the extension of rural free delivery there having been 9,447 rural routes established during the year.

The postmaster General is in favor of presenting to the Postal Congress which is to convene in Rome next April the questions of an international stamp and a general plan for making uniform the postal conditions between nations.

Over nine million of unused postal cards which had been rendered un-serviceable by being printed on were

redeemed by the Department last year, and it is stated that the rate for redeeming gives general satisfaction except to persons who were buying up these cards at speculative rates and enameling them for resale.

The rubber stamp postmarks have been a decided success, and their use has been extended to over ten thousand of the fourth class offices, and to a few second and third class places. The impression is found to be more legible than from a seldom-used steel stamp, and the pads keep their moisture better and do not grow hard. If the new marks stand the hard wear, as they seem to be doing all right now it is likely that the steel stamp except on the machine canceller will be a comparatively rarity.

The Postoffice Department states that the reform of the second-class matter abuses have been successfully continued during the past year, and it is noted that the decisions of the Department have been sustained by the courts.

During the next year we may expect to see two new types of machine cancellations, the department having contracted with the Time Marking Machine for 50 of their automatic cancelers, and with the Geary National Supply Co., for 20 of their machines. It has been decided to cease to purchase machines of this class, the government having now on hand 410 of the Doremus machines, and finding it more expensive to purchase the Doremus machine and keep it in repair than to rent. It is probable therefore, that the Doremus cancellation will gradually be replaced by others.

The maximum limit for a money order to Cape Colony will shortly be raised to \$100: this colony being the only one to which a lower limit than \$100 for an international order now applies.

Readers:—I have reason to believe that the "UNITED PHILATELIC EMBLEM ASSOCIATION" will prove a success, providing those who have the matter in charge give it the proper attention, and are willing to lay aside for the present, the thought of pecuniary remuneration. It will be considered advantageous for the cause of philately for its followers to wear a standard insignia. It seems strange that this matter has not received more attention in the past than it has, and in my opinion the time has arrived in when the matter should be laid before the stamp collecting public for definite action.

In assuming the duties of Secretary-Treasurer of the new association, I beg to make the following suggestions, some of which have been originated by well known philatelists:

1. Interested persons will submit a drawing or suitable design, with appropriate explanation, for adoption as the insignia on the button of the association.

2. At the end of a specified time, competent judges shall determine the one among those submitted most suitable for adoption as the standard design.

3. A suitable prize shall be awarded the successful competitor.

4. The approved design shall be submitted to a reliable concern, who will submit prices for two or more grades of the finished emblem.

5. When the design and prices have been determined, subscription books shall be opened for the names of those who wish to join the association as honorary members, and who will receive the emblem at cost.

6. Additional representatives shall be appointed in three of the larger cities of the United States, and in the principal foreign countries, who will work for the interests of the association. These shall be reliable

dealers and the benefits shall be mutual, in that they will receive the profits on the sale of the emblem.

7. Co-operation is necessary for the success of this venture, and if YOU do your part it cannot fail. I wish to thank Mr. F. E. Halbert for his interest in this matter, and would request that same be made on white paper, with black ink, and in a 3 inch circle or square. On the back write your name and address, and remarks concerning the design.

In the next issue of the WEST definite plans of this association will be published.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter F. Slusser,

Sec.-Treas., pro tem.

Fort Casey Wash, Dec. 8th., 1904.

The issues of the French colonies which were made many years ago are now considered very desirable. The reason for this seems to lie in the fact that when issued these colonial surcharges were despised by nearly all collectors, so that very few of them were purchased compared with the number of collectors who now desire them. The scarcer stamps have found their way for the most part into collections, and the same brittle quality of paper which has been referred to in connection with the early issues of the United States has caused many of the more common specimens of these French colonial stamps to be injured to such an extent as to make them undesirable for the album.

It is not likely that rare Confederate provisionals could be secured by advertising for them, as has been suggested by several writers. The South was thoroughly canvassed for this purpose a number of years ago, when these provisionals were in much greater demand than they are at present.



Papers desiring an impartial review on the lines of those below, are requested to send a copy of each issue to the address below:

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

One of our foreign advertisers is the subject of the illustrated article in No. 25 of *Le Timbrophile de France*. It is the well known Parisian dealer Theodore Champion. It may interest our wheelman readers to know that M. Champion was at one time a professional bicyclist and for five years held the bicycle championship of Switzerland. He won a fortune in prizes, but it was lost in the failure of his brother who was also a stamp dealer. He is now the owner of the business formerly owned by M. Forbin and like him is collaborator on the catalogue of Yvert & Tellier, the standard of France; it is he chiefly who fixes the prices in his catalogue.

A small scandal has arisen concerning certain French colonials. The current stamps of Madagascar are made by a private firm, named Wittmann, at Paris. There seems to be a leakage in this establishment somewhere, of 12, and 5 franc stamps of this etc, gummed and perforated, are now offered to Parisian dealers at prices far below face value. The police have not yet seen fit to interfere, though the matter has been brought

to the attention of General Galieni, the governor-general of the colony. A certain stamp repairer lately threatened Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Company with the exposure of divers letters in which they ordered stamp repairs from him and tried to extort blackmail from them. The firm promptly replied by a public statement of the facts in the case, which were in no wise discreditable to the firm. This same blackmailer retired his game on others and in France found some willing to pay his price. He had had some dealings with M. Bernichon, a prominent Parisian dealer. Now M. Forbin has had a rod in pickle for M. Bernichon account of certain law suits he had lost against him and the blackmailer, knowing this, offered M. Bernichon's correspondence to M. Forbin for 3000 francs. The latter bought the letters, had photographs made of them and circulated them with a view to damaging M. Bernichon's reputation. Needless to say that among reputable French philatelists M. Forbin has on the contrary succeeded in blacking his own character. *Le Timbrophile de France*, from which I take these facts, champions M. Bernichon's cause. No doubt this affair will, with other similar ones, lead to some definite result as to the future status of repaired stamps.

In some things Germany is ahead of us, in philately no less than elsewhere. One of them is to be found in No. 10 of the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt* on the report of the Eighth Meeting of the Federation of German-Austrian Philatelic Societies. The question of insurance of exchange circuits in transit and in the hands of members has often been discussed in philatelic societies without much

tangible result. Now it appears that the before mentioned federation has at last succeeded in coming to an agreement with a Swiss insurance company whereby the circuits of the societies composing the federation are insured against the risks of transmission, against theft, both while in the hands of the several members. In the case of the larger societies the entire year's business is insured against that lump sum. The rates are not named, but must be low, as it was deemed more advantageous to insure with the company than have it undertaken by the federation. The idea would seem to merit the attention of societies in this country also.

The sensation of the day in French philatelic circles is the damage suit brought by M. George Carion against the editor of *La Revue Philatelique Francaise*, the organ of the *Societe Francaise de Timbrologie*. The case grows out of the discussion which has been waged in the French philatelic press for several months past as to the status of certain stamps of Diego Suarez with blue surcharge *Ste. Marie de Madagascar*, purporting to be provisionals for the latter. These showed up some ten years ago under the sponsorship of Mr. Carion. They were promptly denounced as fakes by the French Society and apparently justly so, for they were not heard of any more for a long while. Now they have again been offered by Mr. Carion and again been denounced in the French papers. By one of these articles in the *Revue Philatelique Francaise* Mr. Carion deemed his honor injured and, according to the report in No. 23-24 of *La Revue Francaise des Collectionneurs*, brought suit against the editor of the paper named for libel, asking for 25,000 francs damages. The suit was to

come off in November and I have not seen any report of the outcome as yet it is apt to have been quite a sensational suit.

The same controversy is dealt with at length in the leading editorial in No. 242 of the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde*. Mr. Robert, the editor, had in a former article asked Mr. Carion the pointed question why he did not take steps to establish the authenticity of his stamps in former years. The explanations given by Mr. Carion are not very satisfactory, but he at least proceeds to do his best now by furnishing certain official documents which seem to establish a fair case for these stamps, although not absolutely convincing. I hope that the decision of the court in the suit may bring some clearness into the matter.

The Transvaal surcharge 1d on 2½d violet of 1895 has heretofore been subdivided only into round and square period. An interesting article in the same number of the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift*, from the pen of Mr. Yaar, now makes a study of this stamp and introduces several other varieties to our notice, most of them in the spacing between the figure and letter and between the letter and the period. Normally the distance between figure and letter is 1¼mm., but on all the stamps of the fifth row (the sheet consists of 60 stamps in 6 horizontal rows of 10) the distance is 1¾mm., and on the stamps of the sixth row it varies from 1¾ to 2½m. The variety with square period occurs five times in each sheet (not twice, as Kohl's catalogue states) with period placed level and nine times with period placed too high.

As regards the late Dominican provisionals 2c on 50c and 1p, 5c on 50c and 1p, 10c on 50c and 1p, I quote as follows:

"The quantity surcharged of each new value was 5000, except the 5c of which 15,000 were printed on the 50c and 115,000 on the 1 peso Mr. Boutin further reports that, except perhaps for a letter which did not print well, no varieties are known of this issue, although 3 sheets of each value received the surcharge inverted.

"How odd!" the editor remarks.

The following is also of interest:

"Panama has introduced the gold standard. After Nov. 11, 94 Colombian money is declared without value throughout the republic; only the coinage of the republic introduced Sept. 1 has currency. This coinage is the golden balboa, weighing 1,672 gram, divided into 100 parts. The silver coin is the peso, weighing 25 gram, divided into ½, 1-5, 1-10 and 1-20 of a peso."

In connection herewith it is probable that a new issue will appear for the Canal Zone. The agreement lately entered into between Secretary Taft and President Amador provides that Panama is to furnish all stamps used in the Canal Zone and that the Canal Zone authorities are to buy them from Panama at 40 per cent of the face value.

Our friend, the Filatelico Espanol, has almost entirely gone to the fiscalists, a large part of its No. 48-49 being taken up with two articles on fiscals, one dealing with the notarial stamps of the Baleares Islands and the other being the conclusion of the historical article treating the Spanish revenue stamps for explosives. These latter are a Spanish specialty, no other country, as far as I know, having taxed explosives. They were affixed to the packages: if they were placed on the explosives themselves, used as specimens would no doubt be rare indeed.

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The Specialists Dream.

BY W. E. IMESON.

'Twas Christmas Eve. My ease I took
Reclining in an old arm-chair.

With pipe and philatelic book.

Pro tem forgetting life's dull care;

When phantoms weird and strange I found

My chair before, behind, around

And one, their chief, with blazing eye

Fixed mine. Forget his words I shan't:

"You are a Specialist—deny

It if you can!" I moaned "I can't."

My lame excuse did not appease—

"I'm, such a little one, sir, please!"

"These ill-used ghosts," their spokesmen said,

"By you and such as you are raised,

'Tis time that one and all were laid

(When comes that time the Lord be praised!)

A well-earned rest these shades but seek,

But for themselves they now shall speak,"

Spoke first the Stamp-World's Frankenstein:

"My name is Perfs (then shivered I.)

But added 'names,' as rough machine,

Serrated, wide—you call me by.

Is it not time—pray answer this!

That I'd a rest?" I groaned, "It is."

The Watermark wraith chimed in next;

"In days gone by few men I bored,"

Since found by you I've millions vexed.

Tho' e'en by you I'm oft ignored,

And passed by when I should be seen.

Yet 'found' where I have never been!"

Then forward stepped the Gum ghost grim:

"Say! am I 'brown' or 'white' (or 'blue')?"

No sticklier I, but I'll stick firm

No more to 'stick it," sir, with you!

You 'mix' me so—that's true, now come!"

"'Tis true," cried I, "by gum—O Gum!"

His plaint the Paper phantom made;

"O woe is wove, pelure, or ribbed!

My ghost had, but for you been laid,

O granite heart!" At this I jibbed—

"The Dickinson——?" The ghost cried "Fie!

Own to the truth and let me lie!"

Passed Dots and Hairlines in review,

And Stops (I might in Hades be!)

Then, at a signal, off they flew,

Ere went chief, "Repent!" cried he,

"Repent! for time is left you still!"

I shrieked "I do"—some day I will.

'Twas Christmas Eve. My snooze I took.

Reclining in an old arm-chair.

My pipe was out, and dropped my book.

And those weird phantoms vanished were

The bells rang out—the spell they broke,

As, with a shudder I awoke.

Stamp vs Card Collecting And the Advantages of Both

JOSEPH H. WINKERS

I started stamp collecting some six or seven years ago, with about five or eight hundred ordinary mixed stamps presented me by an Uncle, out of which I found about 200 to 300 different kinds. I continued collecting all the varieties I could get, and what with buying, exchanging, etc, I now have nearly 3,000 varieties. At times when I first started my collection, not understanding stamps well enough, would get tired of them for a while, as many others have done also, but nevertheless, I would not dispose of it, and money could not buy it now. Not because the stamps themselves are so very valuable, but because each stamp is a reminder of the happy hours I spent in assorting and placing them in their correct places. I am proud of my collection, principally as it was through my own efforts and with my own spending money that I obtained it.

I have often been asked by my non-philatelic companions, the question. "Why do you save stamps?" and "What good are they anyway" followed with a lot of ridicule about "Spending money on such trash." These same questions have been the cause of many and many a young collector giving up his stamps, because "somebody" said they were no good and never would be, and as these arguments do seem, to our uninformed young collector to be a great weight, he therefore gives up his collection, either selling it for a mere song or throwing it in the attic or storeroom. Not so with me. To all this argument and ridicule I would have very little to say, only that some day they would find out and that I was satis-

fied to spend my money on stamps.

Stamp collecting as a whole is both instructive and extremely interesting as well as a profitable investment. It is like a higher class of geography as we learn from the stamps, themselves, what kind of people inhabit the different islands and countries of the earth, and to what Republic, Kingdom or Empire these islands belong, what kind of money they use, its value as compared with other currency, where the various islands and smaller countries are situated, and greater than all, we actually get the very stamps that were used in these countries and islands, which is far more interesting than studying about them from books.

A stamp collection to a young boy is an amusement and a pleasant pastime, just as a gun or bicycle: to a young man it is a valuable possession and to the man on the shady side of life, it is a veritable treasure, not to be parted with. It is the happiest reminder of his boyhood days, and he will sit hour after hour pouring over the stamps that were placed in that book probably fifty or sixty years ago and he can recite little incidents relating to each and every one of them, and maybe right now, although it grieves him very much, he is compelled to dispose of his treasures little by little to keep the wolf from the door. Therefore money spent on stamps is like so much put aside for a rainy day.

Now as to collecting Pictorial post cards. I am a new comer in this field, having just started collecting them the latter part of the past summer. Still I have quite a collection already. I find there is a great deal of useful knowledge to be gained from the above pursuit and in some respects it surpasses that of stamp collecting.

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The Passing of The Pre-Cancel.

A. CROZIER

As mentioned by the Washington correspondent of the WEST, the pre-canceled stamp will soon be almost a thing of the past.

According to the recent order of the Postmaster General, identical pieces of third and fourth class matter may be mailed without stamps affixed, providing the sender complies with the necessary requirements. In the first place there must be not less than two thousand pieces of mail matter, and the patron must make application for privilege to the local postmaster, who will, after he has been properly authorized, issue the necessary permit.

Each piece of mail matter mailed under the provisions of this law must bear on its face in the upper left hand corner, the name of the sender and the office of mailing; and in the upper right hand corner a statement of its class, the amount of postage paid, the word "paid in money," and the permit number.

This will naturally do away with thousands of pre-cancels, as there will be very few firms that will not prefer the latter course. In the case of samples mailed on request, such as "Swamp Root" from Binghamton, N. Y., the new law would hardly be practicable, but such cases will be few.

It is with keen regret that a great many collectors will see the passing of the pre-cancel, for in the few years that they have been in use they struck the popular fancy of many.

Mr. F. L. Smith N. Y. City has perhaps the largest collection, but there are a great many other, among them being Messrs. Duck and Dal-

ton, who have made fine collections in this line.

I myself have derived a great deal of pleasure from collecting in this branch and have handled probably as many of them as any other collector in the country and have traded and sold stamps to all the leading collectors in this line.

WORLD'S FAIR STAMPS NUMBERED 287,990,200

The total issue of the commemorative series of postage stamps for the Louisiana purchase Exposition reached only 287,990,200, as compared with a total for the World's Columbian exposition at Chicago of 2,014,233,100. The issue was even less than of the special stamps for the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, which was 324,070,000. The total issue of special stamps for the Omaha exposition, covering the two-year period, was 252,532,440. The only reason for the falling off in number of these special stamps issued given by Maj. Reeves, chief of the stamp division of the post office department, is that such stamps are no longer a novelty, that the newness soon wore off, and people were satisfied with the ordinary regulation stamp.

The total issue of Louisiana Purchase stamps by denominations was as follows: One cent, 79,779,200; 2-cent, 192,731,200, 3-cent, 4,542,500; 5-cent, 6,926,100, 10-cent, 4,011,200.

The parcel post treaty between the United States and Japan went into force on August 1. The first parcel post for the United States left Yokohama for Seattle August 2. This is one of the prompt ways in which the Japanese do things.

Philately of The Gods.

Arthur Weellington Wheeler

(Continued.)

My captor spoke: "Oh ye son of philately, I, Mercury Hermes, God of theft, and messenger of the Gods, do come to take thee to the house of the Gods on Mt Olympus. No harm shall befall thee lest thou make resistance which thou hast power given thee to do. Speak, Oh ye mortal!"

"If it may so please your immortal being, a humble mortal, do submit to thy will."

Too frightened to do otherwise I managed to draw out the above dignified sentence.

"Oh ye philatelist ye speak the words of wisdom, follow me!"

As soon as he had said this I felt myself flying through the air in a mysterious manner.

Our flight to Mt. Olympus was not as immediate as might have been expected. Many strange delays prevented us from progressing above a normal rate.

The first delay I remember of was caused by two boys who were desperately fighting over a South American stamp. As we were going over the house where these inmates were combating, my guide saw their proceedings and swept down upon them parting them with his magic wand (The gift of Apollo). We peacefully left them to visit a well known Boston firm which lay in our path. While we were on our way to this place I learned the correct story regarding the way in which Mercury obtained his magic wand. It was this way as told by himself.

Mercury came down to earth one day and returned home with a beautiful set of Seebecks which he gave Apollo, who was so delighted that he

gave him this wand as a token of his appreciation of the gift given him.

For fear of the wrath of the gods, I today refrain from enumerating the incidents of our visit in this Boston stamp shop of which I made mention. But I will venture to say that of this dealer finds that his stock has been diminished let him think of the story of "Young Mercury's theft" and then draw any conclusions that he may desire, regarding the departure of his stock.

After numerous delays we came in sight of Mount Olympus. What a sight that was. Between the high peaks of the mountains that surrounded this famous Mount could be seen a wonderful vista of the reflections made on the sky by the bright objects beneath. The sky at this point in some respects resembled the mirage of the desert. As we drew nearer the Mount our travel became more rapid. The view of the city became more distinct, and the picture on the sky died away. A huge wall became visible, and as we came up to it checked our view of the city. Here on the outside of the wall I waited until a series of proceedings had taken place regarding my entrance. During my wait, to my surprise, I saw millions of familiar "U. S. 2's" stuck to an ornamental cover on the wall and forming the words "Donus Deorum" in an artistic style. As soon as I had noticed these stamps I felt quite at home and was able to bear my long wait much better.

Several new types were revealed to me while studying them so my time was not spent uselessly.

End of Chapter I.

(To be continued.)

Notes on The Stamps of Hayti

VERNA WESTON HANWAY

CATALOGUE REFERENCES STANLEY GIBBONS.

Probably no other country or colony is as interesting and easy of completion as Hayti and probably no other series of stamps are so low priced (the highest catalogued specimen being four dollars) yet so varied.

The specialist has sufficient room to use his powers of mentality for varieties are present of every description, while the general collector finds in this an easy, interesting and instructive country to complete.

Far from being a difficult subject as I remember hearing one youthful collector declare it, it with a little study and application brought to bear is one of the very easiest.

All that is required is a mastery of the perforation guage and a small amount of observation; qualifications which all but the very primary collectors are supposed to possess.

Considering only the catalogued varieties what an interesting field it is for the student who wishes a study not to arduous.

The first issue was made in 1881 (types 1 and 2) on tinted paper and imperforate. This consisted of six values respectively, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 20 cents. The following year another was made of seven values slightly different colors from the first issue. This series was perforated 3½. The next year (1883) an issue of the 2c purple was made upon white paper, this stamp was perforated 13½. Two other sets of the same illustration have been chronicled as perforated 15½ and 14 respectively. They are now believed upon good authority to be forgeries made to defraud the

Postoffice. In 1886 an issue was made of some types with head (see illustrations) shaded with crossed lines. This issue was perforated 13. It consisted only of two values, 1 and 2 cent. In 1887 a new type was adopted (type 3) of 1, 2, 3, and 5 cent values, perforated 14. In 1890 a surcharge in red was made changing the value of the 3 cent stamp to 2 cents. Varieties are known of this stamp with a double surcharge.

In 1891 type 5 was adopted, bearing the coat of arms. The values were 1, 2, 3, 3, 5, and 7 cents. This series was perforated 13.

In 1892 further surcharges were made of 2 cent on 3 cent gray. These stamps are also known with a double surcharge.

In 1893 the type was changed slightly (type 6) seven stamps were issued each perforated 14. There are two varieties imperforate 2c and 7 cent.

In 1896-98 the same type was used perforated 13. 13½ of six values. In 1898 two of these were surcharged in red, 2 cent on 20 cent brown and 2c on 20 cent orange. These also are found with double surcharges.

Type seven, watermarked 'R. H.' and perforated 11 was adopted in 1899 of 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 20 cent values. Only the 2 cent and 5 cent are known postally used. Opinions differ as to the remaining values. One authority states that they were prepared, but never issued for postal use, the reasons for the non usage are not stated. It is a fact however that the majority were bought up by a speculator and therefore must be considered purely as speculative, for very few were sold for genuine postal use.

In 1898 types 8 and 9, perforated 12 were placed on sale. These consisted of various values, the set being intermixed with the two types. In

1900 types 9 was adopted, perforated 13 with colors changed, of three values, 1, 2, and 5 cents. In May 1902 the types 8 and 9 were overprinted with type 10 in black, there are twelve varieties with this surcharge. The stamps of 1898 were also surcharged in black, three values being used. 1 cent blue 2 cent orange and 5 cent brown.

There are a number of varieties of these issues with double surcharges—nine values I think. In another issue the surcharge is found inverted on 11 stamps.

There are also many less important differences I have not noted—paper, surcharge, perforation, shade, color, type, etc. What were the reasons for these many varieties of surcharge and type I do not know. Either they were necessary or the officials were careless, or alas they may have been intended for speculative purposes. I should like to be informed. I, for one consider them perfectly legitimate. At any rate they are an extremely interesting and inexpensive field for philatelic study—and it is surprising how pleasant the study becomes.

The latest and most important map stamp is the recently issued ten-cent stamp of the St. Louis series. While the engraving and design seem very satisfactory the brown color in which the stamp is printed gives it much more the appearance of a label than a postage stamp. Venezuela has issued a large map stamp, printed in light green, that is very beautiful. Few words are on the stamp, and heavy lines are used to indicate the boundaries of the country.

W o e s o f A D e a l e r .

B Y C L I P

*"It's curious," a man remarked
To me the other day,
"The nuisances a dealer meets
That make his hair turn gray."*

*For instance there's the man who calls
And asks you to display
Some real, rare stamps—some that you
can't
Pick up most any day.*

*You eagerly select the goods
You work with zeal intense
He stays two hours—he's bought ten
stamps
They cost him sixty cents.*

*And there's another class—the kind
That says, "I'd like to see
Your very best—the price is not
Material to me."*

*You show him everything in stock
His patronage to win
He says, "my album is complete
I just thought I'd drop in"*

*Then there's the pest who never means
To buy at any rate
No one has ever seen him spend
A dollar up to date.*

*You labor for an hour or two
You talk your level best
When suddenly he's found, you think
The object of his quest.*

*"I like those stamps first rate," he
says*

*"I think that they will do"
The dealers eyes light up with joy
He can't believe it's true.*

*But wait! Alas! His joy is brief
What's that he hears him say?
"I'll take that lot," he hesitates
Then adds, "but not today."*

Hunting for Curios in New York--Finds I Have Made and Where I Find Them.

By MAXWELL C. B. HART

Continued.

From that time on I kept as strict a vigilance over storage warehouse auction sales as my leisure hours would permit and found myself buying books, paintings, etc., to good advantage.

My next good catch (that as a large profit on a small investment) was a lot consisting of five books and an old stamp album for one dollar and fifty cents (from which I realized a profit of fifty-five dollars. Had the collector been more careful in the selection of perfect stamps for their collection I would have had at least \$300.00 for my one dollar and fifty cent investment but as many valuable stamps were badly mutilated I had to content myself and what was the use of complaining!

I also kept my eye on the fellows who always bought the trunks at storage sales filled with old clothing and old letters, photos and other rubbish (?) and visited them and will describe quite a recent find. On a recent visit to one of these fellows he disclosed a lot of old papers which I bought for two good American dollars and taking my find home I left it until I should return from work at eleven p. m. and this is what I found it to be—nothing less than a lot of documents once the property of John Paulding the son of one of the captors of Major Andre and at one time Mayor of the City of New York. Amongst the papers were parchment land grantes signed by Philip Livingston (one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence),

John Paulding's notice of election as Mayor of the City of New York, document from the secretary of the Navy appointing him to take testimony at the trial of a British Man o' war for firing upon a U. S. vessel and many documents signed by our earliest mayors and notables. I sold this lot to a dealer at a handsome profit and I believe he would willingly give three times the amount for another lot of such historical treasures.

Then let us turn to the book dealers and see how they do business that is the dealers in second hand books. It is a known fact that their is no actual market value for a second handed book the basis of value being "whatever you can get for it and the more the merrier."

Here is an instance of one dealer who thinks he knows all about books and I look over his 10c "plugs" (as dealers term a class of books that are hard sellers) and I find an odd volume of the Arabian Nights with both covers torn off. It was published about 1770 and on the fly leaf I discover the unmistakable autograph of George Cruikshank (the noted illustrator) and on the opposite page a crude sketch made by himself. This book was perhaps read by Cruikshank and from its lines drew inspirations for some of his greatest works. And to get this book for ten cents from a dealer who always presumed to know it all! I sold the book but never realized what the book was worth on account of its associations but it was a find that was welcome.

Second hand book dealers cater to various classes of readers and collectors of certain books. Some cater to collectors of first editions others to the student element and some simply sell books of all classes, then there is the dealer who supplies libraries with

back numbers of magazines, newspapers, etc.

Washington, Franklin, Napoleon and Lincoln receive probably and I may say undoubtedly more attention from the collectors of rare books, prints, old china, etc., than do any other individuals in the World's history and it isn't difficult to frequently pick up something desirable appertaining to them. I have in memory now one book I picked up (an odd volume) for which I paid 5c on a book stand and went right to another dealer and sold it for 75c then I picked up in a bookshop an early French volume printed in Germany with a curious folding plate showing Napoleon in various attitudes, for this I paid fifteen cents and sold it for \$1.75 next day. Many other books have I bought in one book shop only to take it to another and sell it at a handsome profit. My secret of success in this line was to discover what certain dealers could sell to advantage and what they could not use. I paid five cents for one old book (at auction) and found folded up in it an old colonial caricature of Napoleon printed in England in 1807 and realized \$5.00 for this.

With time I discovered other mediums for making finds. I visited the Salvation Army and found books, paintings, etc., from which I could make an honest penny. Then the second hand furniture stores were subjects of some attentions and offered some good results, sometimes a good painting, sometimes books of value, old guns, old china, one never knew what he would cart home. Even the newspapers received my attention and I got from that source a fine file of old New York Herolds from 1861 to 1865 (the Civil War period) these were all tied up in months

and yielded about 150 per cent profit.

There is no need going outside of New York or any large city in quest of curios they are more plentiful and more easily acquired than elsewhere it is only a question of knowing where to find them and I will just enumerate my resources the Italian paper dealers for stamps, storage warehouses, auction sales for most anything, likewise second hand furniture dealers. Study the dealer in the second hand book shops and you will soon learn where you can pick up bargains in rarities; don't overlook the Salvation Army where you can find books, paintings, etc. Watch the papers for book auctions when you may discover a sale. I also heard tell of a fellow who made considerable money and good "finds" in a unique way that I haven't yet tried but I expect to do it. His method was this. Whenever he saw a moving van he went upstairs and inquired if the person moving had any books they wanted to get rid of and it need not be dwelt upon he found many lots of books awaiting the junkman or Salvation Army wagon that he got for "a song" (as the saying goes) and picked up many a rare book in this manner.

There are beyond a doubt many other nooks where good things can often be obtained but my knowledge of the wares is continually increasing likewise my sources for procuring them and disposing of them.

There are a number of persons making a good livelihood in this manner in New York and other cities and I have not made the best hauls as I heard tell (from a man whose word is beyond doubt) of a dealer who bought a lot of books and found 2 or 3, I do not remember exactly which) 100 dollar bills in a book by being fastened between two leaves se-

curely pasted together!

; In hunting for things quaint and curious one of the greatest essentials is patience for you may travel a month without finding much of moment and then be rewarded by a streak of luck (I have had several of these) and find things galore. The next requisite is to conceal your desire from the dealer for that which you really want and I have often bought two books, one I did not want at all, and would throw away before I reached home so as not to enlighten the dealer for when you select a single book from many his suspicions are aroused and he will put a prohibitive price on the book thus selected. I have even taken six books in this manner to secure one I wanted.

After you get the habit of rummaging during your leisure hours you find it a pleasant pastime which keeps you in a pleasant frame of mind, you meet a varied class of people on your travels and if you keep an account of your purchases and sales and find your extra pin money steadily increasing and reaching several hundred dollars a year your knowledge of values and things you find increasing you will vote it a paying recreation that many would take advantage of if they knew of this interesting field of rummaging right in a big city.

Some day perhaps and it is my wish that I shall hold fort some where in this big city in a shop with a single reading:

MAXWELL C. B. HART

Dealer in

The Quaint and Curious

Old books, prints, stamps, coins, etc.

Bought and Sold.

Letter Post In Canada

By FRANK D. MURPHY

A few words relative to the letter post of Canada may not be misplaced. Letter post was first established in 1703, during Governor Vanderuils term of office, sixty years before Canada became a part of the British empire. Quebec, Three Rivers, Montreal, Fort Frontenac (now Kingston), Niagara and Detroit were the only settlements that were dignified with postoffices.

At the beginning of the 19th century there were only twenty six post-offices in Canada. The mail was carried by mounted letter carriers. The rates of postage were: Halifax to Quebec 32c, to Montreal 40c, to Bytown (now Ottawa) 48c; to Amherstbrug 66c and between Montreal and Quebec 15c. However, these high rates were not the only drawback to the system. Letter writing was not very popular in those days, and many devices were used to avoid payment, for you know mail matter was sent "collect." One scheme was to send a blank letter with dots over the letters forming the address. The receiver pondered over the address, read that all were well in the senders family and then refused to take the letter. In 1851 an end was put to this style of communication when the Canadian government was given control of the postoffice, and the use of postage stamps was introduced. The rates were 3d per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz to any point in Lower and Upper Canada, now Quebec and Ontario.

The first Canadian issue was put on sale in 1852, and consisted of these stamps. The 3d was used on Canadian letters; the 6d one letters to the U. S. excepting Oregon and California; and the 12d and on letters to the two states, I have mentioned. and Great Britain.

The following year a new issue

came out; but the set consisted of stamps of the same denomination as the previous one, and were applied to the same purpose.

Then the government contracted with the Cunard Company by which the latter agreed to carry letters to Europe via Boston and New York at the rate of 10d per half ounce. Thus it was found that a stamp of that denomination was needed and so, in 1855 they were issued.

Two years later (1857) the people demanded a lower rate for "drop letters". Their demand was ceded to, and a $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp was issued. This year a rival to the Cunard Company sprang up in the form of the Canadian Packet Company, who offered to carry letters to any part of Great Britain and Ireland at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d per half ounce. Their offer was accepted and the $\frac{7}{8}$ d stamp was issued. Then a rate was set in between the rival companies. The Canadian Packet Company always taking the lead, until finally in 1868 they had them down to 15c and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c respectfully.

A matter of importance for the welfare of the Canadian people was the introduction in 1858 of decimal currency, whereby they began to reckon in dollars and cents instead of £, s. and d. This necessitated a change in stamps, and the next year (1859) a new set with the values in cents was issued. The rates were also reduced on letters. Those going between two points in Canada were reduced from 3d per half ounce to 5ct., while 10c instead of 6d was the charge for letters to the U. S. On account of so many British soldiers being quartered in Canada during the American Civil War the price of soldiers letters was lowered to 2c per half ounce, and for this reason the 2c stamp of the 1854-64 issue was put on sale. Up to this time the Canadian stamps were used only in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, but

in 1864 a Confederation of these provinces together with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was found. By the passing of the British North America Act on the 28th of February 1867, and which came into force July 1st of that year; the four provinces already named were formed into a confederation and were known as the Dominion of Canada. Among the other provinces of this Act was one which gave the Dominion Government control of the postoffice. This put an end to the provincial issues of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The following year (1868) a new issue came out for use in the Dominion. The design of the stamps of this issue were changed. The $\frac{1}{2}$ c was for newspapers. The 1c for drop letters and the 3c for Canadian letters weighing one ounce.

By the passing of the Manitoba Act in 1871 the province of Manitoba was admitted to the Dominion, thus giving a larger field for the use of Canadian stamps. British Columbia entered the Confederation the same year; and Prince Edward Island, the last to join, came in two years later (1873).

In 1898 Canada adopted the use of penny postage i. e. 2c per ounce or fraction thereof for letters anywhere in Canada or the U. S., and 2c per half ounce for letters to Great Britain and Ireland, and any of the British Colonies where the penny postage system is in use. For the benefit of the readers of this article, who are doubtful as to the relations of Canada and Newfoundland, I will state that the form of government used in Newfoundland is the same as was used in the different provinces before the Confederation i. e., Responsible Government. Newfoundland may join the Dominion whenever it is so inclined, but it has kept out so long that it is doubtful when it will come in.



DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY.

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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.

207. "What varieties are there of the Confederate 10c 1863?" There is first of all one with the value expressed in words "Ten cents." The others, which have the value in figures may be described as follows:

1. Ornaments at corners clear and rounded, two white lines between oval and upper tablet:

- a. light blu(milky) { wove or imp } 8 possible
- b. dark blue { laid pap } perf } varieties.

2. Ornaments at corners indistinct or broken, three lines between oval and upper tablet:

- a. light blu(milky) { wove or imp } 12 possible
- b. dark blue
- c. greenish blue { laid pap } perf } varieties.

3. Rectangular frame of one thin line surrounding the whole stamp.

How many minor varieties of this stamp may exist I do not know, nor can I tell whether it is of the first or second, or of both types, as mentioned above under 1 and 2. There were two printings, one at Richmond and one at Columbia, and from both clear and rougher impressions are reported, also a difference of gum, light and dark brown, is mentioned.

4. A thin one lined frame running outside along the whole contour of the frame or stamp.

There have been reprints and possibly this is one of them. I have not a sufficient number of these stamps in hand to arrive at any definite conclusion, but from what I can learn of my material and catalogues,

it may be seen that there is quite a number of varieties and the field is partly undiscovered, offering a fine chance for further research.

223. "How many postage stamps have been issued in the whole world?" This is a good one! To give an exact answer would require perhaps a year's work. A conservative, very conservative, estimate puts the number of different stamps in the world at something between 18 and 20 thousand. Europe 3700, Asia 4300, Africa 3700, Australia 1300, North America 760, South America 2300, South America 2300, Central America 750 and West Indies 2000. The Stamp Collectors Fortnightly places the figures a little higher, giving Great Britain and colonies 5,916, and America with Central America and West Indies included 6,095, and the world's total at 19,942. As there are some stamps, the character of which is disputable, the figure may easily be raised or lowered according to what kinds of stamps are included or excluded. If, for instance, we begin to count varieties, we may easily double or perhaps treble the numbers. I have seen an estimate somewhere that was put at something over 27,000. This may easily be reached, if we count envelopes, cards, wrappers, letter-sheets and some of the most marked varieties, but by counting all minor varieties we may easily come up to 40, 50 or even 100 thousand. A collection of the minor varieties of Mexico alone might be carried above 25,000 whilst a straight collection of this country would amount to about 250 only. If the inquirer meant to ask how many stamps of all kinds were ever issued, the figures will go way beyond the millions and billions, because of many a kind more than several billions are used, before that kind is replaced by

another. The U. S. 2c for an example, is such a billion stamp. Of course, some are also made in very small issues. That was often the case with those stamps that were issued from 1840 to 1860 and which are now the great rarities. Thus of the Canada 12d, first issue, 1510 only are said to have been sold. There are others which were sold and even printed in still much smaller quantities, the St. Louis postmasters 20 cents will serve as an example. Perhaps from the Berne office of the Universal Postal Union some statistics may be obtained, but I do not think that they are complete, nor that anybody in the world has any complete statistics. Let me venture to guess at the number of stamps ever used in the world! I would assume an average of say 1,000,000 stamps of each kind

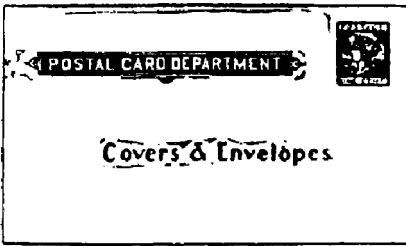
That would make according to the above first estimate 1,000,000 times 18,000 stamps, that is 18,000,000,000 or in words eighteen billion, or according to the last estimate including varieties 100,000,000,000. The latter is probably nearer correct than the former; yet I think both figures are too low, as the the United States alone issued from 1894 to 1900 over 113 million postage due stamps and over 17 billion postage stamps, that is for 6 years, exclusive of envelopes cards, etc.

224. "What would be the value of a complete collection of postage stamps of the world?" The answer to this query would depend much on the exactness of the answer to the previous query, and what one would call a complete collection. A collection of 18,000 varieties may be worth between 500 thousand and 1 million dollars, according to whether the very rarest are included or not. But a collection of 100,000 varieties may be estimated at 10 to 20 million dollars. As far as I know, this is all

imaginary, for no one has ever attempted a collection of such a size, though one collection F. W. Ayer's has been sold for over \$200,000.

A. B. C. OF POSTAGE STAMPS.—A Guide to The Instructive and Entertaining Study of the World's postage Stamps by F. J. Melville. President of the Junior Philatelic Society of London.

The above is the title of a neat little book of 159 pages 4x5 $\frac{1}{4}$ crammed from cover to cover with useful philatelic information written in a pleasing style by an able author and ornamented with 19 beautiful plates. The only thing that is wanting is an index or table of contents. It is a book that should be read again and again, until one knows its contents by heart; this thought probably induced the author to leave the index away, expecting that the reader will not quit the book before he has assimilated all it contains and will then not need any index. The price bound in cloth, is 50 cents, and no collector, who is not well advanced in philatelic reading will regret paying that small sum for a helpful book. Beside a good catalogue and an album it is the first book one ought to have, so as to enable him to collect intelligently and to avoid the many pitfalls that otherwise threaten the inexperienced. The author, no doubt, paid heavily in money, time and vexation for what he offers the reader in such a comprehensive and fascinating way. Societies might do well to order the book at club rates and to provide every one of their members with a copy. The more philatelic reading is encouraged, the greater shall be the pleasures that come from collecting. On the other hand, it's a poor sight to see a collector declaring that he knows nothing of stamps. After reading this A. B. C. one need not confess philatelic ignorance.



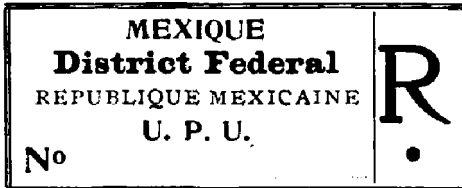
Observations on Some Original Covers

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

On an original cover submitted to me by Brother Brodstone I find a postmark which is new to me on registered mail. The letter comes from the Federal capital of Mexico. The five 3c brown stamps of the current issue which paid postage and registration are canceled with a circular postmark reading

Sucursal V.
19 Oct. 1904-1:40 p. m.
Mexico, D. F.

The date is in a broad band across the centre; the spaces between this and the upper and lower inscriptions are filled with vertical lines, after the fashion originally used in Switzerland, but now employed likewise in various other countries, Germany for example. Sucursal means Branch office V being its number. The letter also bears the international registration label of this design:



This is printed in red on white paper; the number is inserted with pen and ink. Another registry number is struck on the face of the letter in blue ink by a numbering machine;

it does not appear where this was done, but probably at the exchange office (though none is mentioned) or at St. Louis. This latter office figures on the back of the letter with the peculiar postmark already alluded to. It is struck in red aniline ink and reads as follows:

Transmitted Through
Oct. 23 1904
St. Louis Mo.,
As registered mail.

I have not heretofore seen this postmark and wonder at its peculiar wording; usually such marks read "Registry Division" or something like that. Is this kind of postmark in use at other offices also?

A curious illustration of the transition stage in which Cuba finds herself is found on the envelope of a letter lately come from Havana, Cuba. It bears seven stamps of the current issue: four 1c and three 2c postage and registration. The stamps are canceled with a postmark consisting of four parallel pairs of lines, extending continuously over the strip of four or three, respectively, and broken at regular intervals by the letter. It is not a machine stamp—rather something of a wheel, it seems. The letter further bears on its face the rubber handstamp in blue ink:

Reg. No.....
Sept. 17 1904
Sub-station E, Havana.

The number 1223 is inserted with pen and ink, besides this the letter bears three other numbers; 233, 2112 and 2659 without indication of origin. To judge by the character of the figures 233 is of Cuban provenience. This postmark is a relic of the American occupation; you will notice that it is still worded in English. I suppose the Cuban administration is taking these American handstamps up from motives of economy. New ones

are supplied in Spanish, as may be seen from another handstamp on the back of the letter, also struck in blue aniline ink.

Recibido
Sep 17 1904
CERTIFICADOS
Habana

"Thus is Cuba coming into her own more and more. Notice the difference between the American and the Spanish way of spelling Havana or Habana, B and V being almost the same in Spanish. Most Spanish-speaking countries also describe a registered letter as certificado or certificado, except in international usage. The letter then went to Jacksonville as part of entry, this being shown by the following postmark

R. W. Telfair, Reg. Clerk,
Sep. 22, 1904.
Jacksonville, Fla.

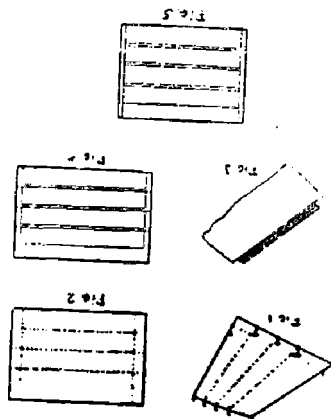
All between double concentric circles, the date in the centre (5 days, by the way, from Havana to Jacksonville seems a little slow). The name of the registry clerk is another unusual addition to the registration postmark; it is an innovation at Jacksonville also, I believe.

A Stock Book By ELMA IONA LOCKE

I would suggest an improvement on the plan for a stock book given in the September WEST, as follows: Procure, or make, a blank book of the desired size. If home-made, it would be a good plan to bind strips of thin cardboard in the back between the leaves, to prevent too great bulging when filled with stamps.

Then take very thin, but tough, parchment paper, so thin that the stamps will show through very plainly; cut it in inch-wide strips as long

as the leaves of the book are wide and with good mucilage gum a narrow line along one side and across each end of the strips, and fasten at convenient distances upon the pages of the book, as pockets for your stamps. A drop of gum to divide the pockets into smaller compartments, will prevent the stamps from sliding together and getting mixed.



With a book made in this way, you do not have to remove the stamps or label the compartments, to know what you have, for a glance at the page shows you just what the pockets contain, and other varieties may be substituted whenever desired with no trouble of changing labels, etc.

The kodak fiend might utilize his spoilt films by cleaning them of all traces of the emulsion, cutting them into strips, and using them for the pockets; the transparent celluloid showing up the stamps as plainly as would clear glass.

A slot machine was recently placed on trial at The Hague, Holland. The object was to distribute 2½ cent stamps when money was deposited in the slot. The machine contained 740 stamps and but 147 were sold, so the plan was declared a failure.

*A Catalogue of the
Stamps of Trinidad with
Notes* *A* *A*
W M . E . A V L T

(Continued.)

IV Fourth Issue. 1863-1864.

In 1863 De al Rue & Co., of London began the printing of the stamps for Trinidad. This firm has held the contract to this date. The first stamps issued by this house were of the same type and impression as the Third Issue and were printed on thick wove paper slightly surfaced.

Unwatermarked.

- a. Perforated 11½
 - (1d) carmine
 - 4d lilac
 - 6d green
 - 1s slate blue
- b. Perforated 12
 - (1d) carmine
 - 4d reddish lilac
 - 4d brown lilac
 - 4d lilac
 - 4d purple
 - 6d yellow green
 - 6d blue-rgeen
 - 1s slate-blue
- c. Perforated 11½'1x2
 - (1d) carmine
- d. Perforated 12½
 - (1d) lake
 - 4d purple-brown
- e. Perforated 13,
 - (1d) lake
 - 6d emerald-green
 - 1s bright mauve

V. Fifth Issue. 1864-1876.

In 1864 De la Rue & Co. began the use of watermarked paper for this colony, using the regular Crown and C C. Type is the same as preceeding issue. printed white wove paper varying from thick to thin.

Wmk. Crown and C C. Perf. 12½.

(1d) lake

- (1d) rose
- (1d) scarlet.
- (1d) carmine
- (1d) vermillion
- 4d bright violet
- 4d pale mauve
- 4d illac
- 4d gray lilac
- 6d green
- 6d yellow-green
- 6d emerald-green
- 6d blue-green
- 1s purple
- 1s indigo
- 1s violet
- 1s ilalc
- 1s gray-lilac
- 1s red-lilac

This issue continued in use until 1876 and the following varieties stamps are know imperforate:

- (1d) rose
- (4d) bright violet
- 6d yellow-green
- 6d blue-green
- 1s purple
- 1s indigo
- 1s violet

*It has been stated by one writer on the stamps of Trinidad that this issue also appeared Preforated 13. but no stamps showing this perforation are known.

VI. Sixth Issue, 1869.

This issue consisted of a single value, 5sh., being typographed on white wove paper, watermarked same as previous issue.

Watermarked Crown and C. C. Perforated 12½.

5sh. dull lake

A variety exists imperforate.

(To be continued.)

The Stamps of the Netherlands

C. GRANDPIERRE

(Continued).

There is less to say about this than about the previous issues. The dies seem to have been made of harder material (steel) and have been less often retouched. The difference between the re-engravings is less apparent, the only noticeable being heavier lines of shading on the latter prints. The 5 cent is characterized by nearly all the different shapes of the numeral found on the 5 cent of the previous king's head issue.

PAPER.

The prints previous to 1894 are of soft wove of medium thickness and opaque, chiefly mottled in texture though some copies are to be found on very smooth and others (rare) on slightly ribbed paper. With the change of colors (1849) we have a harder somewhat transparent paper of regular smoothness and thickness.

Senf reports the 5 and 20 cents on thick rugged paper perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ saying that they are the earliest prints which were never issued on account of the rough impression. He prices them at 1k 10. (\$2.50) each.

SHADES.

There is little to say about the shades of the 3, $7\frac{1}{2}$, 15 cents and higher values except the classification given above.

The early prints of the 5c are of a dark blue, getting paler by 1892-93, turning to pale and dull ultramarine. Some copies of a decidedly blue-lilac are to be found. The introduction of the anilin colors seem to have occasioned a great deal of essays. Some of the first anilin prints are quite Prussian-blue, other sky-blue or pale bright ultramarine. 1859 the printer

seems to have found the color wanted. From that time we have a constant bright ultramarine.

The original shape of the 10 cents was carmine-rose. Later we have carmine, carmine lake, brown-lake, red-brick shades and (1894) the regular carmine rose issue.

Of the $12\frac{1}{2}$ we have first grey to slate-grey, then a few distinct olive grey. From 1894 this value shows a greater variety of shades than the others. Bright steel grey passes to irony-grey, (1896) to a dull lilac-grey and 1889) to a pale blue-grey.

1896 ISSUE.

The three stamps of this issue are all on transparent paper, perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ x11. Scotts mentions perforation $11\frac{1}{2}$ and 11. I found them only compound.

The 50 cents is to be found in the two distinct shades: yellow-green and yellow-brown and blue-green and brown.

The 1g is in chocolate-brown and olive and in purple-brown and olive-green.

THE 1889 ISSUE.

This issue being still current, it is premature to classify its stamps.

Though paper and perforation show up till now no change, they promise a great variety of shades. The 5 cents has already turned from bright and pale carmine to lake-rose, the 10 cents from steel grey to slate and lilac-grey.

POSTMARKS.

It cannot be said that the post marks of the Netherlands are very interesting. The specialist can learn only little through them. They are worth little as a means to find out the probable year of issue or use of a stamp, the earliest of them having still been in use at certain offices many years after the introduction of the round dated postmark in larger

offices.

The first postmark was simply the word "FRANCO" framed or unframed. It was for a short time exclusively used, but 1853 already the letter or the envelope began to be provided with a dated postmark; a frame in the form of about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a circle containing name of the office and date and outside the frame, at the place of the missing section of the circle the word "Franco" (post-paid).

At about the same time appears a strange looking postmark, a kind of cross formed not with squares but with parts of circles, bearing also name and date of the office inside.

Though those two postmarks were intended to be printed on the envelope only many stamps have been cancelled with it.

At the beginning of the 60s, we find a plain name of office, first in a frame, then without frame, used for cancellation whilst by 1870 a new round dated postmark was printed on the envelopes. The latter being used for cancellation of the stamps from 1876.

The next move was a number postmark on the stamps, which has been used by some offices until 1896. I found it with 238 different numbers, from 1 to 256.

1876 began a new era. It was probably found out, that two postmarks were useless; the one on the envelope was suppressed and the above mentioned first round postmark put on the stamps. We find it in three varieties.

1. With a wreath of olive leaves at bottom between the two circles.
2. This wreath is removed inside the inner circle, at its place comes the word "franco".
3. Instead of "franco" comes the hour of posting.

Variety 3 little changed and in smaller size is still in use in all offices which have not received the electric cancelling machine yet.

The railway travelling post offices used two different kinds of stamps, 1. A frame containing a capital letter and a number and 2, an ellipse containing the name of the route, the word "Zug" (train) and its number and also the date.

Many stamps bear two postmarks, probably because the one, which was intended to be on the envelope only, touched some part of the stamp.

The ink of all postmarks is, with few exceptions in blue, of the usual intense black.

Pen cancellations are frequent. As genuinely postally used can only those still on entire be considered. The others must be suspected of having been fiscally used.

Writer is far from it to claim absolute completeness and exactness for his article. He had no official material whatever in hand and has been guided only by his own extensive collection and the copies and entire which have been put at his disposition.

His aim was not chiefly to throw new light on the stamps of Holland but to show what can be found in stamps of almost every country.

He will be extremely pleased to help with counsels any intended specialist and very thankful for and information any reader might have in his possession. Write him c-o The WEST.

Assistant Attorney General Robb in a recent report recommended that no more "specimen" postage stamps be issued.

A Hint To Those Exchanging Stamps

BY C. GRANDPIERRE

Certainly many stamp collectors will have often found it a tedious business to exchange lots of their common duplicates. The time required to mount them on sheets and even the price of the sheets and of the hinges, though small, renders common exchange little profitable.

I have for years adopted the following system, with which I am perfectly satisfied. I mark the catalogue price of every one of my stamps on the back of them in the manner described below.

Of course the marking of anything on the back of better stamps should not be done on account of the risk to damage them in erasing the marks should it become necessary. But for stamps of a catalogue value of say less than 20c, I prefer to run that risk, as it is worth the saving of time.

Mounting the stamps on sheets has of course a great many advantages which I need not repeat here, but the main disadvantage to send the stamps loose, can easily be remedied.

Many collectors and dealers mark the catalogue or net value on the back of their stamp to avoid the trouble to look in the catalogue on every time the price has to be ascertained. Most of them though, write this price in large figures and put it any way and anywhere. There lays the mistake. I for instance mark the Scott price with well pointed pencil in very small figures in the middle quite at the bottom on the back of the stamp, the Senf prices are marked on the left, the Gibbons prices on the right and the Champion prices just above the Scott prices, always at the bottom of the stamp.

If I have to send a lot of my duplicates on exchange approval, I sort them according to their market value, viz. according to the discount I am willing to allow. So as an example, I have 20 fine copies of really hard to get stamps cataloging say \$3.25, I put them in a transparent envelope marked: "20 stamps, total cat. value \$3.25 at 50 per cent discount. Commoner stamps or speculative issues, as Borneo, unused Central America and such like, catalogued too high, go into another envelope marked in the same manner giving the discount at say 75 per cent. Not quite fine stamps or damaged ones go also in separate envelopes marked at discounts varying from 80 to 95 per cent.

Somebody might object that this system leaves the door open for substitution. I do not think that it does. A fraud will substitute stamps hinged by the best system, I am of opinion, that one ought not to be over suspicious. Fortunately the immense majority of stamp collectors are honest.

Even should a few stamps be substituted, I for my part will rather support that loss than to go to the trouble to mount on sheets lots of commoner stamps.

Only a few years ago the best philatelic library in the United States was purchased for about \$80. Today some stamp collectors have libraries which would cost thousands of dollars. Save all the stamp papers you receive and keep them for reference. Save all your catalogues from year to year and keep them on file. Get a scrap book and cut out of papers everything of interest to a stamp collector, and you will soon have a library worth almost as much as your stamp collection.

The Stamp Dealer

FROM A SENTIMENTAL STANDPOINT

BY F. HAMMOND

Probably the greatest of Persian poets, and certainly the one most widely known in the United States, Omar Khayyam, who, perhaps, loved the flowing bowl not wisely but too well, has the following to say regarding wine, according to Edward Fitzgerald, his justly famous translator.

"And much as wine has played the
infidel.

And robb'd me of my robe of Honour
—Well,

I wonder often what the Vintners
buy

One half so precious as the stuff they
sell."

Perhaps at first thought it may seem a far call from wine to postage stamps, yet these lines of the old poet are often called to mind when I am called upon to part with a fine stamp and I doubt, for the moment, whether or not a person gets any lasting satisfaction from dealing in stamps, he so regrets seeing his treasures go from him, even at a profit. But none more mature thought a person remembers that, as the old saying hath it, "Three are just as good fish in the sea as have ever been pulled out," and that in place of the stamp parted with today there will, perchance, come a rarer, still more interesting specimen tomorrow, next week, or next month.

And perhaps a person remembers that if he were not a dealer he could not have afforded to have such a rare stamp in his possession even temporarily. Then, too, he recalls the wealth of fine copies of cheaper stamps he owns—beautiful copies, many of them, that cost him, perhaps, ten cents each at wholesale ten

years ago or less that we can retail at, say, fifty cents each today.

Perhaps, too, he is able to recall with gratitude that he makes little profit, although probably only a little, from the sale of stamp hinges, blank approval books and sheets and common stamps worth but one cent each or less, the parting from which causes no regret.

It must be confessed that the dealer is the exception who cannot recall a great many disappointments in the course of his experience in the stamp business, but on the other hand there are not a few advertisements that "pulled" more replies than were expected, quite a few rarities have probably been sold at high prices and perhaps a few good stamps—or possibly more than a few, besides many more common ones—have been found in some out of the way garret or cellar, at no cost whatever.

And as this article is admittedly written from a sentimental standpoint, I may say that very often a dealer, in the course of business transactions originally, has started a correspondence with persons at first strangers and possible customers, become to be considered personal friends and whose correspondence is valued far beyond the small profit it yields.

Everyone knows the black side of any business; it is not necessary to recall that side of the question, but let us remember the bright side now and then.

The revenue stamps of Guatemala, surcharged with the word "Correos" (postage) are, when thus treated, postage stamps. The same stamp not surcharged is a revenue and nothing more, as revenue stamps in that country are not good for postage.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

BY ROY FARREL GREENE, A S o f C C

The Bath Furnace Meteorite, weighing 184 pounds, which has been the basis of a two years law suit between the man who found the meteor and the man upon whose land it fell, has just been purchased at a cost of nearly \$2,000 by Professor Henry A. Ward of Chicago. The meteorite in question fell in a forest near Bath Furnace, Bath County, Ky., on Nov. 15, 1902, and in its fall cut down a large tree. It is more properly speaking an "aerolite" or stone meteorite as distinguished from the iron meteorites. It is the second largest of its kind in the world, the largest being a collection of kindred fragments aggregating 1,100 pounds reposing at the Field Columbian Museum. Prof Ward, who purchased this "aerolite" after the parties to the law suit had compromised their differences, has for a decade devoted his life to the study of "extra terrestrial" bodies and his collection valued at \$100,000 in the American Museum of Natural History, New York, is famous the world over.

T. R. Porter, special correspondent of the Omaha World-Herald, writing to his paper from Crow Indian Agency, Montana, tells of the great change that is being worked as the years go by among the Crows on their reservation. He says that a mile above old Fort Custer the Indians have started one of their "above ground" cemeteries, the

dead being wrapped in blankets and deposited on high scaffolds. There was a time when the Crows buried their dead with their weapons and trinkets which they had owned during life, but when the craze for elk teeth arose the Indians climbed those scaffolds, unwrapped the bodies and secured the elk teeth which they sold at good prices. No more teeth are buried with the dead now. Mr. Porter tells of how the Crow Indians are tearing down and dismantling the buildings of the old Fort. Fort Custer was abandoned by the government in 1898, and Mr. Porter says the Indians are tearing down the old "officers quarters" and the buildings in general to construct teepees for themselves. Just without the confines of the old fort is still to be seen the old stage coach which used to make the long trip from Cheyenne 500 miles away. The stage is in a dilapidated condition, but it will be removed to the agency and preserved as a memento of the pioneer days.

Many members of the Curio collectors society visited the St. Louis Exposition this year, and there isn't a doubt but that everyone of them felt that he had received his money's worth in the seeing of curios. Perhaps he did, but there was a reason for regret also, and that because the historical documents, furniture, and everything of that sort, was not ga-

thered together in one room, or at least under one roof. Every one of the big buildings contained historical curios, nearly all of the State buildings, while way out on the Pike, in Battle Abbey, were housed some of the most interesting relics of all. Wouldn't it have been better to have had them altogether? That is to say, all the documents together, all the furniture together, and so on. How many of the collectors who visited the big fair saw all the curios?

In the Department of State section of the government building one could gaze on the Declaration of Independence, and right by the side of it the treaty by which Napoleon ceded Louisiana Territory to the United States, as well as the correspondence leading to it. The actual desk on which Jefferson wrote the document was there. The library of Congress exhibit showed us the diary of James Monroe, written during the Louisiana negotiations and giving the details of his interviews with Napoleon I and others on the subject. The "Letter of Credence" from President Jefferson to the "Citizen First Consul of France" introducing James Monroe as plenipotentiary of the United States was there. In the State department exhibit were the documents by which President Monroe promulgated the famous "Doctrine" bearing his name. Many autographs of Washington, Jefferson, Madison Monroe, and others were there, as well as the original of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Lincoln, and proclamations signed by every president from Washington to Roosevelt. All in all, the St. Louis Exposition was a great place for curio collectors to interest themselves, but how many saw all these things?

Henry C. Bridges, a native of Salem, but now a resident of Bristol, R. I., lately presented to the Peabody Academy of Science at Peabody, Mass. the most valuable collection of porcelain in New England. It comprised nearly one hundred articles of Chinese and Japanese ware, of which thirty-four were of ancient Chinese porcelain, some of the vases being of rare beauty and great value. The remainder of the collection comprised Japanese porcelain, pottery and lacquer work. The collection was placed in cases in the Academy's Oriental department.

Two melancholy souvenirs of the death of Charles I of England were up for sale last month in London at an auction room, and attracted a large crowd of collectors and spirited bidding. They were a gold toothpick and case used by the monarch on the scaffold, and the mementos were once the property of Col. Tomlinson, who was the officer in charge of the king from the time of his imprisonment in the tower until the end, and were presented to him at the last scene in Whitehall by Charles I, as all he had left, for his civilities. When the relics were submitted an opening bid of \$50 was made, and by slow advances \$500 was reached. At this stage no one could have anticipated the result, and at \$925 it appeared that interest had ceased. But suddenly the bidding took a new life, and Messrs Renton and Partridge made a duel of it. The latter carried the contest to \$2,875, and did not challenge Mr. Renton's bid of \$2,900, for which amount the two relics were sold.

In an article on the extraordinary vitality of certain seeds a learned writer recently remarked that the most unscientific observer has noticed how often plants appear in old

ground which has been trenched which have never appeared in such spots previously, and that after fires pass over localities plants equally strange to the neighborhood appear. After the great London fire in 1666 the yellow rocket appeared in great profusion for the first time, in the district swept by the fire. A scientist has recently discovered that an extensive tract of land at the silver mines of Laurium, in Greece, is covered by a luxuriant growth of horned poppies belonging to a hitherto unknown species. These plants have shot up through the soil which has been covered to the depth of ten feet with the masses of cinder and slag thrown out by the workmen in ancient times when the mines were worked by the Greeks, and which have recently been disturbed in order that the imperfectly fused materials might be subjected to further process of fusion for the purpose of extracting their silver contents.

Professor Henry F. Osborn, of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, directed three expeditions this summer into the West, and when he returned to New York the fore part of November he took with him two car loads of skeletons of many animals heretofore undiscovered, besides complete skeletons of monsters of which there were in the worlds' museums previously only fragments. A cave in New Mexico yielded to Osborn and his party thousands of complete and fragmentary skeletons of a whole menagerie of extinct animals. Mr. Osborn has made a very complete report of the fossils found in the Fort Bridger region, Wyoming by the expedition under charge of Doctor W. D. Matthew and Mr. Walter Granger yet directed by Prof. Osborn. The report is too

long, and quite too technical to be given here. Mr. Barnum Brown was in charge of the reptilian search and he found many splendid specimens in the Fort Pierre shales near Edgemont So. Dak. In beds near the Judith river in Montana other splendid skeletons were found. The party continued down into Arkansas and there, in a crevasse in a cavern of the pleistocene age were found ten complete and many fragmentary skulls of rodents and carnivores, representing nearly forty species of animals. The expeditions were very successful and the American Museum of Natural History will be greatly benefitted by the finds

Most varieties of sea anemones attach to rocks or spiles or other hard substances, but there are some that make their home in sand, in which they can bury themselves completely, or above the surface of which they can as readily rise. Such sea anemones are found at some places along the Long Island shore of the Sound. Extended these sea anemones may be seven or eight inches in length, or more; collapsed they settle down so that their tentacled upper disk is flush with the surface of sand or mud in which they bury themselves, or it may be drawn down a little below it, making a little depression, a veritable trap for any small living creature that might chance to wander that way. For its own protection, this sea anemone can settle down into its hole further still, so that the sand will tumble in or wash over it. A fisherman who was telling of this sea anemone's characteristics said: "It comes the nearest to being able to crawl into its hole and pull the hole in after it of anything I know of."

Carte Mobile Trip Around The World.

M. K E L L E R

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Various cards show the beautiful narrow valley as it lies between steep granite mountains which are accessible, and here and there nice spots of ground are laid out for visitors. It has many warm springs, some 10¹/₂ or more in number which have been discovered by Emperor Charles IV to whom a statue has been erected as seen on one card. Carlsbad is situated beautifully in a narrow valley between steep granite mountains. Of the ten springs the Sprudel, Hygiea, Bernhardt, Neubrunnen, and Schlossbrunnen are the most important. Various other towns from Bohemia of less importance are all represented on the picture post cards. Among them are Leipau, Freiwaldau Dorfteschen, Koenigswert, and Hohenelbe. This last is a fine spot in the Northeastern part situated on the Elbe, near Prague. On one card we see the castle as it looms up near the Elbe which reflects it like a mirror. There are many pretty and numerous views from all the fine spots throughout this country. From Kufstein are seen several views. This lies on the boundary between Austria and Bavaria on the Inn. It is an ancient fortress. One view shows an interior view of a medieval German inn room at the Auckacher Inn Kufstein showing the old tile stoves, latticed windows with broad seats, paneled ceiling and general medieval appearance. Having arrived in Prague the capital of B. we notice its picturesque scenery at once. It lies on both banks of the Moldau at the only point where the valley of the Moldau expands sufficiently to make room for a great city.

Its masses of buildings and many spires and towers filling the valley and climbing the hills on either side, gives a fine effect. The two sides of the river connected by seven bridges, those seen in our trip are Kaiser Franz, the new Palacky and the fine old Carls bridge. This last is closed at each end by a medieval gate tower. The numerous buttresses are adorned with statues of Saints. One part of the city is called the Altstadt. Most of the streets seen here are narrow and irregular. It has a spacious square called the "Grosser Ring," and the side next the Moldau is bordered by wide quays, embellished with fine monuments of Charles IV and Francis I. Near the Ring is also seen the old Town house that witnessed so many of the stormy scenes of Bohemian history. Another interesting structure is the Late Gothic Pulverthurm, a relic of the old wall that once separated the Altstadt from the Neustadt. The original fortress was almost modern. The palace seen is the Palace Walsstein.

Prague is unusually well supplied with public parks and gardens on the slopes of the Laurenzergang on part of the ground occupied by the old fortifications. Teplitz appears on our next cards having many fine views, being one of the most frequented watering places in the plain of the Biela. The environs are laid out in pretty and shady gardens and promenades. The finest of these is the park surrounding the chateau of Prince Clary. There is a large Curhouse and many bathing houses in both Teplitz and the closely adjoined village of Schoenau. The various streets are the Meissnerstr. Unter market, the Stephansplatz, Raihoay Str. This last shows a large street parade of some kind. Another view shows the Seumedenkmal or monu-

ment and park on various panorama views we can plainly see the grand Jewish Synagogue with its conspicuous dome and the Bymnasium as well as many fine churches. The Schlossteich is one of the finest water sceneries in the vicinity. The Schlosberg is also very fine from where beams the grand old castle, Schlosberg. Other romantic sceneries are those from Groupen and Schlossberg and Bosenburg, Schoenau is a pretty village which has many springs. The Thermal Springs are fabled to have been discovered as early as 762. The city's fame is derived from Slavonic word which means warm bath."

Having now reached Lower Austria we find ourselves in the grand old city of Vienna. It can not really be termed old since of all the strictly modern cities of the world Vienna is chief among them. It may well be termed queen of Austria in cities. Located on a branch of the Danube with mountains all around it, and containing the residence of the Emperor, and other wealthy ancestry whose wealthy mansions grace this attractive city. Among the most beautiful churches seen are the St. Stephen church, which contains the Imperial vaults. The Votive church is perhaps one of the grandest of pure Gothic style. It was erected in memory of the Emperor's escape from assassination in 1835. It is adorned with 78 stained glass windows. Further we come to the Ring street, the main Boulevard of the city and so named because it circles the city like a ring. Next we see the historical museum, Rathhaus, city hall, The Royal Theater, House of Parliament which were designed in Greek style. Next comes the Maria thresa square and monument 43 feet in height, erected in 1888 representing her as she appeared at the age of thirty-five.

Next we find ourselves in the Hofburg or Imperial palace. This is an irregular conglomeration of buildings erected in various styles since the 13th. century. The adjoining Court Chapel in Gothic style dates from 1449. The old gateway of the Swiss court dates from the 16th century, which has been restored. The Leopold wing forms the old residence containing the magnificent Rittersall. The colossal statue of the Emperor Francis I is also shown. The Hofburg is surrounded on one side by the Kaiser garten and, the Volksgarten the latter containing the temple of Theseus, a copy of the original at Athens. Two other cards show the tomb of Maria Christina, which is said to be the finest marble, and the magnificent church built on the Rings street on the site of the theater in memory of the 800 lives lost in 1881 by its awful fire. One card shows the main pleasure resort, the Prater, with its giant wheel, the Prater is a noted public park on an island formed by the Danube, and its canal. It was dedicated by the emperor Joseph II. It contains club houses, hotels, theatres, villas, etc. From the Hofburg we see many fine views showing the imperial palace, the opera house the museum, the palace gardens and park. A panorama view shows the whole imperial buildings, a huge complex of buildings of various forms and of various epochs and in various styles. Opposite the Hofburg rise the fine monuments of the Empress Maria Theresa, beyond the house of Parliament we see the New in rathaus an immense building lavishly decorated with Gothic towers erected in 1873-83. The central tower and the tapering steeple of the rathaus are surmounted by a colossal bronze figure of a knight.

(To be continued.)

Indian Relic Hunting

By F E HALBERT

A good many people would like to collect Indian relics, but have not the money with which to purchase the same. Such persons if given the knowledge where to search will soon accumulate a respectable showing, depending on their enthusiasm and their location. If one does not know where to search, they are as apt to make a failure of it as I did. I searched at odd times some years ago and all I found was a small flint knife. Later, on removing to a different part of the country and forming the acquaintance of a successful collector, I soon learned many points about collecting and the Indian customs of different tribes and how to recognize them in the relics. On my return to my old home a few months later, my walks afield were rewarded on every trip with something to add to the start I had made while away from home. I have paid as high as a dollar for an extra fine arrow point but the possession of it did not bring one half the real pleasure and satisfaction of finding one that would not bring more than twenty five cents.

An old camping spot, especially if near a good spring will pay going over every little while because rains, etc., will bring them to the surface if they happen to be just out of sight the first time you look. A good many will say, "I don't believe that there is anything to be found near here." Now do not believe that there is any section of country where there is a stream that was deep enough to float a canoe that will not yield up a few relics.

As the Indian travelled mainly by canoes, and obtained a good deal of his living by fishing he made his camp close to the shore of lake or stream.

Near tide water he made his camp in most any sheltered spot within a mile or two. Generally, there was not far away, a spring of running water. He invariably chose the sunny side of the stream or lake where there was any choice. You are almost certain to find something on a bit of high land at the bend of a river, if the land is not too steep and rocky. At the fork of a river is sure to be a camp site. Learn all you can about the Indians that once inhabited your section, for this will give you an idea of their ceremonial objects which you might otherwise pass by. Once when I was out strolling about in company with my collector friend previously mentioned. I picked up, examined and then cast away, a small stone. A few minutes later my friend says, "here's something" holding up the same stone that I had discarded. In answer to my inquiry he said that it was a hand mallet. He pointed out evidences of its having also been used as a pestle.

Beginners are apt to look for certain colors in flint and thus pass by good specimens.

Don't have any particular color in mind; but with a light walking stick turn over every stone whose shape is at all peculiar. This will save time and also your back in looking over the ground.

If you find a location that looks favorable dig a little, that is, if you have the permission of the owner of the land. If you do not know who the owner is, dig anyhow; unless you see a man with a shot gun coming your way; or perhaps a healthy bulldog. In either event discretion should be your guide to the nearest highway. The writer once dug up a fine specimens in a space of about five square feet. The place was at the top of a rocky point about 15 or

20 feet above tide water. There was also a couple of half finished arrow points, judging by that, one would think that this was not a temporary camp site. My companion also found an excellent gauge, such as were used in digging out canoes. It was such laborious digging, however, that we were obliged to abandon the place.

The first evidence to lookout for in searching for relics is a quantity of small thin sharp edged pieces of flint or other stone. Almost invariably these are chips broken off in making implements, etc. I once counted 40 of these chips lying on the surface in a space about 10 feet square. In some sections of the country most of the arrow-points will be of a milky whiteness, in other regions black will be the predominating color. I have seen fair sized specimens that were made so carefully from such clear rock that one could read ordinary print through them. In Pennsylvania, we saw a collection in which a majority were, of a red color.

Arrow and spear heads are often found sometimes as far as a thousand miles from the place where nature placed the material from which they were made. A friend of ours once picked up in Pennsylvania, a fine spear-point made of a certain kind of rock which is native only to S. Carolina. Others have been found in Massachusetts that must have originally come from Wisconsin.

Look over your collection and see how many of your arrow points have edges that curve to the right when viewed from the shaft end. Most of them will curve to the left if at all. These curves pretty nearly correspond to the rifling of a gun barrel. The right curving ones are supposed to have been made by Indians who were left-handed.

After the Indians became ac-

quainted with the white man, he largely made his arrow points of iron. Narrow hoop iron being the most easily converted into knives arrow-points and small spears.

In the fall after crops are harvested is the best time to search for relics.

ROMNEY "FIND" BRINGS \$25000.00.

Though the majority of the reported finds of marvelous pictures by great masters turn out to be based merely on the fanciful imaginings of would-be treasure hunters, such discoveries are still made from time to time, and at least one authentic case has occurred within the last few days.

Messrs Hampton and Sons' expert, when valuing the contents of a country house for insurance purposes, came across a portrait in which he immediately recognized the brush of Romney. It appears that the picture had been in the possession of the family for many years, but had been held in slight esteem, as nobody ever suspected its importance or associated Romney's name with it.

At a sale in London the picture was sold to a private collector for an amount somewhere near \$25,000.00.

\$500 BIBLES.

Four lots at the resumed sale of the Carfield bindings in London realized over \$500 each. A seventeenth century Bible in embroidered binding brought \$655. Another Bible in a morocco case, the work of the famous binder, Samuel Hearne, went for \$520.

A fifteenth century illuminated French manuscript was knocked down for \$560.

Fossil Thought

ESTELLA BACHMAN BROKAW

Many and varied are the things we members of the A. S. of C. C. collect. A careful study of our last Year Book and of each number of the WEST as it came to hand has, however, failed to show me any other member hunting along the particular lines I have had occasion to follow for some time back. Maybe there are such members and this will find them. Then we will rejoice together and immediately begin an exchange of fossils from our abundant stores.

Fossils there are and yet other fossils. How many members of the A. S. of C. C. have dug out the rich treasures in the fossil beds of thought? These fossil beds have various names; as mythology, folk lore, tradition, ancient religious books, etc., and the fossil thoughts buried up in these beds throw a wondrous light upon the things we collect. The fossils in the rocks take on a new and vivid interest; we find the original patterns for our arrow points and spears; we look almost with awe at the wonderful form and beauty of the crystals in our collection: all natural science, and relics of every kind, historic and prehistoric, mean more to us than they ever did before. Yes, this is a hunt worth the effort, even though the most difficult part of the task is to unlearn some things we supposed we thoroughly understood. Like Professor Vail, I hold that truth can not grow among men who do not learn how to unlearn, and honestly put opinion beneath them." Perhaps we may even have to give up a pet prejudice or two, but the result of the search is such an immense compensation for all such loss that we cannot fail to be more than glad we let them go.

My attention was first called to this line of research through my interest in geology and geological problems. What caused the geologic ages? Whence came the snow that made the great ice age?" Where did the water come from that caused the floods vast beyond conception," as Dana calls them? Why are mountain ranges so uniformly in line with the largest oceans or seas bordering the great continent? How could a tropical or semi-tropical world turn suddenly into a world of snow and ice? One day there is a land of tropical or semi-tropical bloom and luxuriance and the next the world is clothed in winter's chill: one day great herds of enormous creatures are luxuriating in verdant pastures even under the arctic circle., the next there is a vast desolation and the earth is but a grave yard for the mighty dead. And the change came suddenly, we know, for some of these creatures have been found well preserved, some with undigested food still in their stomachs and one even with a bunch of grapes still in his mouth. When studying fossils, how many of us have thought of the fact that fishes, lizards, serpents and frogs, as well as mammals, could not have been bodily fossilized if they had not been quickly covered up in rapidly forming strata? Only such rapid forming strata could bury the dead and give the organism a chance to fossilize. How was it possible for vegetation to make coal in the shape we find it? Subsidence and emergence of land to just the right spot to too absurd an explanation to when we remember that it must have occurred forty times in eastern Pennsylvania, seventy-two in Nova Scotia and one hundred and ten in Britain to accommodate the known coal beds. And even if that had

been possible how could it account for coal found in actual ice and snow in Alaska? Why were creatures of the old epochs so often gigantic compared with the modern wild things?

There seemed no end to these questions and yet the key that opens the door to a correct answer to all of them was offered to the world more than twenty-five years ago by Isaac Newton Vail, Professor of Geology, in a little pamphlet on "The Waters Above the Firmament, or the Deluge and Its Cause." In his search for a source of waters competent to cause the Noachian deluge Professor Vail discovered that the earth once had an annular system; that in Jupiter and Saturn today we see world conditions through which our own earth has passed. The years of study and research that Professor Vail has since given to this subject have resulted in the accumulation of such an overwhelming mass of evidence as to prove his discovery true beyond the shadow of a doubt.

All geologists and physicists agree that this planet was once a molten sphere. While in that state every particle of matter in it that could be vaporized or sublimed by the inveterate heat was sent aloft and kept there while the heat lasted. It could not stay there without rotating the earth and so, obeying known mechanical laws, it was thrown into belts or rings about the equator, and in time revolved independently around the earth. In obedience to mechanical and chemical laws this vast mass of aqueous, mineral and metallic matter sorted itself in the rings, the heavier and less easily vaporized of the minerals and metals forming the innermost ring—and so on to the outermost ring, which must have been the most watery of all. In time the inner-

most ring descended into the atmosphere of the cooling globe and, as mathematically demonstrated, must have spread out toward the poles in its efforts to reach the earth. It thus formed a canopy over the earth, and this canopy made a green house while it lasted. This canopy must finally have broken at the equator and revolved toward the poles to fall at last mainly as snows about the arctic and antarctic circles, where centrifugal force ends and gravity has full sway. What one ring did all had to do. As each came down it added its water and mineral and metallic matter to the growing earth. The rings formed the "ages." The wreck of rings built up earth's strata. Had there been no annular system there could have been but one geological "age." Thus, as canopies formed and fell, warm and cold ages succeeded each other till the last and highest earth ring descended into our atmosphere, and for thousands of years was the all-conspicuous and adored heaven of primitive people—to change in its fall from a protector to a demon of destruction. This was the beginning of mythology and the source of all religions.

To illustrate the results I can only touch on a point or two. Last spring when the Federation of Women's Clubs had their great biennial at Los Angeles, the citizens got up a festival of flowers—La Fiesta—and had one of the beautiful parades for which this section is deservedly famous. One of the most conspicuous things in the parade was the long and gorgeous Chinese Dragon which was baited along the streets by two golden balls carried before it, but ever out of reach.

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The Mound Builders.--- Who Were They?

By CLAUDE HOPE

Who were the mound builders? The prehistoric mounds of the United States have long been a subject of speculation, and even at this period, after years of investigation by the Bureau of Ethnology, we are confronted with arguments so full of romance and imagination, that it would seem the subject would never meet its final solution, before the public. The proposition that the mound builders were an ancient and more enlightened people than the Indians was too good history, and from being resold, has lost none of its positiveness among those who have made no special inquiry into the subject. In ethnology, as in law, a well told tale has often defeated the truth, but the recent reports from the pen of Major Powell has made it comparatively certain that the mystery has at last been solved.

During recent years more than 2,000 mounds have been explored, from which 40,000 specimens have been collected: 15,000 of which are of pottery and are regarded the most important part of the collection from an archaeological view. It is believed this collection will be found to contain most, if not all, hitherto known types of textile impressions, and some that are unusual.

The history of each being known and its genuineness unquestioned, the collection will be of great value to antiquarians. The pottery of the mound builders has often been referred to as proof of a high culture status, and an advance in art beyond that attained by the Indians. It appears probable that some writers have been led to this conclusion by

an examination of the figures, drawings and photographs without a personal inspection of the articles themselves. That the mound pottery is comparatively rude and primitive in type, manufacture, and material must be admitted. It is true however that specimens are frequently found which give evidence of considerable skill and advance in art as compared with the pottery of other barbarious people, but there is nothing to remind us of the better ware of Peru, Mexico and Central America, and as far as expert examination extends not a single piece is equal in character to some of the old Pueblo pottery.

That the mound builders were in respect of tribal relations similar to the Indian of the Columbus period cannot be doubted. The funeral rite for the mound builder was conducted with regard to the social position, and occupation of the individual. There is every reason to believe that the custom prevailed of removing the flesh before burial and that the religious ceremonies of the tribes were not unfrequently conducted with some display in which fire played a part. It now seems certain that the people of whom we speak as mound builders were simply Indians, who at some time may have cultivated our fields and trudged along in the wake of civilization and cycle of which no historian has ever written.

It is difficult to exaggerate the prevalence of a romantic fallacy which has taken possession of the imaginary of men, regarding the "lost races," says Major Powell in this report. For more than a century the ghosts of a vanished nation have ambuscaded in the vast solitudes of the continent and the forest covered mounds have been usually regarded as the mysterious sepulchres of its kings

and nobles. It was an alluring conjecture that a powerful people, superior to the Indians, once occupied the valley of the Ohio and the Appalachian ranges, their empire stretching from Hudson Bay to the Gulf, with its flanks on the western prairies and the eastern ocean: a people with a confederated government, a chief ruler, a great central capital, a highly developed religion, with homes and husbandry and advanced textile, fictile, and ductile arts, with a language perhaps with letters, all swept away before an invasion of copper hewed Huns from some unknown region of the earth, prior to the landing of Columbus. The hypothetic semi-civilized autochthons, imagined to have been thus rudely exterminated or expelled have been variously identified by ethnologists with the ancestors of the Aztecs or the Toltecs, the Mayas, the Colhuas, the Chichimecs, or the Pueblos, who have left no sign of their existence save rude and feeble fortifications into which they fled from their foes. and the silent and obscure elevations in which their nobles found interment. Only one hundred years have passed since scientific men became fully aware of these remarkable, antiquities. They were first discussed by Dr. Franklin, Jefferson, Noah Webster and their contemporaries who advanced various theories to account for the origin of the mounds. Dr. Franklin and Webster were inclined to attribute to DeSoto and other Spanish explorers the few that had been found and described, but Webster afterward abandoned this theory and ascribed the mounds to the Indians. The assumption that the mounds scattered irregularly over the face of this country from Florida to the Red River of the North, were the work of a lost and nameless race,

and that the deposits of Indian remains within them were the result of intrusion burials has been losing ground before recent evidence accumulated by archaeologists. The spade, and pick in the hands of patient and sagacious investigators, have every year brought to light facts tending more and more strongly to prove that the mounds defensive, mortuary, and domiciliary, which have excited so much curiosity and become the subject of so many hypotheses, were constructed by the historic Indians of our land and their lineal ancestors. We may venture to suggest that the facts thus far collected point to a connection more or less intimate between the race of the mounds and the semi-civilized nations which formerly had their seats among the Sierras of Mexico, upon the plains of Central America, and Peru, and, who erected the imposing structures which from their number, vastness, and mysterious significance, invest the central portion of the continent with an interest not less absorbing than that which attaches to the valley of the Nile. To illustrate the fallacy with which this subject is surrounded we quote from a recent issue of the Chicago Daily News: "The Mound Builders of our western states migrated to this country earlier than the savage Indian hordes which some seek to indentify with the Tartar of Asia. One mound which was opened contained 60,000 pearls. One striking feature which proves that the Mound-Builders were of Asiatic origin is that a mound in Wisconsin is shaped like an elephant and that a pipe found in Iowa was ornamented by the same figure." The Asiatic elephant has peculiar enamel on his molar tooth. Perhaps this was defined in the effigy mound above referred to.

Something About Wood Carvings.

BY C. GRANDPIERRE

A very interesting branch of curio collecting, though comparatively expensive, is that of carvings in wood, ivory and other materials. The Chinese have attained considerable skill in both, whilst the indoors though also skillful in the carving of ivory, are better renowned as wood carvers, not one house of a well to do Hindoo being without beautifully carved doors, ceilings, etc. The old Mexicans were also wood carvers and many of their works were shown at the anthropological exhibit at the World's fair. Even the Alaskan Indians have their "totem" poles. The hairy Ainus, said to be the original Japanese race, are not the less skilful in those lines, though concentrating their skill to objects of every day use. Amongst modern civilized races, the Italians deserve the palm for marble carvings or sculptures. The Boer prisoners of war spent their time carving roughly many "souvenirs" which though without value reached high prices as curios.

The master wood carvers of the world are certainly the Tyrolese and the Swiss. The Swiss wood carving particularly has been, in the last few years, the subject of quite an evolution. They are not more merely souvenirs of the work of hardy mountaineers, but, through technical education and natural artistic taste, real pieces of art, having so to say intrinsic value. Thanks to the kindness of Ed Binder & Co., of Brienz (Switzerland) we are able to reproduce some of the work they have exhibited at their "Swiss Chatlet" at the World's fair. The first illustration shows a typical Swiss Alpine building of the Bernese Oberland, where many

men and women spend the winter months carving wood under the direction of special teachers and of representatives of firms which bring the manufactured articles on the market.

Another illustration of more allegorical nature is "The three generations."



One of our talented lady members wrote me the other day asking how I went to work to find such rich stones of fossils. She thought it must be an especially good fortune and as it would make too long a letter to answer her query and as others might be benefited by my experiences I told her I would answer her in the columns of the WEST.

There are only two essentials necessary i. e. 1st. keep your eyes open and secondly, make good use of authorized text books and geological reports. The second point in the foregoing sentence as the first that I used. When a mere child I found a copy of Hugh Miller's wonderful book *Testimony of the Rocks*, in my father's library and every spare moment I spent in wading through the profound thoughts that it presented. But few of them could I understand but for all that the story those old rocks revealed fascinated me.

One day I found in a pile of limestone rocks queer masslike impressions and felt sure I had a rich find of fossil leaves, but thought they only proved to be frost marks I never gave up the expectation of one day finding some of the wonderful things I had read about.

The next book of interest that fell into my hands was Dana's text-book of Geology that we used in the Seminary. This too, opened up a yet wider vision into as yet unrealized possibilities.

But the summer of 1890 marks a peculiar epoch in my career as a fossil hunter. I was spending the summer on the river city of Savanna, Ill., and one afternoon as I wandered on the banks of the Mississippi a peculiar sensation thrilled every nerve of my

being. At my feet lay hundreds of fossils sheets and corals the exact counterpart of those pictured under the Silurian age in Dana's text-book. I had only my hat that day to carry them home in, so every afternoon found me searching, the banks at the foot of the city quarries for specimens.

The next spring I was able to purchase yet more complete book, Dana's *Manual* and it has been my constant companion ever since. This book is not only illustrated but gives a list of localities, and Savanna was one of them, where the richest finds occur. The summer of 1891 was spent in the same locality only twelve miles inland from the river on my father-in-law's farm. Here I found the same fossils, out in the cornfield, up on Flint hill where the oats had just been cut and in the ditches by the roadside where the rains had washed them out I was sitting down in a ditch one day by the roadside in front of a farm house that simply swarmed with children. I could see that they were watching me from doors and windows and fence corners, when one shy little fellow, braver than the rest, edged down to the road and said "got you lookin' fer?" I answered in sepulchral tones, "stones" and he skurried back to the house as fast as his fat little legs could carry him, while I went on filling my basket with horn corals. I have felt badly about it ever since for it may have been a lost opportunity to open up to that childish mind a field that lay as a sealed book within his reach. For I find children the most intelligent listeners that I have.

Following these experiences came others. Through Col. Abermethy's kindness I was able to secure my first pamphlet on the glacial age, a remarkable essay on preglacial Iowa by

Prof. Calvin, who for more than thirty years has occupied the chair of geology in our State University. Through a personal acquaintance with Prof. C. L. Webster, ex-government geologist, I have received several of his valuable publications. By his letters he has inspired me to go on in the work that seemed cut out for me. Prof. Calvin very graciously sent me seven of his pamphlets, all of which I have given a careful reading. Our U. S. representatives Hons. Updegraff and Hagen have always responded generously when I have written to them for government reports. All of these publications describe the fossils found in certain localities so graphically that with only one eye half open you are sure to find something of interest wherever you may happen to be.

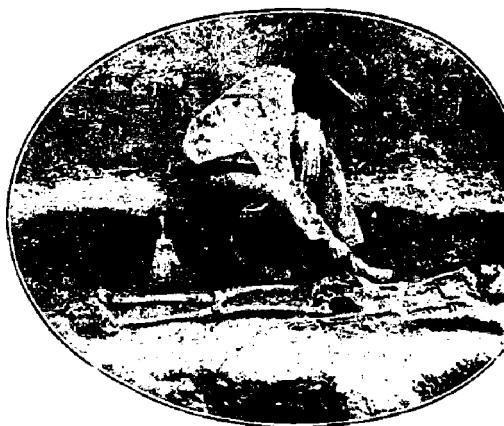
My little daughter Ruth when only six years old with no technical knowledge of geology discovered a rich find of fossils in a pasture in Waterloo, and this discovery led to a still greater find last summer in Waterloo's famous sewer. The find out at the famous clay banks near Mason City was due to information received from Prof. Webster through his letters and pamphlets.

So in conclusion let me repeat—the only essentials to being successful in your search for fossils is to combine book knowledge with observation and perseverance makes a good cement.

The largest of the burial mounds built by the aborigines in America is the Cahokia, situated eight miles west of the Mississippi river, between the mouth of the Missouri and St. Louis, which is 100 feet high, 1,080 feet long and 70 feet wide.

Curious Indian Grave Disclosures

By GEORGE J. REMSBURG



There are numerous Indian burial grounds within a radius of ten miles of Atchison, Kansas, and in making excavations therein for scientific purposes some curious disclosures have been made. For instance, in an Indian grave on the old Pryor farm in section 11, T 7, R 21, at Port Williams, the writer exhumed an ulna or bone of the forearm, which clearly indicated that it had been broken about midway and had mended again. Tomahawks, beads, etc., were taken from the same grave. The grave of a modern Indian in Sec. 3, T. 6, R 21, on Walnut creek revealed that an old fashioned blue-ornamented china plate had been placed on the breast of the deceased, and the remains enclosed within a hollow log. It was a universal custom with the Indians to deposit food in the grave with the deceased to be used as sustenance by the spirit on its journey to the happy hunting grounds. Thus, the plate may have served as a receptacle for the customary post mortem pabulum, or else it was the favorite dish of the deceased during life. Numerous small bells, or tinkling ornaments

were also found with the remains.

On the premises of John Davitz, the merchant and postmaster at Oak Mills, an Indian grave was uncovered and the remains were so completely decayed that only a few teeth could be preserved. Almost a half bushel of flint implements were deposited in the grave. In some of the graves have been found human bones charred by fire and showing the imprint of animal's teeth. This would seem to indicate that the bones had been gathered up and buried after having been gnawed by wolves and swept by prairie fires. At Kickapoo a well preserved Indian skull showing unmistakable evidence of a concussion, from which the Indian probably died was exhumed from one of the old Kickapoo Indian burial grounds.

The most interesting of all of these curio-osseous finds, however, was disclosed in the exploration of a Indian mound near Iatan, Mo. just across the Missouri River from Atchison. Though the remains were badly decomposed and the mound evidently of considerable antiquity, one of the phalanges of a human foot with the toe nail still adhering to it, was unearthed. As further evidence of the great age of the mound it might be added that a white oak tree four feet in diameter originally grew on the top of the structure. It was cut down in 1866 and converted into ties for the K. C. St. J. & C. B. railroad which passes the place. Thus the discovery of a human toe-nail preserved through centuries of repose beneath the soil, is a remarkable one, and has probably never been duplicated. In the same mound was found a portion of a charred humerus about midway of which is a perfectly round perforation extending vertically into the hollow center of the bone. This perforation is about the circum-

ference of a 32-calibre bullet. A careful examination, however, shows that it could not have been made by a bullet. Perforation of the humerus is common among the remains of prehistoric people, but it invariably exists in the coronoid and olecranon fossa of that particular bone and not in the cylindrical shaft as is the case in this Missouri specimen. Hence, we have here, something of an entirely different character from what is known ethnologically as perforation of the humerus. Cy Smith, ex-police sergeant of Atchison, and James Palmer, a prominent farmer of Iatan, both reliable gentlemen, were present when the discovery was made. All of the above discoveries are well authenticated and the objects mentioned are preserved in the writer's large collection of Indian antiquities.

Edward Curtis a Seattle photographer, is engaged in the commendable task of securing a complete collection of types of North American Indians. He has remarkable skill as a photographer, extraordinary patience and zeal in the work, and has developed rare tact in securing the co-operation of the heads of tribes and nations. He has already obtained several thousand life-size portraits from the principal tribes of both plains and Pueblo Indians. Each photograph is a masterpiece. Mr. Curtis has not yet determined what disposition he will make of the collection, but it ought to be purchased by the United States Government and added to the Catlin collection in the Smithsonian Institute.

It pays to be cheerful in your advertising. "Even the dog gets bread by wagging his tail."

MINERALOGY

EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive, Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept. (Forest Games)

This month we will digress a little from our purely mineralogical subjects, and give some attention to a few discoveries in other branches of science, which we think will interest quite a number of our readers. The attention of the editor was called to them and he concluded that the readers of WEST would gladly share the knowledge.

First we will call attention to a prominent archaeological discovery made by Prof. C. N. Gould in southwestern Missouri, recently. The find occurred in a cave, four miles north of the Arkansas line and twelve miles east of the Indian Territory. The cave in question was seventy feet long and appears to be a hole, dug out of the solid. The bottom of the cave is entirely covered with a coating of ashes, some three feet deep.

It is the supposition that the cavern was inhabited by cave dwellers and the ashes are the remains of their fires. Four human skeletons have thus far been dug out of the debris, together with the bones of several species of animals. The arms of all the skeletons are exceedingly long, and the legs very short. Flint instruments of all kinds as well as many made of bone, have been found in great profusion.

A number of stalactites have formed above the ashes in which the skeletons were found, which must have taken many thousands of years for their formation. The claim is made that only four prehistoric skeletons have been found up to the present time—three in Europe and one

in America—so this find will very likely greatly interest the scientists. Our present source of information concerning the discovery is the St. Paul "Pioneer Press."

Late report from the coast geodetic survey confirms as a fact, what has for a long time, thought to be certainty. That is, that the entire Atlantic Coast from Nova Scotia to Georgia, and as far inland as the Alleghenies is slowly sinking under powerful erosive purposes. The subsidence is very slow, only about a foot in a hundred years, but eventually, the spots where now stand New York, Boston and other cities, will be but a watery waste. Certain marshy coasts, as those of New Jersey, are subsiding a good deal faster than the given rate. The scientific investigations are confirmed by changes in coast and river lines and tidal variation.

In southwestern Colorado along the Dolores river, there is the remains of a buried city, and Major E. H. Cooper of Denver, popularly called the "Cliff Dweller's Man" is now making investigations there. He stumbled across the remains of the city accidentally, some time ago, and on this trip proposes to investigate the site thoroughly. Archaeologists will await his report with interest.

Major Cooper says that originally the Cliff Dwellers were a plains people, highly progressive in agriculture. Then the ancestors of the Navajoes came in from the north, seeking a warmer climate, and eventually drove the "Cliff Dwellers" to seek refuge in the hills. The Major says that the Toltecs, Aztecs and probably the ancient Peruvians were off-shoots of these people, but the Indians were not.

The Moqui Indians may possibly be the descendants. The Toltecs

reached the highest civilization of their time, as evidenced by their architecture. It is thought that the Aztecs, whom Cortez conquered, were their descendants. The mound-builders are another offshoot of the "Cliff Dwellers."

Major Cooper says: "If money was spent as it should be, in southwestern Colorado would be found the remains as remarkable as any ever found in Asia or Africa."

Recently, one of a party of Y. M. C. A. campers on Tunxis Island, thirty miles from New Haven, Conn., in Long Island Sound, discovered buried treasure, which it is thought, may have been placed there by Capt. Kidd. In rolling over a stone a box of wood was found, partly decayed. Inside this was a metal box, sealed with wax, which contained a good sized diamond, an old fashioned gold bracelet and a paper of directions for finding other treasure. The island is now being scoured by parties of would be treasure hunters.

list of new members this month, but it is owing to the fact that we have spent most of our time in soliciting foreign patronage and the returns are still forth coming. We hope to report at least 25 new members next month, and perhaps more.

We will be pleased to send a supply of application blanks to all who request them and will give as a premium three beautiful unused Souvenir Cards for each new member you secure.

The following are new members, having joined since our last report was published, and they desire exchange with all collectors:

Mr. Funk, of Chicago, whose name appears among the list is also a dealer in postcards, carries a large and beautiful stock at low prices, and should receive the patronage of all "Union" members.

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- 94. E C Cleveland, 203 Burreil Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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- 96. John G Davidson, Port Gibson, Miss.

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- 39. Miss Margaret M Gallagher, from 3167 Sheridan Avenue to 3036 Dickson Street, St. Louis, Missouri
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SECY-TREASURER REPORT.

Owing to the non appearance of our Official organ for the past few months, we have been at a great disadvantage, especially the last month with the election of officers, etc., for 1905 on hand and unable to let members know what has been doing, but with all the drawback we have been adding a few to the membership

NEW MEMBERS

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We hope to largely increase our membership during the coming year.

F. H. Bell,

Secy-Treas.

To the Members of the Canadian Philatelic Society:

Gentlemen:—

It is some time since you have heard from me on account of the non appearance of the "Adhesive."

The officials have chosen the WEST as the official organ. Blank ballots for election of officers etc., for 1905 were all mailed by the 1st of Novem-

ber. The election takes place on the 15th of December.

I appointed the following to act as scrutineers: Messrs F. Bell, W. Patterson and N. Huguenin. These members are not interested in the election, as they do not wish to hold any office.

Although having received many requests to stand for re-election I am compelled to retire on account of business changes, necessitating me giving all my time both in the evenings and during the day for some time to come.

I wish to thank the members and especially those who have held office with me for the hearty support which they have given me during my term.

On behalf of the Society I wish to thank the Trustees for the time which they have devoted to the Society's interest, they held regular meetings at which there was always a full attendance.

I trust the members will elect the best man available for the various offices and that the year 1905 will prove a most successful one for the society. In conclusion I wish to state that I shall at any time be pleased to cooperate with the officers in any project that has for its object the interests of the society.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Chris H. Goulden, Pres.

TRUSTEES REPORT

At a meeting of the trustees it was decided that owing to the non appearance of the Adhesive that the WEST be appointed as official organ.

A cheque was recieved from the Sales Superintendent for 8.75 for quarter ending June 30th, 1904 This was duly deposited to the credit of Insurance Fund which now has a balance of \$78.21. We also received a claim against above of \$2.59 which has not yet been passed.

F. B. Archer,

Secy Trustees.

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1. Always secure a receipt for books forwarded to next circuit; registered mail or express are the best modes of transportation. Members can keep exchanges three days and will be responsible for them until the next member receives them. If kept longer than the specified time a fine of five cents per day will be imposed.

2. Members removing a stamp must mark in its place their name or initials. Remarks or comments should be made by letter. Should any blank space be found it is the member's duty to notify the one preceeding him and adjust the matter with him. Failure to do this will render the last member responsible for the amount.

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Error made in name of Vaughnan should be Francis E Vaughnan, West Haven, Ct. J. Terry of Washintgon reports that glad to report Best of Canada sent him his stamps back, complained of him through this department. Atlas Co., of Brooklyn, N Y reports Arnold of 283 Willard Ave., Providence, R. I., also J H. Werner, N Y City, this party owes us also W E Burrell, Alymer, Can. H S Dickey of Kansas complains of G W LeMar of Chicago with London Lanshire Ins. Co. for this is party that Curio Socy gave mention of over a year ago and aga'n in Iowa. Wendt states this society is very successful getting people to time for 3 he sent only one named first is all he has not heard from except Peartree of Philadelphia. Several complaints come in at the last minute from Green & Smith of Illinois. Report in next number if we do not hear. Doak of Avondale says all have complaint vs International Stamp Ex of Hudson, Mich., to send claim to J E Stuart P O Inspceter Chicago with correspondence, so can get in shape for him.

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Fellow-members:— SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I beg to hand you herewith my monthly report and am glad to report that we are still progressing. I am pleased to note that numerous philatelic papers now speak of the M. P. A. as being one of the leading societies. Dues are coming in well and hope all members will quickly respond and send in their 25c to pay the dues for 1905. The subscription price of the WEST is alone 50c so you will see the saving you will make by keeping your membership full paid up. Kindly attend to this immediately.

Wishing you all and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy prosperous New Year, I remain Fraternaly yours, F. A. Mueller, Secy-Treas.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

From November 10th to December 5, 1904.

Receipts.

Sales dept.		\$1.00
Applications and dues		6.15
On hand Nov. 10.		7.46
	-----	\$14.61

Disbursements.

Brodstone, October report		\$2.50
Young, application blanks		4.00
Kirby, 1000 envelopes		2.75
Estoppey, advertiisng		1.80
Postage .....		.70
	-----	\$11.75
Balance on hand December 5th		2.68
	-----	\$14.61

P E R S O N A L

Our Exchange Department, which is a feature no other society has, is in flourishing condition. Many members are taking advantage of the same and everyone who has not done so should write at once to the superintendent.

Now that the elections are over we shall expect a lot of new and good work to be done by the new set of officers. Next month we shall announce several appointments and changes in our membership.

Mr. F. A. Laycock, Billing Road, Northampton is forming an extensive branch of the M. P. A. in England. The various departments will be conducted on same plans as on this side of the pond and in co-operation with the respective departments here. We wish Mr. Laycock success in this undertaking and trust all Britishers will respond to his invitation to join the British M. P. A.

A great coup d'etat is being brought to completion. The fact is that the Union Philatelic Society is to be consolidated with the M. P. A. The officers of the U. P. S. are all in favor of his movement and it is expected that the measure will be carried by a large majority. This week the U. P. S. officers mailed out letters asking the members to vote for against the measure. We hope they will take advantage of becoming members of our society and by a large majority. Our society has real benefits and in unity there lies a great deal of strength. There are trusts in everything—why not a philatelic trust? The numerous small societies are scattering their efforts whereas if they were all combined into one strong one the good that could be done would be many times as great. Other societies will do well to follow in the path of the U. P. S. as we shall give most liberal terms to such and allow each branch full representation. It is the beginning of a great movement which will ultimately end in the consolidation of all the minor societies.

Speaking of the above, we might say that this is a big advertisement of our worthiness as it shows that we have a superiority over the other minor societies. We certainly are coming rapidly to the front and no society in the United States can point out such a rapid growth as we have had. Likewise no other society can point so many ACTUAL benefits at so small a cost. A prominent philatelist writing to me a few days ago said, "I 1905 catalogue. Second prize will be a year's subscription to Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News. Third prize will be a 25c due bill. For the fifth number drawn out we will give a packet of 20 animal stamps. For the seventh number drawn out we will give a packet of 2 portrait stamps. For the tenth number drawn out Mr. Munger will give a years subscription to "La Cote Reelle" For the fifteenth number drawn out L. Crandall will give a years subscription to his "Philatelic Advertiser". For the seventeenth number out W. E. Neave will give a years subscription to his stamp paper. Prizes for this month were won as follows.

First prize—H. D. Munger, who held number 118. Second prize—G. W. Munger, who held number 177. Third prize—L. V. Cass, who held number 174. Special prize packet donated by Mr. Munger was won by W. V. Nugent.

intend to resign my memberships in all the minor societies. I consider that every person should belong to the American and the Metropolitan Philatelic Associations but, if he is a member of these two, that is sufficient."

Memberships in the M. P. A. are granted youn 50c payable in advance and good up to January 1906. All persons applying must submit satisfactory reference and dues in advance. All philatelists should be members as our benefit are well worth the cost. Foreign members who wish the WEST every month must pay 4 shillings when their application is submitted and 2 shillings dues yearly. Without the WEST the dues will be the same as local memberships. Blanks and information may be obtained from any officer. We trust all philatelists will take this opportunity up at once. We have especially attractive inducements for all dealers and also collectors. Write for blanks and join at once.

The social part of the M. P. A. is by far not the least pleasure that a membership may bring members. You form pleasing acquaintances with intelligent and generally very worthy people. This summer our president did quite a bit of travelling and in the course of his trip he took occasion to look up several of the members. He reports that he found every one he looked up to be fine intelligent gentlemen who entertained him royally. The acquaintances you form will be a source of lasting enjoyment and you feel as if you knew some one everywhere. Such a feeling is good and is helpful. Next year we will hold a big convention at Niagara Falls and every member should attend and have a good time.

Next month the WEST will contain the cuts of some of our officers. Mr. Brodstone would like to have any member send his photo with a short account of himself and his collection and it will be published in the WEST.

We shall shortly issue a list of our members and also rules of the Sales and Exchange Departments. Our treasury is a little low and a loan from any willing member would be much appreciated. After the convention next August we shall issue a rulebook for 1905 combined providing that enough members will put down their name for same. If you have changed your address, let us know so your name will be correct in the list.

Send in that Twenty-five cents At Once to Pay Your Dues For This Year. Does it pay to belong? Just one instance, we have half the subscription price by being a member of the M. P. A. Other examples in great number.

All members should use our departments for exchange and sales. You do not know what opportunities you are missing unless you do this.

Monthly prize drawings keep great interest alive yet. Hope some of our members can donate some other prizes to be offered monthly. Get us a new member and take a chance.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEWYEAR.

PRIZE DRAWINGS.—The prize contests retain their popularity. It pays to get us new members. There were fifteen chances this month. For next month we offer as the prizes. First prize will be a copy of Scott's

Fellow Members of M. P. A.—

I herewith hand you the returns of the Election of our society. I do further thank you for the honor you have again bestowed upon me by re-electing me as your Secretary and Treasurer by such a big majority and I assure you I will again serve the Society to the best of my ability, as I think the best is not too good for my fellow members. Wishing you all the Compliments of the Season and again thanking you I remain fraternally yours, F. A. Mueller.

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New Member—G B Mair, Broken Bow

Would like to hear from all readers and hints to help amateurs, wish to use all members photos if they will send the same cuts will be got.

Can use more new members. Many dues are due, look them up on your membership card and see if your names are not in this number.

SPEAKING BY PICTURES.

A good cut helps an advertisement to tell its story and to tell it quickly. The ad with a good cut stands out to the advantage of the merchant or store using it. If the good of the store is considered in the use of illustrations in advertisements the advantages will be shown to be with cuts that talk, that stand out in clear contrast to the surroundings and that give to the merchant an advantage over the other advertisers. The judgment and taste of the store is illustrated in the wisdom shown in the selection of cuts for use in advertising, and this wisdom is appreciated by those who read the paper.

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Respectfully,
 W. P. Ketley,

3222 Perry Ave,
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REPORT OF SALES SUPT.

Books received since convention 25 value \$567.26 all of which are now circulating. As no books were received till Oct. 14, none have been retired so far.

Department wants more books for circulation many are promised; but they don't come in fast enough.

Respectfully,
 Charles Waring.

An advertisement in the WEST will be read by more than 15,000 people.

American Society of Curio Collectors

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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.

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348. Mrs. E. B. Brokaw, Pasadena, Calif, Sta A.

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Minchen, Fleming, Y. Member com-

plaints of old member named Dr. Val-

way, Cleveland, Ind., sent him lot

of mounted birds more than a year

ago and unable to hear. Can any

one tell the cause of delay? Sorry

to give report in last number but it

is best for members to send dues to

publisher direct and be sure to get

the paper and help out the society

this way glad to have all members

photos as well as write up of hobbies,

etc.

Readers of the WEST and members of the A. S. of C. C.

Greetings:—

After a siege of eight months in

the Egyptian Exhibit at the St.

Louis World's Fair, I am once more

back in Ohio, with time enough on

my hands to say How-do-you-do, to

my collecting friends, through the

columns of the WEST. Eight

months may seem but a short time

to many, but to those who were in

charge of exhibits at the Fair the

past eight months has gone slowly.

To me, the constant association with

the mummies, and articles made in

the dim and distant past, gave plenty

of food for thought. Yet, as I was

so fortunate (or unfortunate) as to

have a room inside the grounds, the

monotony became almost unbearable.

I have many pleasant memories of

friends made while explaining the ex-

hibit, but can't say that I fully ap-

preciated those who like the old lady

to whom I was explaining the use of

a sarcophagus made some 4000 years

before Christ. This old lady said:

"Yes this exhibit is very interesting,

but can you tell me where I may find

the antiquities." Another lady,

whom I noticed trying to raise the

top of my desk, upon being asked if

she wanted anything, replied "I just

wanted to see what kind of a musical instrument this is." Such things may be amusing for a time, but when one gets on an average of eight hundred questions per day fired at him, he is always glad when it comes time to close the exhibit. Another trial to be met by all exhibitors, and that was the souvenir hunter. Fortunately the Egyptian Exhibit was for the most part under glass, therefore my troubles were lessened on that score, yet, some one managed to get a wooden turtle and a set of hairpins from one of the scenes.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition will go down in history as the greatest educational institution the world has ever known, and I have three reasons for being glad: I am glad that there was such a fair, glad that I got to attend it for eight months, and glad that I am home once more.

With the consent of the editor and forbearance of the Curio Society, I hope in the near future to contribute a short article on what I learned about Egypt while at the World's fair. This article will be illustrated by photographs taken direct from the specimens, some of which have never been described in American literature.

ERRATA

C. King, Son & Co., New York is no #3 State as ad printer has in his ad.

In last month Negreen of N. Y. ad was a mistake in name, James instead of Joseph.



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Camera News



Editor, F. J. CLVTE, San Francisco

The Dandy Negative Box.

Wm H LEMM, Jarra, Minn

Thinking that some of my fellow camera workers would like to know how they can preserve their negatives, I will try and explain how I keep mine, some two hundred or more.

I first made a box as follows: Out of half inch lumber I cut six pieces: two end pieces each four and one-half by six inches; a bottom piece, four and one-half by twenty-two inches; a cover piece five by twenty-three inches; a front piece an inch wider and a back piece another half-inch wider still, and the same length as the top piece. This box was intended for four by five inch negatives but a little calculation will give the sizes of the pieces required in making a box for other sizes of negatives.

After these pieces had been made smooth by planing and sandpapering, I nailed the two end pieces to the bottom, not the bottom to the end pieces. I next nailed the front and back pieces onto the end and bottom, not between the end pieces, or above the bottom. This makes the back piece stand one half inch above the front and ends. The cover was then placed in position and found to fit neatly against this back piece to

which it was attached with two small hinges. Three pieces the same size as the ends were inserted and fastened with nails so as to divide the box into four equal compartments. Two small hooks and pins were placed about three inches from each end to hold the cover in position when closed own. The hooks were fastened on the box and the pins in the cover. This box only required painting or staining to be complete.

I have placed each of my negatives in a negative preserver and have each one numbered and titled. On the inside of the cover I have pasted a sheet of paper corresponding to the different compartments which are numbered or lettered and bearing a list of the negatives which each contain. By doing this it is a very simple matter to keep a complete record of all my negatives and to keep them in order so that they do not become disarranged when a few are taken out to be printed from. Besides the work of making the box the cost will be about as follows: Lumber, an old dry goods box 10 cents; Hinges and fasteners, 10 cents; finishing nails and sandpaper, 5 cents and paint about the same. This is indeed a small outlay for the amount of satisfaction which the box will furnish. While the box was designed by myself it was made for me by Fred Mickle of Elgin, Minn.



Editor SAYS

It is a pleasant duty to once more wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year. During the past year I have had the pleasure of meeting four or five of the readers of the WEST who are not residents of San Francisco, but at the same time I feel that I can claim you all as friends: some of course older friends than others but all in a measure more than acquaintances, much more than simple readers of the few lines that I have furnished you in this department from month to month. I trust that our happy relationship shall continue for many years to come. You will certainly continue as subscribers to the WEST and I most assuredly hope that I may continue to assist you in your enjoyment of photography or as long a time to come. My services are always at your disposal. If you have any troubles that I might possibly remove, let me hear from you. If you are undecided about buying a lens or something, my advice is at your disposal. If you get a letter from Mr. Brodstone and can not read it send it to me. I will offer you my most heartfelt sympathy and explain that I am no better off than yourself. Any that you may get from him about this time is no doubt an expression of the good will which I know he bears towards us, each and everyone, and I will here join him in wishing you all, All the Compliments of the Season.

COLOR OF WALL COVERING.

A correspondent "back east" has fitted up the upper story of a small stable as a home studio, and as the framing of the building would not allow as much light as he wished to introduce, he thought to cover the walls so that there would be as little loss as possible. He thought it would be a good idea to paper them yellow and carry out a color scheme with that as the key. Another advantage he expected to realize was the tendency of yellow to photograph several tones darker than it appeared visually: in fact, that was the reason he chose yellow instead of white. The yellow would allow him to photograph his subjects with the walls as a background. The arrangement failed, and failed utterly, to give good results. The reason was found to lie in this same difference between the visual strength of yellow and its photographic qualities. A combination of his direct light and a reflected yellow light from a near wall would be all that was desired on the ground glass only to prove something entirely different in the negative. Where the reflected light was expected to illuminate the shadows, no such effect would appear. The result was that the entire color scheme had to be changed and one substituted that harmonized with a pale, bluish grey coloring. The apparent illumination and the photographic results then harmonized perfectly. His negatives then gave him the same lighting that this ground-glass had indicated at the time of the sitting. This point is worth considering by those intending a like arrangement as well as to those who have failed to understand certain results in portrait work made with reflecting surfaces of a yellow tinge near their subjects.

TO DEVELOP UNCERTAIN EXPOSURES.

I read an article not long since in which the amateur was advised to get detail first, and then to handle his developer as to secure the desired density. This is so at variance with my own practice that I think a word of caution should be put forth. In the case of known under-exposure such a proceeding as this article recommends would no doubt be the most desirable method, but where there is any doubt about the matter it would seem like courting disaster in a majority of cases. There is liable to be present at all times a certain amount of surface fog. The flashing up of the detail with a developer strong in alkali will bring this fog strongly to the fore, and any attempt to bring up density afterward will simply intensify this fog and often, particularly in the case of over-exposure, fail utterly in getting desired density. The more advisable plan is to first flow the plate with a developer containing a part only of the normal amount of accelerator, and by the action of the image, whether quick or slow in coming forward, determine if further addition of the alkali is or is not advisable. With but a little practice, starting all exposures in a developer of a certain modification as to accelerator, one can judge by the length of time consumed in the first appearance of the image just what amount of accelerator should be added to produce in the finished negative that degree of gradation required for the printing process desired to be used. In my own practice I avoid the use of bromide entirely, and depend upon this method of working. All exposures that are at all doubtful as to timing are first placed in a solution containing but one fourth of the alkali called for in a normal developer. A tray of normal developer is at hand and as soon as the appearance of the image

indicates that a certain plate has secured a correct or less exposure, it is placed in this latter tray. If but slight over-exposure is indicated, the plate is alternated between the first and last tray, simply as being more convenient than altering the developer in the first tray and having the same result. If too much density in the high lights is threatened, alternating the plate between a tray of clear water and the normal developer will restrain its density while allowing detail to make its appearance — Camera Craft.

Improving Lantern Slides

One lantern worker will tell you to carry your slides a little beyond the right point, even disregarding a slight veiling should it appear. After developed and fixed a weak ferricyanide and hypo reducer should be used to clear up the slide. Another worker will condemn this practice, saying that only the minute fractional part of the plate should be clear glass and that a slight veiling is often an advantage. He will go to deplore the fact that a lack of appreciation of a good slide exists and that the commercial article is entirely too hard and chalky as a rule. Now I think both these gentlemen are in a measure right. Now I have a friend that is practicing a method which is not original but hardly as well known as it should be. With most of his slides he uses a plate that has been slightly fogged by the light from a match and then developed, as a cover glass. This is held against the slide and with one of these weak pencils he encloses on the glass side of the cover plate all those portions where he thinks there should be nothing more than the image on the positive. The fogged cover glass is removed and with the reducer and brush he removes the veiling from such portions of the cover glass. Some of his effects so secured are indeed very fine.

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TO REMOUNT A PHOTOGRAPH

After a little expertness has been gained in the process of mounting prints, it will be found a really fascinating one, by those who are at first a little bothered by the tendencies to air-bubbles, tears and such like, accidents, which beset the path of the beginner. This is a good time of the year, naturally, to devote a part of one's leisure to this class of work—before the negative making season proper has commenced. There is a large assortment of beautifully artistic mounts now to be had through the photographic dealers: and it is likely enough that besides the mounting of freshly made prints, one who interests himself in this branch of work may wish to renovate, by transferring to cleaner or better mounts, pictures that have been allowed to deteriorate by careless exposure to the dust or unfavorable atmospheric conditions

In such a case, the surplus part of the old dirty mount should be cut away and the card and picture then

immersed in slightly warm water. Should this soaking not permit of the print being floated off, it may be that mounting was done in the first place with an india rubber solution, in which case, by holding it near the fire the rubber will soften and the print may be readily peeled off. If it is suspected that an alcoholic mountant has been used, a preliminary trial can be made in a bath of alcohol; but in the majority of cases the method we have just indicated will be found to suffice.

Unsatisfactory Enlargements.

We are so continually getting complaints of irregular and unsatisfactory enlargements, say Messrs. Elliott, in the current *Banret Photographic Record*, that we wish to give a special caution to all those who use bromide paper for the purpose. It is that they do not on any account omit the preliminary soaking in water before development. We recommend that the paper should be allowed to soak in clean cold water for at least a minute, and that then and only then should the water be poured off and the developer applied. It is a curious fact that while this is so important to ensure even working of the developer and freedom from airbells, it is only the case with bromide paper, and that with plates precisely the opposite holds good.

With the latter preliminary soaking in water is very prone to cause air bells.



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Answers

Queries should be addressed to Fayette J. Clute
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V. de A.: **Toning Gelatine Chloride Prints:**—The right way to determine when toning has been carried far enough is to examine the prints by transmitted light. Tone until the shadows show but a trace of warmth. Even prints that seem to be over toned by reflected light will often show considerable warmth all over when examined in this manner. Judging the degree of toning in this way you should have little, if any trouble, in securing good even tones in all your prints.

C. W. W.: **Stained Edges On Solio:**—The metallic brown stain around the edges of your prints is caused by allowing the paper to lie around loose before being entirely used up. When done printing, place the unused paper under a weight and you will have little trouble unless the paper is kept for a long time. It is the practice of one professional whom I know to keep weight made of thick sheets of lead bound between two old negatives and covered with cloth, to place over the compartments in the drawer in which his paper is stored. These fit snugly in the various compartments and are provided with handles in the shape of bits of tape sewed on like drawer pulls.

A. F. M.: **Spotting Colors:**—Using India ink, crimson lake water color and sum solution, you should be able to mix a color to match almost any tone that can be secured on your Solio prints. With a set of the best spotting colors, you will find that you

have to mix a color from two of those supplied, quite often. With a little practice the use of the India ink and crimson lake will give no difficulty whatever.

D. B. D.:—**Halation and Double Coated Plates:**—Your complaint that the non-halation plates gave you nearly as much halation as the ordinary kind used on the same subject is no sign that the former has no advantage. In your letter you admit that you gave the non-halation plate much more time and developed it with stronger developer than you dared use on the plain plate. Any attempt to force one of these double coated plates is almost sure to bring out halation if the subject be one that is at Trying. A short exposure and slow development with a weak developer will often allow one to use an ordinary plate on subjects well calculated to give halation. See answer to J. M. E. in last number.

W. N. H.: **Warm Tones on Developing paper:**—The best results I have seen in this line, aside from toned prints were made by using Edinol after the formula supplied by the makers with a heavy addition of bromide; overtiming the print in proportion to the amount of bromide added. While I can not give an exact formula it can be easily learned just how much bromide additional and just how much over exposure is required to secure the best results. The prints shown me were greatly superior to and entirely different from prints made by the same method using other developers.

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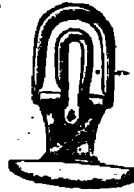
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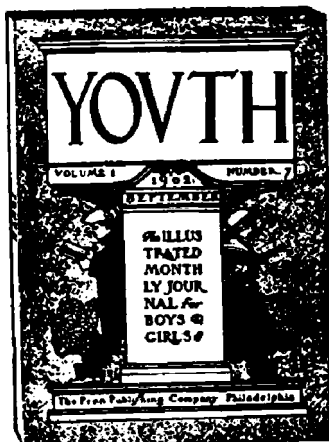
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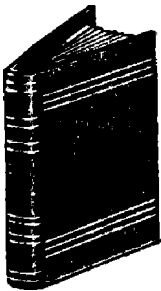
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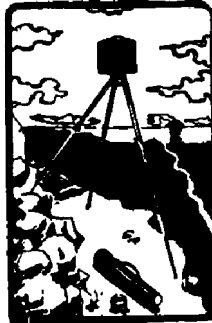
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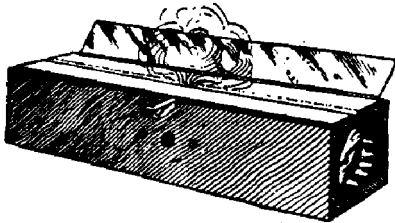
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1903 Cuba spec del orange either variety for		.10

Hawaii

1874 2c vermilion	.40	.15
" yellow green unused	.60	.25
1875 2c brown	.10	.04
1882 1c blue unuse 1	.10	.05
" 5c ultramarine	.05	.02
" 15c red brown	2.50	1.25
1883 1c green	.06	.03
" 2c rose	.04	.02
1889 2c dull violet	.05	.02
1894 1c yellow	.04	.02
" 2c brown	.04	.02
" 5c rose lake	.05	.03
1899 1c dark green	.03	.02
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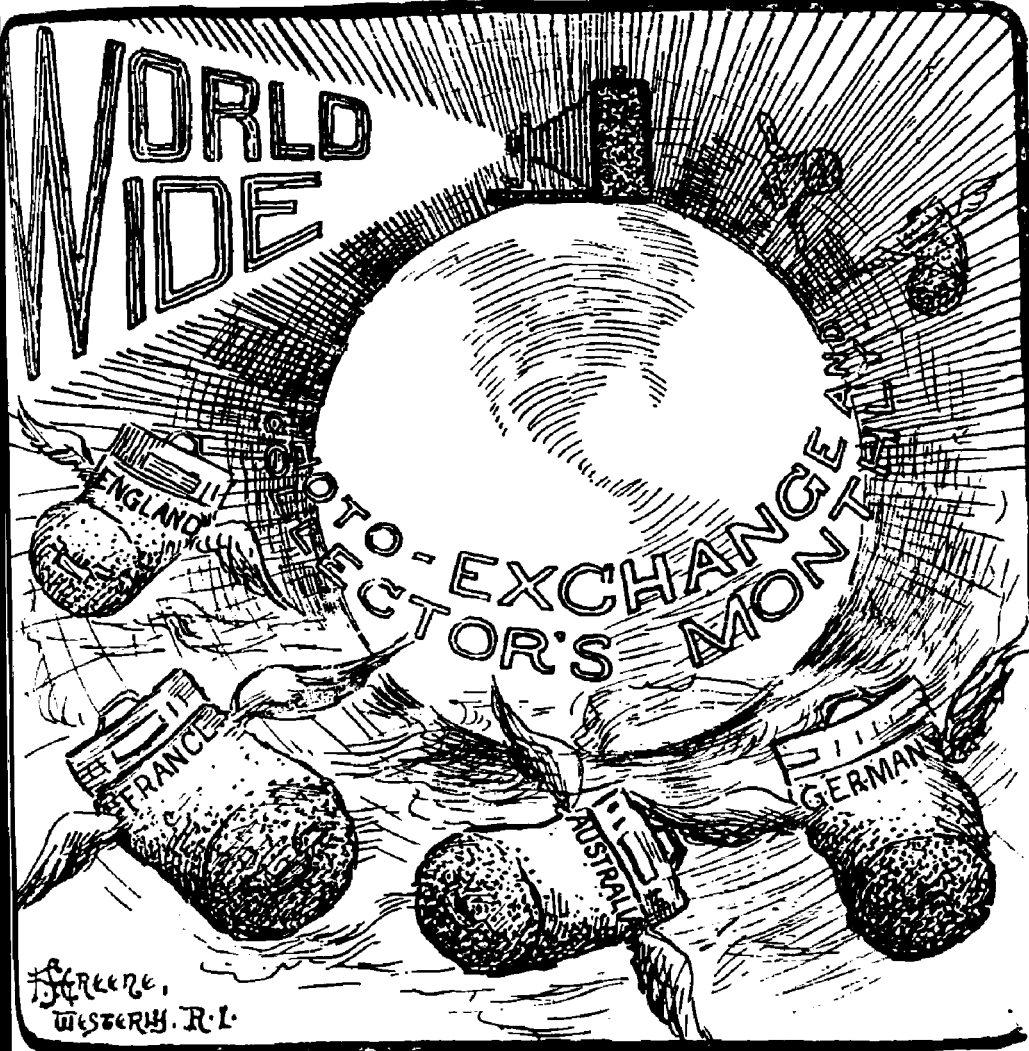
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United States				Canada, all * o g			
	?	Cat. pr.	My pr.				
1857-60 3c rare, type 1	\$.25	08	1897 1-2c black			.001-2
1869 2c brown		.15	.06	" 1c green			.01
1870-71 1c ultramarine		.15	.05	" 2c purple			.03
1879 15c red orange		.20	.08	" 3c carmine			.04
1882 1c gray blue		.10	.03	" 5c blue			.06
" 3c green		.15	.05	" 6c brown			.10
1893 50c Columbian		.50	.24	" 8c orange			.11
1895 \$1.00 black		.50	.20	" 10c brown violet			.13
1902 13c violet		.04	.02	1898 1-2c black			.001-2
" 15c olive		.04	.02	" 1c green			.01
" 50c orange		.15	.06	" 2c purple			.03
2c playing cards, blue		.25	.09	" 3c carmine			.04
2c proprietary, blue		.10	.03	" 5c blue			.06
10c Foreign Exchange		.40	.15	" 6c brown			.12
15c " "		.60	.24	" 8c orange			.12
50c " "		.50	.19	" 10c brown violet			.13
2.50 Inland Exchange		1.12	.05	1897 complete 8 varieties			.45
3.50 Inland Exchange		1.50	.60	1898 complete 8 varieties			.45
" 1c small I. R.		.15	.06	Argentine 1900 1/4 black s'r			.05
3.00 brown uncut		.15	.07	Chile 1900 50c			.15
5.00 orange uncut		.25	.11	Dutch Indies 1899 10c			.02
10.00 black uncut		.50	.18	" " " 15c			.05
50.00 bistre uncut	2.50		1 20	" " " 20c			.05
1.00 gray uncut		.05	.02	Gt. Britain 1887-92 10d			.06
2.00 gray uncut		.05	.02	Hong Kong 1885-84 10c			
5.00 gray uncut		.35	.15	green			.12
1.00 green uncut		.20	.09	New So. Wales 1888-89 2sh.12			.05
2.00 green uncut		.15	.07	New Zealand 1882 3d			.04
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129 Greece 1900 20 on 25 1	.06	.03
88 " 1891 50 1	.08	.03
64 W. Australia 1890 2½ p.	.04	.02
69 Queensland 1882 6 p	.06	.03
19 Danish W. Ids. 1901 4c.	.15	.03
76 Hawaii 1894 5c	.05	.02
140 Argentine 1901 30c	.06	.02
149 Persia 1899 5 k		.18
174 " 1902 2 k	.12	.06
51 Spain 2860-61 12c	.18	.09
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50 2c " " " "	10c
10 5c express	15c
10 5c revenue black and orange	16c
10 50c conveyance	5c
10 10c orange special delivery	20c
10 10c blue special delivery	8c
10 15c orange 1879	80c
10 3c 1867 embossed	10c
100 var U S	19c
117 var U S	25c
4 sets unused Army Franks	10c
1 pound mixed U S and foreign stamps	28c
10 old letters 1850 to 1853	10c
5 2c blue playing card Stamp	25c
2c 1869 good	6c
1c 1851 average	10c
5 5c blue (Taylor)	15c
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GOOD PACKETS

100 vars. foreign\$.06
200 " "22
300 " "47
400 " "70
1000 " "	3.50
50 " *	" "	.32
100 " fine foreign27
75 " U. S. (no revs)50
1000 " mixed foreign24

Hinges free with every order.

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1851 1c blue.....	30	12	" 6c Washington.....	65	30
" 5c red brown.....	10 00	4 00	" 10c Coat of Arms...	85	40
" 10c green.....	75	30	" 12c Steamship.....	65	30
" 12c black.....	2 00	95	" 15c L. of Columbus.	1 50	70
1857 1c Type II.....	1 00	40	" " variety	3 50	1 50
" 1c Type III.....	15	07	" 24c Dec of Indep...	5 00	2 05
" 5c " II.....	6 00	2 50	" 30c Coat of Arms...	3 00	1 20
" 5c " III.....	2 50	1 15	" 90c Lincoln	15 00	7 50
" 10c green.....	35	10	1870 1c grill	50	25
" 12c black.....	1 25	50	" 2c "	10	02
" 24c lilac unused.....	6 00	2 00	" 3c "	05	05
" 30c orange.....	6 00	2 25	" 6c "	3 00	1 25
" 90c blue.....	3 00	12 00	" 7c "	3 00	1 25
1861 1c blue.....	06	02	1871 1c ultram.....	15	05
" 5c buff.....	7 00	3 00	" 7c verm.....	65	30
" 10c green.....	06	50	" 10c byown.....	15	05
" 12c black.....	50	25	" 12c violet	50	20
" 24c rhd lilac.....	1 00	45	" 15c orange.....	75	30
" 30c orang.....	50	25	" 24c purple.....	1 50	70
" 90c blue.....	3 50	1 70	" 30c black.....	40	15
1862 2c Jackson.....	06	03	" 90c carmine.....	1 25	55
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" 15c black.....	50	25	1888 5c indigo.....	04	02
" 24c lilac.....	40	20	" 30c orange brown..	40	20
1868 1c grill 11x13 M....	2 00	80	" 90c purple.....		55
" 2c " ".....	20	10	1889 15c or 30c.....		04
" 3c " ".....	04	01	" 90c orange beauties		30
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50 " " " " " " " "	88
1 " 1895 " " " " " " "	1 10
2 " " " " " " " "	2 10
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1869 2c brown.....	05
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15	— 15c both varieties.....	5.00
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C. Whitmore, Des Moines, Ia., started collecting over thirty-five years ago, and you see he has been a long time at it, and taken very near every stamp paper in America, and says WEST is the only one to put your ads in.

WITH THE EDITOR

Collectors, have you ever paused to reflect as you placed some rare issue in your stamp album or rearranged your cabinet to accommodate a new specimen, just what this collecting habit is? Have you ever thought how much the world is indebted to it? Or have you always considered it at best but a mere form of amusement?

An impulse so common among boys and girls as is that of making collections must be regarded as more than a fad or pastime: it is a stage evolution. And the instinct which prompts it underlies our whole progress. It might be said to be the beginning of systematic knowledge.

The collecting habit began when our prehistoric ancestors first realizing that life was more than the supplying of daily needs, looked into the future. It was an indiscriminate preservation of things useful, of food, and of weapons for the morrow's hunt. The first collections, no doubt, were crude and unsystematic, but they were very useful. Without them each day would be like the last—a new struggle for a day's life and food. There would have been no accumulation of gain.

In the next step the collecting instinct rises to a higher plane. It is no longer an indiscriminate gathering of the primal necessities. It is a specialization limiting itself to things of a kind—to books or paintings or scientific specimens—and its purpose is the preservation of our knowledge and culture concerning them.

When Pisisstratus gathered together a few cherished books—the nucleus later of one of the most famous libraries in the world—it was not that he himself might use or enjoy them, but rather to preserve the knowledge

they contained. The modern library—a vast collection of books formed for the same purpose—is the foremost means of preserving the world's wisdom. Supposing for an instant that all the books—the collected thought of centuries—should perish suddenly! In many respects the world would have to start its progress anew.

The museum, another stronghold of education, owes its birth directly to the collector. Its multitudes of specimens have been gathered by him from the earth's depths, from the mountains and oceans, but their worth is not measured by his labor. They are valuable in that they preserve out science.

It is from collectors, too, that we inherit our art galleries. They have sprung from man's desire to collect what he has cherished of art.

So, after all, the making of a collection is more than a pastime: it is a part of a great movement that is improving the world day by day.

Let us willingly give our collectors all the time and thought that we can, for in so doing we are performing our part of the world's work. —“Youth”, Pa

NO INTERNATIONAL STAMP.

Asked whether the British postal authorities would support the suggestion of an international postage stamp, the Postmaster-General replied to a correspondent:

“Various projects for an international postage stamp have been brought forward from time to time, but none of these schemes has so far proved acceptable, chiefly on account of the financial objections consequent on the various rates of exchange.”

Inscriptions on Stamps

L. G. DORPAT

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hoping to be pardoned; if I do not quietly keep within the limits of the leading—but give, for once, the translation of some Chinese and Japanese terms, which sooner or later may turn up in connection with stamps, as parts of postmarks, names of post-offices, or the like. Many a name may be readily understood and much easier remembered, if the following terms are known:

I. Chinese:

Pe, north. Tung or Tong, east.

Nan, south. Se, west.

Pei, black. Hoang, yellow. Shang and Hia, under, lower.

Kiang, stream. Ho, river. Tsen, ford. Shan, mountains.

Tien, heaven. Kin, gold. Cu, perl. Kwang, light. Yin, silver.

Hai, sea. Hu, lake. Wan, bay. Yang, ocean.

Koang, broad. Chung, middle. Fu, city. King, capital.

Pe-king: north capital. Nan-king, south capital. Shanghai under or lower sea. Tong-hai: east sea. Nan-hai: south sea. Hai-nan: south of the sea. Se-kiang: west stream.

Yantse-kiang: Yantse stream. Pei-ho: black river. Hoang-ho: yellow river. Shan-tung: mountains in the east. Liao-tung: east of Liao.

Hoang-tung: broad in the east. (Accents as a rule on the last syllable.)

II. Japanese.

Saki, promontory. Koku, land, kingdom, state. Kio, capital. Ko, place. Shu, district. Hama, beach.

Yoko, cross (cross-wise). Kuro, black. Naga, long. Tai, great.

To, east. Sai, west. Mi, high. Ni, sun. Pön, origin. Shinma, island. Wan, bay. Han, half. Tehi one. Ni, two. San, three. Shi, four. Go, five. Roku, six. Hachi,

eight. Kyu, nine. Yu, ten. Shya-ku, hundred. Shu, circles.

To-kiō: east capital. Sai-kiō: west capital. Naga-saki long promontory. Ni-pön: the sun's origin.

Kyu-shu: nine circles. Shi-ko-ku: four states. Yagu-shima: Yagu island. Mi-kiado high portal (the emperor).

III. Korean.

Po, bay. Gang, river. Ju, city. Do, and Yu, island.

Yang is also found as Kang and King (Chinese for stream).

The Yalu river is called Yalit-kiang and Amno-kiang, i. e. the river of the green duck.

Ei-tsieng, councillor. Pa'n-tso, judge.

If any reader of the WEST possess knowledge of these languages, especially of the Korean, or any literature relative thereto, I should be very glad to hear from him.

I may finally add Chinese name for "Telephone Office" as given by the Literary Digest No. 728 p. 478. In the New Chang Dialect it is: Ko-den-ore-ko-shee. In the Mandarin Dialect it is: Chiang-tien-yin-kug-szu. Literally translated this is Speak-lightning-sounds-public-company.

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Initials or names of individuals may be printed on the backs of English stamps provided no sign of the printing may be seen on the face of the stamps.

Two values, the 2 króna, brown and blue, and the 5 króna, brown and slate, have been added to the current series of Iceland. The stamps bear the portrait of King Christian.

A 10 cent registration stamp has been issued for Panama. A 5-cent dark blue registration return receipt has also been issued.

Notes on the Stamps of Crete

VERNA WESTON HANWAY

Catalogue references Stanley
Gibbons.

The attention of the scientist and the collector has recently been drawn towards Crete by the archeological researches made on that island by Harriet Anne Boyd, mention of which I made in the "Womans Collectors Department" for December, 1904. This island possesses a history of great antiquity, and is therefore an extremely interesting and successful field for archeological study.

For the philatelist with the modest purse it is one of the most interesting and inexpensive of countries to specialize in.

Unlike the majority of countries its postal issues do not date back to the early days of postal history, which constitutes its chief interest for the modest collector. Its issues are easy to be understood and easy of classification, yet are sufficiently varied and complex to prove interesting as a study.

Crete is a provisional joint administration, France, Great Britain, Italy and Russia having postoffice connections there.

The writer does not attempt in this article to do more than to point out the most interesting and material points as found in the catalogue. All minor varieties of paper, watermarks, engraving, printing, perforations and shades of color must be studied by the collector. In these "Notes" on the stamps of various countries which will appear in this publication from time to time, the aim is merely to point out interesting subjects to the collector who is wavering in his choice of a country

wherein to specialize—to point out those deserving of special attention, and to treat them in a merely glossary manner.

British Sphere of Administration.

The first stamp issued under the British administration was printed in 1898. It was a local production and imperforate. Type 1, 20 parades mauve, catalogued at \$10 unused and \$7 used. This is the highest priced stamp of the series. Type 2, consisting of 10 parades, blue and 20 parades green was printed at Athens the same year. These two varieties are perforated 11½.

The following year (1899) the same type and perforations were retained but the colors changed to the 10 par brown and the 20 par rose. A variety of the 10 par brown is imperforate.

Russian Sphere of Administration.

Types 3 and 4, 5 and 6, were issued under this administration in 1899, with violet or blue control mark hand stamped. Type 3 is imperforate, and of but one value 1m blue. Type 4 is also imperforate. There are three values of this issue 1m green: 2 rose, and two, green, and two, green-black.

Type 5, with the control mark of the Russian double eagle in a circle, in violet, is perforated 11½. There are twenty-one straight varieties of this type consisting of differences in value, and differences in color, as well as in shade.

Type 6 with the stars at the side has the same control mark and perforation. There are twelve distinct varieties of this type (see catalogue).

Many varieties of the last two types are found without the control mark. There are also many other minor differences.

Permanent Government.

The series of the permanent gov-

ernment were first issued in (1900) perforated 13, and printed by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., and consisted of type 7 bearing an illustration of Heres; type 8, of Hera; type 9, of Prince George of Greece, the High Commissioner; type 10, of Talios; type 11, of Minas; and type 12, St George and the Dragon. The four highest values of the series are overprinted with type 13. (a) Overprint on five stamps in vermilion. (b) Overprint in black Variety, with the overprint inverted (c) without overprint.

In 1901 the colors of the 1 l., 20 l., and 50 l., of some types were altered. Types 9, 25 l. blue, in 1901, is overprinted with type 14 in gray black (a). An error (b) is known with the first letter inverted. (c) The overprint is once more found on type 9, in deep black.

Unpaid Letter Stamps

Type 21 was adopted in 1900, perforated, of 8 values. The 1dr. of which was afterward surcharged with type 22.

French Crete.

The stamps are on the order of the ordinary French Colonial series. The first issue was made in 1902, consisting of types 1, 2, and 3 (see "French Crete," in catalogue) of 15 distinct varieties of value and color.

In 1903, types 2 and 3, were surcharged with the values in Turkish currency. (see cat as types 4 and 5) in black. There were five varieties thus treated.

Italian P. O. in Crete.

In 1900 the regular stamp, type 22, of Italy was surcharged in red, 1pi on 25c, blue somewhat like the following.

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In 1901 type 31, regular Italian dome stamp was surcharged with type 83 in black. (See catalogue).

Military Pictures Stamps

BY H C REDDING

Philatelists will be interested in a novelty introduced by the Italian Government, which is issuing what might be described as military picture stamps. Each regiment of the Italian army is provided with a special stamp for the use of the soldiers belonging to it. The designs are of course, all different and of the most varied nature. Thus on one appears the portrait of a colonel of the regiment, on another is a design of rifles supporting the national arms. The military district of Ivrea has a stamp on which is a view of the town of Ivrea; on that of Milan is a representation of a military council; on that of the twenty second regiment of Cavalry are arms of Cataniae with the regimental motto. On the regimental stamp of the Sixth Bersaglieri are the notes of the regimental bugle call and the motto: "Bergsaglier, ta tua dotrina? Patria, onree, carabina." And so on. It is believed that these stamps will not only increase the esprit de corps of the soldiers, but will also heighten civilian interest in what appertains to the army. It will also, do doubt, bring about new a branch of philately.

The Russian War Office is adapting a similar idea. The King of Italy is said to be the originator of the new departure in which he takes a lively interest.

His wife is a stamp collector.

The high values issued by the British South Africa company are available for both postal and revenue purposes. The values over £1 are used mostly for revenue purposes, but be used they can postally if necessary.

About Speculative Issues.

BY C. GRANDPIERRE

That speculative issues like North Borneo, Central America and most of the Jubilee issues of Portugal, South and Central America, etc., are real postage stamps and that a stamp collector acts within the admitted limit of philately in collecting them, cannot be doubted. Much has been said against them, but let us not forget that they have also some few good things on their active

Most of them are nice looking, some are of the nicest stamps ever issued and not a few are those who have been induced to start a collection of stamps in being attracted by the fine appearance of some of these labels.

On the other hand, there is the question of investment that most of the collectors have to bear in mind.

By all means these stamps are not such a bad investment as many seem to think. Take the Seebecks (Central America) for instance. The Central American states will certainly through the Panama Canal be submitted to an ever increasing influence from the United States. Probably we shall all live long enough to see them under the protectorate of this country, similarly to the actual position of the Republic of Panama. See how the 1877-79 issues of Cuba and all the baby king issues of the late Spanish colonies have been discarded by almost every collector in the world until the Spanish war and how many of them within a few years have jumped from one cent worth to even dollars. A similar boom can certainly be predicted for the Seebecks in not many years to come.

But the average collector will hardly be willing to wait years for

that boom. The probability of a future advance in prices is no justification for buying above the actual value. The market is still overstocked with them. The only reason why their prices are kept high by the dealers publishing catalogues is that they have bought them at a high price and do not wish to sell them at a loss. Small and big dealers of course kept them on their approval sheets at 50 per cent discount amongst better grade of stamps and many are those who feel tempted by their nice book and buy some at such high prices. Only 50 per cent of catalogue is a too small discount, in my opinion and bought at that price they are a bad investment.

One of the very worst class of speculative issues are some of the French colonials of the present type. I will even not speak of the surcharged ones. The 1, 2, and 4c values of the most of them are purely speculative as the lowest rate of postage is 5 centime and as there is no stamp above 5c nor any rate of postage which is not divisible by 5. They are though regular postage stamps and are sold solely by the post offices of said colonies.

Still worse are the Labuan and Borneo, some varieties of which have never been used in the mails and are not even to be had at the postoffices of those protectorates but are sold by 100's at the office of their agents, Victoria street, London, and there cancelled to order.

San Marino, the second smallest independent state in the world (the smallest, Andora, on the Spanish border, has no own postal administration) has also speculated on the purse of stamp collectors. The Jubilee issue has admittedly been issued solely to get the money for a new church.

One can also class most of the re-

cent Portuguese colonies as speculative issues. The unused stamps of the earlier issues are of not much better standing and are "remainders." About them in another article.

A H A N D Y B O O K

Wycil & Company of New York have published a series of very useful books one of which, German Conversation-Grammar, was sent for review in the WEST. Philately has nothing in particular to do with German, nor with any Grammar, but there are a great many devotees of Philately among Germans, and to know German is certainly convenient for any philatelist. German inscriptions on stamps are numerous enough to interest any collector in that language. The philatelic books, catalogues (Senf's and Kohls') and journals are so important that a collector, who is not able to read German, loses a great deal. Hence the study of German, be it ever so little, may be warmly recommended to stamp collectors with the promise that it will prove a profit and a pleasure. There are other reasons why everybody in our country ought to know some German, as the very strong contingent of German blood in the American people, the very high standing of German scholars in sciences and art, the wonderful progress of the Germans in industry, commerce and war (defensive) and finally the friendly relations between the German government and our own. There are many German grammars, but the one named above is particularly adapted to all those who wish to make a practical study of the language. It is written for Americans as well as Englishmen and may be used with very little oral help. Any of our readers using the book may in case of any difficulty obtain

written help through the Department of Inquiry.

Since writing the foregoing three more Conversation Grammars were received for review. French, Spanish and Italian, also a neat little catalogue listing the publications of Wycil & Company. The retail prices of these grammars are \$1.25, a very small outlay, if one considers what benefit he may derive from the knowledge of any additional language. Of course the study requires some time and exertion and for a book alone it is always more difficult to learn than for a living teacher and oral lessons, but, if anyone desires to do the best he can in his own study (or den), the books published by Wycil & Co. can hardly be surpassed. Again, if you have a foreigner at hand who can pronounce all the words of his language correctly but who entirely lacks the education that would enable him to become your teacher, you can with the help of these books make him your teacher with excellent success: all that is needed, is to read to him the pages passages in the book and let him correct your pronunciation: then let him read, if he can, while you listen and catch the correct quality of the sounds, or, if he can not read, let him talk to you and try to talk to him. The fundamental idea, upon which these books are built, is the same as the manner in which a child learns his mother tongue, i. e. by a partial use of the language from the very start. The scientific additions, classifications and tabulations are not burdensome, but help an earnest student to grasp the language so much quicker and more thoroughly. Whilst it takes a child 3 to 6 years to learn a language a grown person with the help of these books should learn a language fairly well within 3 to 6 months.

U S Int. Rev. Lock Seals

J DELANO BARTLETT

Being very much interested in making a collection of U. S. revenues of all issues, I have during the past year given particular attention to those that would come under the head of Tax Paid Stamps.

This line of stamps has been very much neglected in fact, up to quite recently, a collector of tax paid stamps was practically unknown on this side of the water. In Europe there are many collectors who are eager to add to their collection of Beer, Cigar, Snuff and Tobacco Stamps.

No doubt, the reason these stamps have not been more sought after on this side of the water is on account of it not being strictly lawful to have them in ones possession. Yet, we have today, a fast growing army of collectors who are willing to take the risk, believing that the simple possession of a collection of these stamps, showing marks of evidence of having done duty, and clearly evident that no fraud is being, or intended to be done and that Uncle Sam would make no outcry against it. Tax Paid stamps can be divided into three general classes, as follows:

Tax Paid, proper, being the stamps placed on the packages containing the article on which the tax is levied. Under this head would come all stamps found on beer, cigars, cigarettes, snuff, tobacco, oleomargarine, renovated and adulterated butters, filled cheese, mixed flour all liquors, etc.

Special Tax being the stamp, or receipt given to show the tax has been paid for the privilege of doing certain lines of business such as retail liquor dealer, manufacturers of to-

bacco, dealer in manufactured tobacco. Tax on Stills and on worms, etc. Seals, being the seal or label used by the revenue collectors in the discharge of their duty, known as Lock Seals and the label placed in the Standard Hydrometer to show that Hydrometer has been tested and found that it can be relied upon as standard. Of these three classes the last two can be collected without any fear whatever of the law and they make a very interesting study, yet no more interesting than the first class. It is not my purpose in this article to go into the details of the stamps of each class as it would be a mammoth affair, if the subject was taken up thoroughly, but now I wish to call attention particularly to that part of the third class, the Lock Seals, and sometime in the future I will endeavor to treat somewhat on those in the other classes.

Do you collect Lock Seals? Have you ever seen a Lock Seal? Do you know how Lock Seals are used? For the benefit of those who do not, I will try to give a little information on the subject.

At every Distillery we find an Internal Revenue Storekeeper or Gauger, who has full access to every part of the Distillery, and Warehouses and every part thereof is so fully under his charge that he places under lock and seal those places that distilled prints are being made, drawn or stored, so that they can not be moved or disturbed without his knowledge or him being present. These lock is a peculiarly constructed padlock, so made that a paper seal can be inserted, so as to cover the keyhole, rendering it impossible for any one to open the lock (Even the store keeper himself can not open it) without breaking the paper seal.

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Mexican Fiscals

Documentary Libros.

F. A. BROWNE,
East Peru, Iowa

Continued from last number.

1891-2 26x33mm Perf 12½

Thin greenish paper.

179	1c brown	185	50c brown
180	2c "	186	1p violet
181	3c "	187	5p "
102	5c "	188	10p "
183	10c "	189	25p "
184	25c "	190	50p "

1892-3 30x33mm Perf 12½ laid paper

191	1c blue green	197	50c blue green
192	2c "	198	1p dark brown
193	3c "	199	5p
194	5c "	200	10p
195	10c "	201	25p
196	25c "	202	50p

Some values exist imperforate

1893-4 24x31 mm Perf 11½x6

203	1c brown	209	50c olive brn
204	2c ultramarine	210	1p blue green
205	3c bronze grn	211	5p green
206	5c red brown	212	10p green
207	10c vermilion	213	25p violet
208	25c orange brn	214	50p carmine

1894-5 24x32mm Perf 9x12

215	1c red	221	50c blue
216	2c yellow brn	222	1p carmine
217	3c dark brown	223	5p orange
218	5c violet brn	224	10p emerald
219	10c dark green	225	50p dark violet
220	25c claret	225	100p slate blue

1895-6 26x33mm perf 12

227	1c orange	231	25c yellow brn
228	2c vermilion	232	50c claret
229	5c green	233	1p yellow grn
230	10c ultramarine	234	5p lilac

235 10d red brown

1896-7 24x30mm Perf 10

236	1c yel brown	241	50c red
237	2c ultramarine	242	1p lilac
238	5c orange	242	5p greenish blu
239	10c red brown	244	10p slate blue

240 25c green 245 50p " "

246 100p rose and lilac

1897-8 22x31 mm Perf 12½

247	1c orange	252	50c emerald grn
248	1c bright red	253	1p blue
249	5c brown	254	5c magenta
250	10c blue	255	10 p violet
251	55c olive	256	25c "

257 50p carmine

1898-9 22x31mm perf 12½

258	1c jellyw brn	262	25c blue
259	2c ultramarine	263	50c rec'
260	5c orange	264	1p violet
261	10c brown	265	5p red brown

266 10p emerald

No 261 is also found in dark brown

1899 09 23x28mm perf 12½ and 12½

267	1c green	271	25c yellow brn
268	2c orange	272	50c blue
269	5c ultramarine	273	1p red
270	10c emrld grn	274	5p carmine

275 10p azure or sky blue

1900-1 22x27mm perf 12

276	1c brown	280	25c blue
277	2c ultramar	281	50c grey green
278	5c green	382	1p blue green
279	10c red	283	2p bright red

284-10p green

1901-02, 24x27mm perf 13

285	1c green	289	25c vermilion
286	2c blue	290	50c slate blue
287	5c brown	291	1p lilac
288	10 ultramarine	292	5p olive

293 10p carmine

I find this note in M. Horvilleurs catalogue, which I am unable to translate "On a signate aussi \$25.50, 100 et 200."

Will some one send a translation?

1902-03 24x17 Perf 23

294	1c orange	300	1p olive
295	2c green	301	5p ultramarine
296	5c blue	302	10p light blue
297	10c red brown	303	50p red brown
298	25c brown	304	100p red & grn.
299	50c carmine	305	50c violet & brn

299 20c carmine 305 50p violet brn

1903-04 24x27 Perf 12

306 1c carm & grn 312 1p black & yel

307 5c blue & org 313 5p blue & pink

308 5c nvy blu, vio 314 5p blue & pink

309 10c brn & lilac 315 50p blk & carm

310 25c carm & oliv 316 100p blue & grn

311 50c blk & slate 317 500 blk & gold

1904-05 Perf 12

318 1c 322 25c

319 2c 323 50c

320 5c 324 1p

321 10c 325 5p

326 10p

I can only give No. Perf and value.
Will some one supply color and size?

Contribucion Federal

All issues of Federal stamps are im-
perf.

1862-3 Exacte in relief in Centre size of
stamp 216x82 mme type 71 of, Mekeel

1 1R black and blue.

2 1p black and blue

3 5p black and blue

This is the set which MeKeel's cata-
logue assigns to 1872-3m. Lundy in
History of Revenue stamps of Mexico,
does not make any mention of this set
or the three following.

1870-1 96*110mm Type 70 of Mekeels
cat 4 10c black 5 1p 6 5p red

1873-3 106x91mm Type 72 of Mekeel.
7 10c black 8 1p green 9 5p blue

1874 105x88mm Type 73 Mekeel 10-10c
black 11-1p green 12 5p blue

1873 5 46x60mm white wove paper.
sheets of 25 stamps 5x5 unwmk. Bust
of J M Morelos

13 1c carmine 15 25c brown

14 5c slate 16 1p green

(Essay 5c blue) 17 5p blue

1876 63x47mm on yellow plain paper no
watermark. Nos. 18 & 21 On white
horizontally laid paper. Wmk Renta
del Timbre No. 20. Profile of Benito
Jnares 18 1c blue 19 5c lilac 20 25c
red 21 1p ochre 22 5p green

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Notes for U S Collectors

BY E. R. ALDRICH

The discontinuance of the use of
the surcharged U. S. stamps in the
Canal Zone has caused dealers to dou-
ble prices. Whether the shortness of
supply held by dealers really warrants
this advance or not will probably not
be considered by prospective buyers
as such as the fluctuations of other
surcharged U. S. — notably Guam.

The cash paid receipts upon the
covers of catalogues, circulars and
packages is coming into more general
use and the precancelled is vanishing
from use. Recent circulars from the
Youth's Ledger shows the Boston
precancelled showing that that pio-
neer user of the precancelled still is
loyal to their use. Whether it is a
pretty little piece of fiction or not I
do not know but I have heard the
following. When the mailing clerk
of the advertising department asked
for precancelleds his attention was
called to the "receipt frank" but he
said he wanted the stamps The
postoffice man insisted on the receipt
system and was told if precancelleds
were not forthcoming ordinary
stamps would be used and the office
could do the cancelling act after the
matter was mailed. The precan-
celleds were supplied. In connection
with this firm's use of the precan-
celled have also heard it suggested
that the firm recognized the adver-
tising value in their use among the
boy and girl stamp collectors. Among
those receiving the mail matter so
franked.

The 1c Harrisburg, precancelled on
the Louisiana Purchase issue, one
cent was used on Holiday announce-
ments of the John Wanamaker Co.

Contribucion Federal Stamps.

BY GEORGE GRIGGS

First Issue years 1874-75 were engraved in New York 1c, 5c, 25c, \$1, \$5. 1 picture of Morelos. Issue 1876 made in New York picture of Juarez. Issue 1877 likewise a bust of Juarez. Issue 1879 were engraved in Mexico by "Tomas de la Pena" bust of Juarez. Issue of 1880 picture of Guerrero. Issue of 1881 picture of Melchor Ocampo. 1882 Dominguez.

(Issue of 1878 Donato Guerra) Issue of 1883 same. This issue where cancelled by use of a punch. One office would cancel the stamps with a punch in shape of a circle say 5 millimeters in diameter another office would use a "millimeter circle" another office would use a triangle still another would use a diamond shaped punch others an oval from $\frac{1}{8}$ inch to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Some used cubes, etc.

Issue that followed was made on July 1883 and good until July 1885 and from then on all issues are made first day of July making the fiscal year to begin at said dates. The issues just named of 1883-84 had the bust of Galeana and had an addition to the stamp called "Talon" or stub. It was made for several reasons. The stamp would be placed on a bank check and the stub on the stub of the bank check. Hence the Revenue inspector could see if the law was complied with by seeing the stubs of the check book. If one would go to the Revenue office and pay taxes on the receipt you would get the stamp and the collector would keep the stub. Issue of 1885-86 had the bust of Juarez Issue of 1886-87 had the same. Issue of 1887-88 Hidalgo. Issue of 1888-89 had the classic profile of Montesuma. "Last of the Zins" as Lew Wallace calls Guatemozin. Issue of 1891-92 had Victoria. All other issues till 1897 had allegories representing Mexico except the issue of 1901-02 that had the issue

of Lerdo de Tejada.

This is the first time names of pictures on Mexican stamps have been given to public.

Locomotive Stamps

BY P A R

Probably the Locomotive has been depicted on stamps oftener than any other single object, unless ships are excepted.

The locomotive was first pictured on a stamp by W. Wyman on his 5c local for New York. It was next used by the Broadway P. O. They issued two varieties, without any value indicated.

New Brunswick was the first country to use the locomotive to adorn their stamps, using it on the 1c of 1860.

The crudest picture is probably the one on the 5c red 1871 of Peru.

Since then many countries have pictured it on their stamps, and below I give a complete list for the benefit of those who want to make a special collection of "locomotives."

Guatemala Jubilee, small engine in right side of stamp, Honduras 1898, set of 8 varieties.

Labuan, surcharged on North Borneo 16c 1901.

Mexico, 1 peso 1895.

Nicaragua, on sets of 1890 and 1900.

North Borneo, 16c 1902.

Paraguay, on two varieties official.

Queensland, all newspaper stamps.

Salvador, set of 1880 and 3c 1896.

Transvaal, 1 penny Jubilee 1895.

Uruguay, on four varieties, all type A 53, Scotts.

U.S., 3c 1869 and 2c Buffalo, 1902

E R R A T A

Sorry to report that the dollar mark (\$) dropped out of ad of Toledo Stamp Cos where they offer free 25c Congo stamp. Should read "with every \$1 order." Just got word of it after the ad was run.

Contemporary Philatelic Journalism & &

VERNA WESTON HANWAY

I. Sparring. Sometimes With Unpadded Gloves.

That "the pen is mightier than the Sword is a truth that is plainly evident—so the literature of the day influences the customs to a marked degree. In any phase of literature there are extremes—some to the good and some to the bad, both can be carried too far. In philatelic literature these extremes are perhaps more clearly potent than in any other form of literature—except perhaps that upon religious topics.

It is the matter appearing in the contemporary philatelic press which calls forth these remarks—verbal sparring being the order of the day. Criticism is in many ways a beneficial bolus. However the task of the critic is a thankless one. Too much criticism and needless criticism is one of the extremes spoken of.

Some of this sparring occurred recently between two weekly papers. One denouncing "trade journals" and in the denunciation spoke of one of America's most popular and valuable weeklies which is published by a dealer. The latter replied in a manner that was praiseworthy considering the really uncalled for and vapid criticism. It gave facts which all careful readers of literature have known, namely that some of the greatest and most popular journals of the day have been published by the dealer. In reply the paper of "the first part" replied that they did not deem the latter a capable example, but that there were many such, nurtured and fostered by the dealer. Such a verbal combat is really not worth the space occupied. The denouncer could bring nothing against the

"trade journal," yet because there are "others" the outgrowths of trade. The glove was thrown down to his far superior paper. This sort of thing is neither just nor wise, but extremely ridiculous to the broad minded reader.

There was a few years ago a "Yours Truly," and several others of the same class who wrote with the satirical pen that is so popular among certain classes. Everything in Philately became tinged with the influence of the jaundiced eye and diseased mind—some of the most studious phases of our literature were treated in a light vein, different writers and famous collectors were held up to public contempt, in many cases contempt undeserved. Space which should have been put to a valuable use was used for these unjust, unkind, unfair and ridiculous effusions.

There is at this day a tendency to return to this sort of criticism—indeed a very great deal of the criticism current is written in this vein.

Let us have criticism but for very shame let us have criticisms fair and just. Believe me my philatelic contemporaries unjustness and unkindness does not pay. Often a subject may demand severe handling. It is only fair in such instances to be as moderate as circumstances will allow.

I am almost tempted sometimes to believe that the real object of many of these unfair criticisms is the notoriety which sometimes results. Notoriety, however, may often times prove unpleasant—especially when the chip is about evenly balanced.

I am aware that this article may be called a criticism, but such is the intention. I have always and shall always write in such manner as I deem just. So do I in this articles tance disregardless if those I denounce be friends or enemies—I am

only judging by works. As the Irish woman said when she hit her husband over the head with the frying pan. "it is because I love ye that I slap ye."

Then there is another vein in which some journalists delight to write—satirical slang. Slang is always vulgar, satirical slang is rank vulgarity, the writer proves himself a vulgarian, which after all is not a pleasant thing to be termed. Dignified writing is always a pleasure and proves the writer to be a person of dignity and as such he will be regarded and treated. He will remain among persons who can appreciate dignified writing unassailed and unapproved.

One of the most vulgar, ridiculous and malicious things that has ever appeared in any self respecting paper was published a year or so ago in a western journal. It was a poem, (sic!), or rather was intended for a poem, and was directed against a woman writer upon philatelic topics. This woman occupied a reviewers chair and as such naturally had enemies. Her reviews were often a little too severe. This however does not excuse the poem (?). It was a matter of wonderment to me that any respectable editor would publish such a thing.

Some are of the opinion that the severe critic is admired. After having been such for a time, a person who is not either inane or without a conscience seldom views it in this light. Those who have felt the aftermath, that comes after the thing is said and cannot be redeemed are willing that some one else shall enact the cruel part.

All this may be preaching, and preaching is odious—generally. But don't you think it may sometimes be taken with benefit—even though—

sugar coated. There is a saying to the effect that truth is like cayenne pepper sprinkled upon a worm—it don't hurt much but oh Lord, how it makes them squirm!



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R. R. Thiele, Wauwatosa Wis. U.S.A

It has been rumored that the new issue for Roumania was to be made by the American Bank Note Company and the sum was even stated which was to be paid the Company for engraving the dies, but no further details have been forthcoming. Now M. Maury in *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* gives the following interesting information about the new issue:

"The designs were chosen in a competition opened for the purpose and among the five competitors the two designs presented by M. Jean Pompliou, chief architect of the civil hospitals, were awarded the prizes and adopted. The first type, to be used for the values from 1 to 25 bani, shows the effigy of the King to the left in a circle surmounting the royal crown. The upper part of the stamp is occupied by foliage. The lower part is reserved for the inscriptions: figure of value in the left corner,

ROMANIA in large fancy letters, POSTA repeated vertically at left and right. The second type is reserved for the values 40 bani and upwards. It shows the effigy of the King, also to left, in a square shield with rounded corners. Above ROMANIA in fancy letters; below the figure: of value followed by a B over two dashes. At right and left: the word POST in small letters. These stamps should have been ready in the course of October, but so far we have not received any."

These designs seem to be fairly satisfactory by the description as given; it remains to be seen how they will appear in the engraving.

The new set for Reunion is to comprise three types, to wit: a sea nymph, the arms of Reunion with the device *Praeter Omnes Angulus Ridet*, and the map of the island. M. Maury, who besides his philatelic wisdom is an expert in heraldry, says he is anxious to see the second type, "as he never heard of Reunion having any coat-of-arms." I wonder, by the way, how many of our readers (of whom no doubt not a few know more or less Latin) could give us a correct translation of the motto above given?

A correspondent of the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde* reports as follows from Kjoebenhavn in regard to the new Danish surcharge 15 on 24 oere:

"A distinct variety occurs in this surcharge on the 4th stamp from the right in the 2nd row from below, i. e. No. 87 in the sheet. This cliché shows the 5 of the right hand 15 broken in such a fashion that the upper part reminds one of a different 5: the space between the two parts proceeding from the upright stem is only $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. in width, about half the normal width, while at the top the

stem with the bar running to the right appears to be broken. The fault was discovered in printing and corrected. Five Krouen are being paid for a copy!"

It seems a little high for a broken letter but there is no accounting for tastes.

From No. 89 of *La Revue Postale* (which in turn quotes from the *Etoile Belge*, a prominent Belgian daily paper) I quote the following:

"A Danish employe has had an original idea and as it was at the same time a charitable idea it was immediately put into execution. This is what it consisted of: the Danish Government printed 4 millions 2 oere postage stamps. These stamps, which bear the current design with the surcharge *Juen 1904* (Christmas 1904) were placed on sale at all postoffices of the Kingdom. They serve to frank letters in addition to the normal rate. The authorities count on the spirit of charity among the people and especially on the collectors to absorb the whole stock and thus realize a profit of 100,000 francs which is to be distributed as a Christmas present to various works of charity."

I should think there were some mistake here. I have not yet seen one of these stamps, but I doubt that they are really in any sense postage stamps; very probably they have no postage value and are simply sold through the post offices. Notice the words above: "in addition to the normal rate:" these betray the character of these stamps.

El Filatelico Español is indefatigable in its researches into the Spanish fiscals. In No. 51 it devotes over five pages to a study of the stamps on policies and certain classes of contracts, and yet brings the subject only up to the 1867 issue. Extracts

from the respective laws are given to show the scale of rates etc., and altogether these articles are a perfect store house of information for those collecting these interesting fiscals.

A new issue is threatening for Portugal and most the Portugese Colonies. Several of the European papers report on it; I quote the following from No. 84 of *Le Timbrophile Belge*:

"A project recently submitted to the Portugese Cortes by the Government and very apt to be adopted has as its aim the complete transformation of the monetary system in vogue in Portugal and its African colonies.

The mil reis, worth nominally \$1.11, but by reason of the decline of the rate of exchange obtainable at \$1.00 is to be retired and replaced by a new monetary unit, the luzo, equivalent to the franc and like it divided into centimes. The change has as its ultimate end the entrance of Portugal into the Latin Monetary Union with which Spain is also seeking to ally itself. The value of the luzo in exchange with the old coin is fixed at 200 reis. It is evident that this will entail a change of great importance in the postal tariffs of Portugal and even more certain that it will bring us a new series of stamps, of postal cards, of letter cards and envelopes. Two means of fleecing the collectors present themselves to the Portugese Government to sell the stock of its present stamps at auction, or to create a series of numerous surcharges: probably it will manage to inflict one or the other upon us."

Our colleague also brings news of the new Austrian issue of postal cards. Startling innovations have taken place here: the frame has disappeared, the text has been simplified and is now printed in the color of the stamp, here is a space for the

name of the sender on the face of the card (following the fashion set by France) and the number of language varieties has been reduced from nine to six. This idea of providing a space on the face of the card for the name and address of the sender has also just been adopted by the Netherlands, as reported by the same paper. It is sometimes curious to note the successive adoption of such innovations by successive countries.

In spite of all domestic troubles in San Domingo our contemporary from down there, *Santo Domingo Postal*, has entered upon its second year with its No. 13. We wish it continued prosperity and growth. I am not quite sure whether the following item has any reference to the anniversary of our esteemed colleague:

"The stamps for an 1905 issue have already been ordered from Germany (i. e. for the Dominican Republic). The issue will consist of ½, 1, 2q, 5, 10, 20, 50, and 1 peso: the type will be similar to the 1901 issue, but all will have a black coat-of-arms and a frame in various colors."

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Never will a company of Toledo club women feel more keenly the pleasure enjoyed than the city Federation of Women's Societies at its meeting at the Collingwood Dec. 10. Mrs. Kline presided, and the music and the excellent paper went very well, indeed. Mrs. Norma Stewart, wife of Manager of Toledo Stamp Co. gave a most intelligent review of modern philately. She knew her subject thoroughly and gave it in a most interesting way. Postage stamps in America date back to 1840, and she outlined the history of important stories of freak sheets and designs and gums and methods, and gave a clear idea of the extent of the subject.—*Toledo Daily Times*.

Stamp Notes

By O. T. HARTMAN

Different uses for revenues in different countries.

Take following for example and their odd use.

1. United States

Oleomargarine stamps of 1886.

2. Government dog stamp of Ireland.

3. Canada Petroleum inspection.

4. Japan, Almanac stamps.

5. France, Equipage tax.

6. Great Britain

Copyhold and Commission of 1868

7. India High Court Martial of 1861

8. Italy Sale of Powder.

9. New Zealand Fine paid of 1874.

10. Trinidad Tree Fee.

11. Turkey,

Permit to hunt and Fish.

A few days ago I had to call at a drug store and noticed a box of face powder with the 1c proprietary of 1872 still attached. Must be mellow with age by this time

There are a few towns, provinces, etc., which never issued postage stamps, but had or have now, revenue stamps of their own. Alabama, Berkenfeld, Scotland, Croaten, Ireland, Louisiana, Isle of Man, Many of Cantons of Switzerland, also States of Brazil and Argentine and others.

It might not be amiss to draw attention of collectors of South American revenues to be wary of those cancelled with the word: "inutilizado," which is nothing less than to make remainders of stock of revenues on hand unfit for further legal use and hardly properly used revenues.

Farmers and Philatelists must possess an all round knowledge (in their respective branches) to get along successfully. For instance you are required to be able to distinguish be-

tween wood cut, type set and steel engraving used all at the same time in the Austrian revenue of the years 1858 to 1861.

At least one credit mark can be given to our hobby. No philatelist will buy at the present day any kind of patent medicine, etc., with a proprietary attached, without not knowing that the contents are old.

You hear so much about the pre-cancelled proprietaries of 1898, issue, but have any of the WEST readers ever paid any attention to the fact that many of the 1 and 2c proprietaries are cancelled and have been used extensively by champagne manufacturers. Here and in France. For instance, Mumm & Co, many dates, red and blue printed surcharge, K & Co., F. H. H., M. C. Co., Ch. de Cazanove and others.

Perhaps collectors had more call for the contents of stamped medicine bottles than the contents of champagne bottles and naturally in consequence paid little attention to them.

DEATH-MASK STAMP.

The new Servian postage-stamps, bearing the heads of King Peter and Karageorge side by side, which were issued at the time of the recent coronation of King Peter, have been suddenly withdrawn. It has been discovered that when the stamps are held upside down the outlines of the two heads appear to form the death-mask of King Alexander.

POSTAGE STAMPS ANATORIUM

For use on Christmas and New Year cards four million special farthing stamps have been issued by the Danish Postal department, the reverse from which revenue is to be applied to the building of a sanatorium for children afflicted with tuberculous diseases.—Dec. 1, London Express.

Philatelic Problems

By CHAS. GRANDPIERRE

A contemporary paper published in the East, is to be congratulated to have begun an open discussion amongst its readers on "Philatelic Problems," a department somewhat new in this country but which has been successfully conducted for year by several European philatelic papers. It is though to be regretted that some of the queries published up till now lack on clearness and that the articles submitted to the competition are limited to 200 words

Query No. 2 reads: "Of the countries easy to complete, which particular one is especially worthy of mention?"

The question looks plain enough at first reading, but if we look into the matter we will soon find out that we have first to adopt definitions of the words "country", "complete," "easy" and "worthy" before we can give an answer.

What is a country in philately? Thurn & Taxis, North German Confederacy, Alsace & Lorraine and German Empire are four different countries according to Senf catalogue, but only one according to Scott.

Is a country "complete" with only one copy of each type and value? or to "complete" a country, is it necessary to collect also at last the more apparent varieties of print paper and color. For instance, is Chili complete with a collection of only four stamps of the first two issues or are eight or more necessary? The reply is still more difficult if we examine most of the British colonies, even if we leave entirely out of consideration the numerous varieties of watermarks and perforations. How, per example, is Cape of Good Hope to be completed? Are one of each value

of the Scott types 1 and 2 enough. That will hardly be satisfactory to any British colonial collector and justly every philatelist will say that everyone of the varieties numbered by Scott are main varieties and ought to be collected even by the non specialist. But there is the difficulty. if one stamp of the each type and value are sufficient, that country can be completed with comparatively little money, but if we collect every catalogued number, it will be almost impossible to "complete" it within a short time, even with enough hard cash at disposition, a couple of those stamps being extremely scarce.

What is "easy?" Is a country easy because all of her stamps can be purchased by the one who has enough money at disposition? or is only that country easy which has not issued any stamp considered now as a rarity?

The very easiest country would be Poland, with her solitary stamp costing hardly more than one dollar. Easy also would be Roman State and several German and Italian states for the one who has a little money. There would not be need of much philatelic knowledge to complete them—if there were no forgeries.

What is "worthy"? Is a country worthy because it has blessed us with a hundred or more varieties of surcharge or because, on the contrary it has issued no surcharges at all? Is Poland worthy because she has issued only one stamp with only three varieties of shades and two varieties of paper? Or is that unfortunate country (admitting it is a country at all) worthy on account of her struggles for liberty? Chili will be one of the easiest countries, if we collect only the main varieties of the first two issues. It is very "uneasy" if we collect, as it should be done, every

stamp of every separate issue.

Let us place ourselves at the point of view of the beginner and medium collector with moderate means, in one word at the point of view of nine tenths of the stamp collectors, and give some definitions.

We will call a country in the philatelic sense, any territory having or having had at one time a separate postal administration and separate issue of postage stamps. When the North German Confederacy will be a "country" but not the so-called Alsace-Lorraine, the stamps so called having been issued by the North German postal administration for the territories occupied by the German troops during the 1870-71 war. "Countries" would be the German and Italian states (including Sardinia, not mentioned by Scott), the Swiss cantons, etc. Most of the French and Portugese colonies would not be "countries," whilst the Indian States having separate postal administration and their own stamps would have to be considered as such.

To be complete, a collection of stamps of any country should include every stamp forming part of a distinct issue. The above mentioned varieties of Chili and Cape should be included. On the other hand all varieties due to accidental circumstances, as shades, varieties, perforations, re-engraving types, etc., should not be considered necessary to "complete" a country. Varieties of watermarks ought also to be dispensed with for all practical purposes

"Easy" should be considered a country, if none of its stamps are too high priced to be out of the reach of the average collector, if even the beginner, with the aid of a catalogue, is able to distinguish without much trouble the different main varieties and if there are not too many for-

geries of those stamps.

Worthy should be the country who has issued nice sets of stamps, which has no speculative stamps, has not sold remnants and of which the different issues have not been made to suit the fancy of the postmaster general but mark historic events of ruler or of system of government.

If we adopt the above definitions and examine the different countries of the world, we might classify them according to their respective philatelic merits.

The Indian States of Holkar, Travancore and Wadhwan are certainly the most easy to complete. Less than 50 cents cash will complete all three if we are satisfied with unused copies. They cannot though be considered to be very worthy from a philatelic point of view.

The next cheapest and most easy to complete will be Jamaica. Without the watermark varieties and the revenues postally used, her stamps catalogue only \$4.55. She certainly is very worthy of interest, having issued only nice stamps and only one surcharge besides the "officials". She is also not difficult to specialize and would it not be for the revenues and telegraphs used postally, it would be the country which would get the palm.

Norway's complete catalogue only \$7.20, Prussia \$9.40, Netherland (without the types of unpaids) \$11. Bosnia only \$2.84, Italy (without Sardinia or beginning with Scott No 16) \$16.70, Baden \$13. (the rural stamps unused), German Empire \$16.50, Denmark \$22.80, Bayren \$24.25. Belgium \$27, Bulgaria, about \$28. We might add several of the German and Italian states which can be completed at less or little above \$10 cash.

These will be the countries the most easy to complete with little ex-

pense and an average philatelic knowledge. But not all of them serve the predicate "worthy." Bosnia, for instance has little interesting to show except types of the numerals and of the lettering.

I think the decision which country is the most easy to complete and the most worthy of attention must fall either in favor of Norway, Prussia or Netherlands. All three require neither much money nor philatelic knowledge. They have been remarkably free of provisional issues, their stamps though not beautiful can be considered as nice. As a rule they are not heavily cancelled.

Against Norway there is to be said, that several cheaply priced varieties are not easily obtainable. Prussia has the advantage that no new issues are to be expected, that all stamps are obsolete, but the greatest number of copies offered for sale are not very fine condition. In fact to complete Prussia in fine condition is not an easy task.

Netherlands have the advantage that all of their stamps are very easily obtainable in good condition, that there are no watermark varieties to bother about and that all the minor varieties of perforations, types and shades are easily distinguishable and to be had at low price, enabling the general collector to go over to specialism without much trouble, knowledge and expenses. The only thing that can be said against that country is the perfect muddle of shades, perforations and paper qualities, but these faults have little interest for the general collector.

To resume, in my opinion, the Netherlands are the most easy and at the same time most worthy country to complete.

One million stamps are now offered as low as \$21 in England.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

Four countries—Bavaria, Austria, Wurtemberg and Switzerland—border on the lake of Constance. Passengers on the boats have heretofore had much trouble in finding out what stamps to use on their letters. It has now been decided that letters mailed on the boat may bear the stamps of any one of the four countries named as well as German imperial stamps.

St. Helena keeps its finances straight even now by the sale of surplus stamps, and does it openly. So, too, do the Canary Islands. Spain changed its design annually for years, and made hundreds of thousands of pounds thereby. The Congo Free state is estimated to have made from 15,000 to \$20,000 annually for a long time in a similar manner. In one instance, at all events, an entire new issue was sold outright to a Belgian wholesale dealer, and the die destroyed.

The Palmer Museum, located at West Hoathly, England, contains reprints and forgeries of postage stamps to the number of 70,000.

Of course, since the Postoffice Mauritius sold for \$7,200, every one considers it the rarest stamp in existence, but it is not. The stamp was issued in 1847, one thousand of them forming the whole issue. Today there are twenty-six of them in existence. Of Canadian stamps, the 12d of 1851 is the most valuable, being worth about \$500.

Philately of The Gods.

Arthur Weellington Wheeler

CHAPTER II.

On Mt. Olympus.

It was the day after I had been allowed to enter the city that I sat in the "public square" on Mount Olympus. The noon hour had been struck by the old "town clock" and the throngs of gods were starting homeward. While I sat and watched these immortals go by I was sitting under a most beautiful tree which was on an elevated portion of the "square." Here I had been asleep all morning and had just been awakened by the noisy crowds. During my sleep I had dreamed I thought that the tree above me was covered with "St Louis Locals" and that "Seebecks" began to crop out of the earth and that their sharp perforations pricked me. Fortunately it was at this point (not the perforations's point) that I was awakened.

As I stood rubbing my eyes I noticed a noble looking god passing me followed by a number of pages who bore huge blocks of gold. As my curiosity increased and as they drew nearer to me I noticed that these blocks were finely engraved pieces of gold. Were those the stamps of Godland? Yes these were the "stickers" of the gods, despite the fact that they had no gum and were not "o. g." As the gods did not use the stamps for postal use, why should not the stamps be elaborate pieces of art. These were the things that I meditated upon in the few minutes that I stood watching this procession.

While my eyes followed this cavalcade out of sight another parade was approaching me. In the retinue that soon came up I was carried off. Where I was to be taken I knew not.

However after an hour's ride I found out that I was to go to the Philatelic Club rooms of the gods, which I could see a short distance ahead.

When we came up to the building I was escorted to the main hall and from thence to the auditorium. As I entered the room a clamor of voices was heard. Here in this spacious room were the gods bending over the numerous exchange tables with expressions of both pleasure and displeasure on their immortal faces

This was exchange day, I was told by my attendant. He also said that an auction would follow on the morrow. As I stood by the stately door watching the proceedings, his superior excellency Jupiter noticed my presence and immediately stepped to the throne (as he was president of the club.) and demanded my presence.

I was lead forward, after which at the raising of his right hand the noise ceased and all became seated. He spoke.

"O, my fellow gods, there is in our midst a mortal, a son of earthly philately."

The audience spoke: "Let it be so."

A request was made by the president that Mercury make his appearance upon the platform. As he was not in the room attendants were sent out in search for him. He was found in an apartment of the servants in the same building. He was here engaged in teasing the servants of the establishment by pasting unused stamps (which he had procured on earth) on the persons of the slaves. He at last made his appearance in the assembly hall. In accordance with the desire of the president and of the company he gave an account of the behavior of myself enroute to the Mount. His report seemed favorable to the gods and I was questioned then.

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*A Catalogue of the
Stamps of Trinidad with
Notes*
W M . E . A U L T

VII. Seventh Issue. 1872-1878.

Entirely new colors were used in printing the 4d and 1s stamps in 1872. The paper used was similar to that of the Fifth Issue, watermarked Crown and C. C.

a. Perforated 12½ 1872.

4d gray
4d blue gray
1s yellow

b. Perforated 14. 1876

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(1d) lake
(1d) rose carmine
(1d) scarlet
4d gray
6d yellow-green
6d dark yellow green
1s yellow

In order to meet a demand for a ½d stamp the 1d carmine were cut in halves, diagonal and vertical, each half being used as a ½d stamp.

(½d) carm (diagonal half of 1d)

(½d) carm (vertical half of 1d)

VIII. Eighth Issue. June 1879.

During June 1879 the 1d stamp of the preceding issue was printed in lilac on white wove paper, watermarked Crown and C. C. and surcharged "Halfpenny" in black.

Perforated 14

½d lilac and black surcharge.

The surcharge was applied across the lower part of the stamp, just above the word "Trinidad," and consisted of plain block letters.

A variety of this stamp exists in which the watermark is placed sideways instead of the normal upright position.

IX. Ninth Issue. April 1882.

With this issue Trinidad began the use of the watermark Crown and C.

A., using the same paper and type as issues of 1877 and 1879. The 1d carmine of 1877 appeared with the surcharge "one penny in black in the same type as surcharge of June 1879. The 4d of 1877 also appeared with the new watermark.

Unwmkd. Crown and C. A. Perforated 14.

½d lilac, black surcharge
1d carmine, " "
4d gray

The 1d stamp is also known cut diagonally in half each half being used as ½d.

½d carmine (half of 1d)

X. Tenth Issue. May 9, 1882.

A provisional issue made its appearance in May 1882, consisting of the 6d of 1877 with the original value obliterated by lines drawn with pen and ink and a new value, 1d, added in manuscript by same method. This surcharging was done by several of the Postoffice employees and consequently there are a great number of types.

The surcharge appears in black and in red.

Wmkd Crown and C C Perforated 14.

1d on 6d yellow green red surch.
1d on 6d yellow green black surch
1d on 6d dark yellow green red surcharge

In some stamps the value is barred by a single thin line some by single thick line and others by two lines. Varieties of these stamps are known cut diagonally, vertically and horizontally in two, each half having been used as a ½d stamp, but only the stamps surcharged in red are known in this condition. The black surcharged stamp seems never to have been cut in fact the use of it was very limited.

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G. J. Carter of Brooklyn, N. Y., has issued the only album for U. S. stamps outside of regular issue of postage and revenue. It will pay every reader to send to him for specimen page of this fine album. See his ad on another page. You will not regret securing one.

Chief among the numerous innovations and advantages may be mentioned the following: Spaces for every stamp will be artistically arranged, such spaces being exactly the size of the design of the stamp, so that when the same is mounted in its proper place no outline will appear, giving the page identically the appearance of the blank album.

The measurement of these spaces being absolutely accurate, will help materially in assisting the collector in arranging the stamps in proper place.

Every space will have the number (according to Standard Catalogue), kind of paper, mode of separation, etc., printed thereon.

An index will be printed at the back of the album, revised and corrected by the leading authorities in the Hcountry.

The publisher has been guided by the suggestions of all the leading philatelists, and the best of these have been incorporated into the work.

Collectors of Revenues and Private Proprietary stamps will have no new varieties or new issues to bother them, and will know positively that every stamp added brings them nearer to a perfect and complete collection, whereas in all other branches of collecting new issues frequently appear faster than the spaces already in their album can be filled, thereby making like a complete collection almost impossible.

An entirely new departure has been made by having the stamps on

the left side of the album—thereby avoiding the creasing and ruin that frequently occurs in turning over the pages.

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A great deal is said from time to time against commemorative issues of stamps, some of which are expensive and few of which are required for the successful carrying on of the postal service of the countries issuing them. They are, however, the most interesting and valuable stamps that are made, when viewed from an educational standpoint. There are no issues which bring out so clearly and fully the historical, biographical and geographical facts concerning the countries issuing them. Such series also serve to relieve a collection from the burden of sameness or monotony which comes from the getting together of large numbers of stamps of a similar type. Commemorative stamps are certain to keep up an interest in collecting which would be liable to decline in their absence.

Notes From Europe

J. C. AUF DER HEIDE. S. H. D.

Dear Readers: Please accept my very best wishes for the New Year and let us hope that Philately may prosper every year more and more and that the WEST may become three times as thick and full of reading matter as now; that Mr. Brodstone may become as rich as Mr. John Rockefeller; that all readers may pick up rarities at one tenth catalogue price and that your European correspondent's cool-English may become as perfect as the language of John Motley.

The different European catalogues have been received, and the latest is that of Mr. Champion of Paris, which catalogue is the same as that published by Messrs Yvert & Tellier Aninens. This is a very fine catalogue and its price is only 3 francs or \$0.60 America. But for those, who are used to Messrs Stanley Gibbons or Kohl's catalogue, it is not an interesting book as there are too many omissions.

The topic of the day is Messrs Stanley Gibbons Weekly paper, entitled, "Gibbons Stamp Weekly," of which the first number was published on Dec. 10, (dated January 7th, 1905) This paper will be published, as the name says every week and make stamp collecting popular to the younger collectors. It gives 16 pages of reading matter, every week. (The first number twenty pages) and 8 pages of advertisements, reserved for the firm alone. The editor is Mr. Edw. Nankivel, who is well known in English and American philately circles. No man could have done this work better than Mr. Nankivell. S. G. Monthly is published as hereto-

fore, but is more consecrated to advanced collectors. Let us hope that this second European Weekly may prosper.

Philatelic Literature Collecting is coming to the front. Most leading dealers are looking for rare papers and odd numbers. Although we do not have here as many philatelic papers as in America, most of them have lived a great deal longer and it is mostly the first and second volumes, which are sought after.

A fact that will not be known to the greatest part of philatelic literature collectors is that the first European Weekly stamp paper, was published in Holland. It was Mr. Croiset of The Hague, who published in 1895 *De Postillon*, 26 numbers and made weekly of it in 1896, in which appeared 52 numbers. With this second volume the publication was stopped as there was not taken interest enough in Mr. Croisets's publication. This paper was written in Dutch and French and printed on very good paper.

Hoping I may find something interesting for my next letter, I send my best greetings to the readers of the WEST

A writer in Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal states that the plant in the upper corners of the 2½ pence stamp of Cape of Good Hope is the protea or sugar-brush, a flowering shrub.

For your duplicate stamps you will find that keeping them in approval cards or a pocket stock book is about the handiest way. They are inexpensive and can be obtained from any of the large dealers.



DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY.

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.

211 Whose portraits appear on the stamps of Peru?

1896 1c Qnca Manco Capac

5c Pizarro

50c President La Mar

1898 5c President?

1c Bridge at Lima

2c Postoffice at Lima

1900 22c Edwards de Romana

1901 1c Admiral Gran

2c Colonel Bolognesi

5c President Romana

1894 surcharge General M. Bermudez

1885 Arequipa 5c Admiral Gran

10c Colonel Bolognesi.

Regards the history of these men see some recent encyclopedia or encyclopedia supplement.

212. Have the stamps of the Suez Canal Company been reprinted? I find no mention of reprints, but of counterfeits coming from London, England.

213. What is the price of \$1.00 U. S. Rev. "Entry of Goods" unused? The catalogues make no distinction between used and unused revenues. Price is about the same for both. It may be a good plan though to give unused or uncanceled revenue stamps the preference over used, because of greater beauty and finer condition.

214. Is there a 2c Mexico 1895 imperforate? I find no mention of any except where made by trimming perforated copies.

215. What is the approximate value of Venezuela $\frac{1}{4}$ rose 1874 inverted surcharge and with small c? I know of no stamp in which both of these characteristics occur. The inverted surcharge is quoted by Kohl's catalogue at 15 cents, the other stamp with small c in Correo at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents. Unused they may be worth a couple of dollars.

216. Who can give information about where grammars of Volapuek, Neutral & Lingue Blen may be obtained? If readers of the WEST will supply answers to this and other unanswered questions or any additional information supplementing the answers given, they will help much towards making this department valuable.

217. Why do some of the catalogues leave some stamps unpriced? This and similar questions have been asked before, but it is impossible to answer them authoritively unless the compilers of catalogues will volunteer to give their reasons. It is probable that unpriced stamps were not in or that simply a mistake or omission was made. It does not follow that such stamps must be of very great value. Catalogues differ a great deal too according to the different stocks carried by the respective dealers. It is all right to use the catalogue as a general guide, but one must not expect too much. Prices fluctuate continually for stamps as for flour and sugar; they must depend upon the commentary supply and demand. For example, if there is no supply nor demand of a certain stamp in a certain condition, there will neither be any price for it, if there is no demand the price asked by those who have a supply may be far too great, etc., etc.

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By MISS VERA WESTON HANWAY, Dallas, Pa, Box 156

Nestled in an eastern mountain range lies a beautiful city, well known to tourists for its broad and beautiful avenues, magnificent homes and public buildings, and its historical environments.

There is however another side to the life of this city—a side that is not so pleasant to dwell upon—I speak of the slum districts. This city is in the heart of a mining region and naturally attracts the foreign element, and the very lowest and most degraded classes of it. There are blocks upon blocks where these people live, so filthy that it is like beckoning disease to venture thereon.

In the heart of this district there lives and labors a band of noble women—women who have given their lives to the civilizing and enlightening of the people of the slums. They gather the young, those who cannot be persuaded or forced to go to the public schools and endeavor to educate them. It is almost impossible to hold the attention of the children of the poor for any fixed period, and the "mission" was soon in despair for some method that would combine pleasure with study.

One of the women had some knowledge of stamp collecting, its educating qualities and the power it usually held over the youth. The

other members, however, were rather dubious as to the success of such a quiet refined method to attract the interest of such a class of children. After some conversation they were induced to agree to a trial of the plan.

The lady of whom I speak, for convenience sake we shall dub her Miss W—, then purchased a large number of cheap packets and albums. She mounted a few varieties of each country to illustrate the method and was agreeably surprised at the interest the children displayed.

She gave away many albums and packets, and soon almost every child had a small collection. As an inducement for the bettering of the lessons she gave a prize of a few stamps to the best scholars, and those who had been good in deportment and attendance.

A good natured rivalry was the result. Better lessons, better attendance, and better deportment. The children acquired habits of classification and neatness, taking an actual pride in their collections, almost the only article.

In almost every lesson the stamps were brought into use, in history, geography, arithmetic, and even reading and writing "Miss W—, whose picture is this?" "Teacher, from what country is this stamp?"

were questions that were asked many dozen times a day.

Gradually they became familiarized with the coinage of nations, the history, the geography, the manufactures, the people, their manners and customs.

Many of my readers live in large cities, in cities with degraded districts as terrible as that of which I speak. They probably give largely to the missions that labor in the slums, clothing, books, toys, and the numerous articles the missions solicit. Why not give of your duplicates, your cast off albums? Why not instruct the men and women who labor for increased civilization in the benefits that this hobby possesses if used as an instrument for furthering education. The interest it usually awakens in the youth is proof of its success when used as I have decried.

The stamps of some remote country, Japan for instance, awakens all the curiosity and enthusiasm that the childish mind holds. They wish to know of the country from which which it comes, its manners, customs, geography and history. The collecting and classifying of stamps teaches habits of neatness and system that no other method could.

Teachers in the kindergarten and public schools have from time to time used postage stamps to illustrate the lessons. The Swedish Government recently took up the matter, and a booklet was written at their instigation, or rather is being written, for free distribution in the public schools illustrating the fascinations and the instructive qualities of stamp collecting.

This is a grand work and should be encouraged. It solves the question of methods for the universal knowledge of the hobby. It instills in the youthful mind the element

that leads to Philately's becoming a habit, a life long habit.

Whatever may be said of American "push" in other directions, it is a truth that American philatelists are not so progressive and enthusiastic as the collectors in numerous countries across the pond. We need philatelists who will take an active interest in the philatelic education of the youth. It is true that some of our philatelists and some of our societies are striving for these ends, but a few isolated cases will not accomplish these projects. Let every philatelist do his part, and then, and not until then, will our hobby be what it should be by virtue of its merits, the most widely known and widely followed of hobbies.

I find, however, that I am digressing far from the subject of this article, or rather rambling discourse. My purpose was to speak of the influence Philately came to hold over the community that I have mentioned. To return to it I will tell you of a pathetic instance.

A bright little Polish child who was especially proficient in her studies soon gathered a really nice collection. The pride and careful attention she gave to it was almost pitiful to witness. Miss W— took a great liking to the child, assisting her in every possible manner. Often, impressed by her earnestness, she would give her really good specimens.

Day after day the child's love for stamps increased until it became almost a passion. Poor child, it was the one bright spot in her life.

Her home was three rooms shared by twelve persons, and such persons as they were! In the evening she would sit for hours gazing at her stamps in spite of the jeers with which she was greeted. She was

threatened by the destruction of her album on all sides until the fear grew so upon her that she took great care to keep her collection from all hands but her own.

One evening her father, a man brutal almost beyond belief, came home in a terrible rage. He ordered the child to procure him some liquor. Hastily hiding the album she rose to comply. His anger increased so at the momentary hesitation caused by this action, that with fearful curses he struck the child and taking the album, burnt it before her eyes.

All night long she lay in a delirium. Morning found her in the throes of a fearful brain fever. She was removed to the mission and every possible means was taken to aid her recovery. It proved useless, for she died crying most pathetically for her album.

The stamps of Guatemala from 1898 to 1895 show the picture of Quetzalcoatl. It was the sacred bird of the early inhabitants of Central America. That interesting novel, "The Fairy God," describes the early days and times of this god of the Aztecs. This bird is about the size of a large quail, and resembles the parrot and is so called by many. The Quetzal, as it is called for short is one of the handsomest of birds. Its gorgeous tail feathers are from twenty to thirty inches long, of an emerald green. The breast is of sapphire and the back and wings green.

The Argentine Postmaster general has decided to issue a stamp especially for picture postcards.

M Y R e a s o n
By G V Y W G R E E N

I love you, old album. The reason?

Well, really, I hardly can say.

I love you as brooks love the meadows
Or bluebirds the beautiful May.

I love you as earth loves the sunshine,
Or mountain-tops love the white snow.

I love you because I am helpless.

And nature has planned my life so.

I like, when the lamps are all lighted.

To have you close here by my side.

To open your faded old covers,

Where comfort and pleasure abide:

To spread out your pages before me,

And I see their warm colors again:

Their brightness will banish my sorrow

As sunlight dispels the cold rain

And sometimes I think, as I watch you,

That you have a soul of your own:

Mayhap that you've changed into being

As life from the marble has grown:

Perhaps that you watch for my coming,

And pulsate with pleasure or pain,

As life opens brightly before me.

Or all of its struggles are vain.

You know all my troubles and heart-aches.

And all of my errors and sin:

The world sees the outward appearance

But you see the beings within:

And yet you pass judgment in silence:

Old album! your system is best—

If a man would but heed your example

This world would be a haven of rest.

Oft time, when aweary with labor,

Your presence has brightened the gloom;

My burdens have silent departed

And left a strange peace in the room.

I love you for this, old companion,

As over your pages I bend;

Our friendship is fragrant and changeless,

And shall be right on to the end!

A New Solution to The Problem of The Duplicates

By V. REKA

Yes, it is quite a serious problem and many are the attempted solutions. In the exchange columns of our Philatelic and Collectors papers we see various attempts at its solution more or less unsatisfactory. But when a fellow has taken a lot of time to put up a lot of stamps and sent them away for exchange, waited weary weeks and never heard from them, it rather dampens his ardor for this form of exchange. Did he get rid of his duplicates? Should rather say he did!

When we see dealers in stamps going into the exchange business, we wonder a little, as we know they can get all they want at one-fifth what we paid for ours. But they work at a profit on the small per cent charged for conducting the business. Our different societies manage it pretty well and we know the officers to be honest, And by attending the meetings we can see what we are exchanging. This comes nearest to "the heart to heart" exchange with our friends, and is perhaps the best solution yet offered.

But now we think we have just a little better one, which will be a revelation to many. We have tried it ourselves and like it better than any other.

Amongst many good things in the November number of the Philatelic WEST and Camera News, was an article by "Bill" entitled "Hints on Collecting Stamps." All beginners should read it. The key-note is, "to do a little and well" to study your stamps." Now, working on the same plan we have an inexpensive al-

bum and know all about every stamp in it. We would rather have a few of each country than to have complete set, especially where the stamps of a set are practically all alike.

And now as to duplicates, we have almost none except the commonest kinds. Let your ambition be to have at least ten of a kind. Get cards five inches long and three inches wide and mount the stamps of a on a card. Then arrange these cards in the same order as the stamps are arranged in your album. Begin by mounting all stamps of which you have two or more copies. Get all you can and keep all you get. If you have more than ten and want to, make another card and another and so on. I have been collecting "off and on" for thirty years and have about all the rare stamps I can afford. But the stamp-collecting fever still comes on and I have hit upon his method of working it off. I have just bought from one dealer fifteen of the eighteen sixty-nine three cent blue, locomotive, paying one cent each for them. This is the first stamp I ever remember licking, to stick on an envelope. They look "beautiful" indeed to me.

Then I bought of another dealer ten of the ugliest stamp I guess that your Uncle Sam ever made. What is it? The eighteen sixty-three two cent black. Jackson. I did not buy so many of these 'cause they cost too much. But when you get them together, the different shades and the different cancellations and centerings are a study in themselves.

And now a word in closing about cost and values. I wish we could eliminate this money idea from our minds, as we would get rid of the accompanying discontent and dishonesty. But we cannot. Some of the most highly prized stamps in my col-

lection did not cost me a cent and are of low catalogue value. Some I picked up as pretty playthings, so long ago I do not remember when I got them. Some were given me by friends whose faces I see no more. It is the associations which give the true value to the stamps in your collection.

A catalogue of a large stamp firm says, "1c and 2c stamps are not worth saving. There are millions of them used every 24 hours, so don't waste your time saving them." "We take all we can get, and never throw away any good stamp of any kind. We put them up in little bundles of one hundred each and carefully pack them away. What are we going to do with them?"

THAT IS A SECRET.

When you get too many cards to be held by a simple rubber band, you can get a box to put them in, a large cigar-box will do, or if you can afford it a card catalogue index tray. Maybe you'll have to remount them but you can make them look better anyway and it will serve to pass the time away.

Now this is a new solution of the duplicate problem. If you do not believe it, try it and after you have tried it, tell us, where are your duplicates?

It is said that the natives of the Cook Islands were the first to discover that the expenses of government could be defrayed by the simple process of continually issuing new sets of letter labels.

These guileless Polynesians, who do not number in all more than 10,000 or 11,000 souls, were originally cannibals. But becoming converted to Christianity, they found the ways of civilization required the use of postage stamps.

They accordingly got a supply from New Zealand, printed with a neat border in ordinary letter press on prepared gummed paper.

Before long the dealers began to buy up these unpretending stamps, and so many were asked for that the native rulers realized that here was a new industry, more profitable even than the growing of coffee or the making of copra.

At once they rose to the occasion. A new issue of different design, and properly engraved, was ordered, and again the wholesale dealers rose to the bait.

Afterward all was plain sailing. When ever the islander thought they wanted a fishing boat, or some more top hats, or a fresh supply of whisky, they brought out a new stamp.

It is estimated that in these early days, before collectors began to fight shy of what philatelists call "speculative issues," quite a million and a half of stamps were dispatched abroad from this lonely little archipelago, not one of which, of course, represented any postal work done in exchange for the money paid for it.

The 3-pies gray of the Victorian type of England has been surcharged for use in Jhind. The 1-rupee carmine and green, Edwardian type, has been surcharged for use in Patalia, as has also the 1-rupee, queen's head type, but the latter has not been placed on sale as yet. Two values, the 3-anna violet and the 4-anna bright blue have been issued by Holkar, one of the Indian states. They bear a portrait of the new maharajah.

It is reported that 650,000 of telegraph stamps have been recently surcharged by Chile.

Stamp Fiction

By C. E. BEAUPRE

I have read with much interest Verna Weston Hanways article published in the November issue of the WEST and agree with her that a little good fiction among us stamp fiends would be interesting. As I have written to the WEST in a previous article I am an old soldier of our Civil War and for over 20 years have been confined to my home almost a helpless cripple being a shutin all these years have devoted myself to reading all kinds of matter, both history and fiction and although an old man have still a love for a good story and think it would be a good thing if Verna Weston Hanway and other lovers of our hobby would try their hands in starting a series of storys to be published in the WEST. Another thing most all collectors have had many interesting experiences in getting stamps and without resorting to fiction can tell something good. I have in mind to tell one or two of mine which I hope the WEST will think worthy of a place in our favorite magazine.

A few years ago I wrote a letter to Colonel Henry Watterson Editor of the Louisville Courier journal. Although I knew that he was one of the leading Confederates and edited a paper during the dark days of the early sixties in which he gave us Yankees all kinds of fits. I had no hesitency in asking him if he had any of the old Confederate stamps and if so would he kindly send me some for be it known that I am one of those old soldiers who think the hard bitter feelings of those dark and terrible days should be relegated to the past. Shortly after I had written I received a package of stamps with the postmark of Louisville but no letter.

A couple of weeks later I received another there being no one else in Louisville to whom I had written naturally thought Colonel Watterson was favoring me and wrote him a letter of thanks and was surprised a few days later by receiving a nice letter from a young lady, the daughter of a confederate soldier. She wrote me that she was one of the secretarys in the Louisiana Courier Journal Office and it was part of her duties to open the mail. On reading my letter she thought it but little trouble to send me stamps from time to time and she did not show Colonel Watterson my letter. Through this circumstance we entered into a friendly correspondence which proved a pleasure to us both and further cemented the good feelings have been growing since the war between the North and the South. Our flag, the glorious red, white and blue is the guiding star of a united people and while the stars and bars will always be dear to the hearts of the people of the Sunny South. They are now loyal and as has been shown in this late war with Spain ready to give of their best blood for this, our united country. Although I might write many pleasant circumstances in my hunt for stamps will at this time only relate one more, hoping that others will give some of their experiences and in this way we will get acquainted with each other.

I had a lady friend who went to the Philippines as a teacher. I requested that if she came across any stamps that she would send them to me. Shortly after she was located in her school she wrote me a letter enclosing a lot of Philippine stamps and also the two rare stamps of Formosa, these latter she wrote me she got in a Chinese Junk shop in Manila. Of course when a collector comes on

a find of this kind he is much pleased. So you know how I felt at that time. But this article is getting too long and may be thrown in the the waste basket. If not, at some future time I may be tempted to write something more.

Washington Notes

By C M

Curious things can happen in silver-standard countries. The Mexican Government has decreed and made public in the Official Gazette of November 23, 1904, that the Mexican silver peso, when imported in quantities greater than the sum of 5 single dollar pieces, shall pay duty at the rate of \$10 per kilo, bruto (2.2046 pounds gross weight). The law took effect after midnight of December 31, 1904. Any unfortunate who goes to Mexico with more than five dollars on him could be arrested for smuggling should he fail to mention it to the customs officers. The per capita in that country must be low enough to make 5 single dollars seem like wealth beyond the dreams, etc.

The 22 annual report of the Bureau of American Ethnology has been published for 1904, containing 32 pages, illustrated. It can be procured through a member of Congress or by purchase from the Superintendent of Documents for \$2.25.

A number of interesting 'separates' from the report of 1903 (the last) of the Smithsonian Institute have been published. The list of subjects is too long to give here, but can be procured from the Institution on application. The value of the separates that while it is difficult to procure the full report, yet the separates containing subjects of interest to an applicant can generally be had

for the asking.

The International Bureau of American Republics has published an interesting handbook of 454 pages on Mexico.

The different departments are now publishing descriptions and catalogues of the exhibits at St. Louis. The State Department puts out a 62 page pamphlet profusely illustrated. Bulletin No. 54 of the Department of Labor (procurable on application) gives 1490 pages of the exhibit of that bureau at the exposition.

The new series for the Philippines is passing well through the 'essay' stage. The determination of the Insular officials to outdo all previous attempts at artistic results has led to many designs being discussed. Even two color work has been suggested as a possible factor.

Congressman Hogg has introduced a bill to preserve the remains of the cliff dwellings by creating the "Colorado Cliff Dwellings National Park." It provides for the setting apart of the portion of the country containing these relics, for the policing of the tract and for excavating, examining, and gathering objects of interest only under the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior.

There are various bills before the House for the consolidation of the third and fourth classes of mail matter with a rate of one cent for two ounces.

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JOSEPH H. WINKERS

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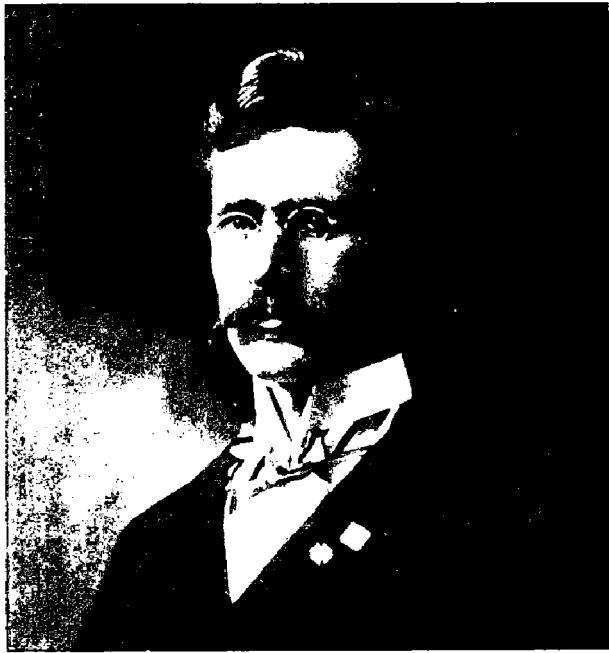
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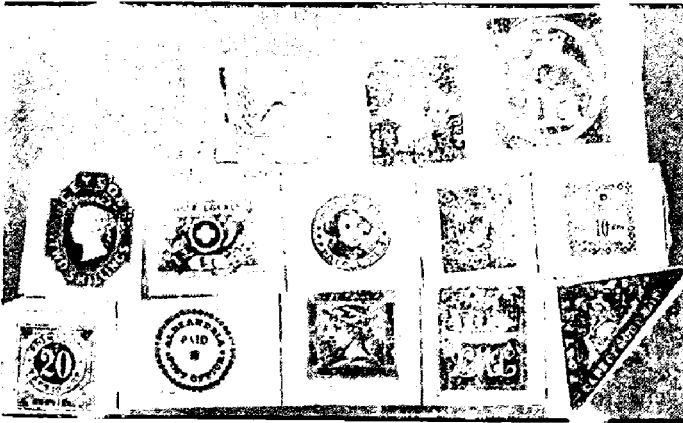
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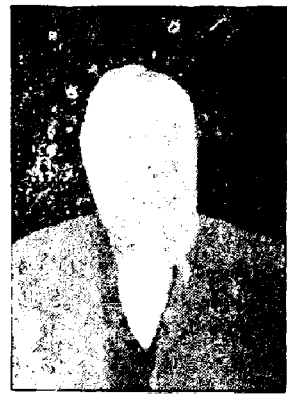
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See next No. article with illustrations, by Steinbrueck. Old Mandan Indian Fire Place of the Chief's Lodge where Ge Catlin was treated on Dog meat in 1834.





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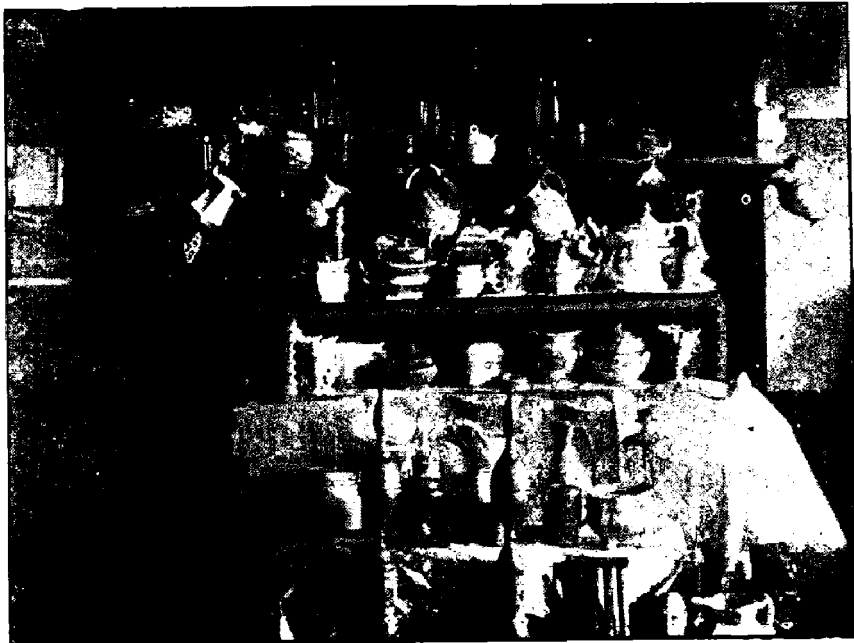


Club in and outside



L. RAY STARKWEATHER
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150 pieces Delft Crockery and old Furniture over 150 years old, property of Mary A. Hopper, Paterson, N. J.



collection in next number. Nebraska Historical Society and Smithsonian Institute are keeping watch on his collection. It is the best in the state of Nebraska.

In the fall of 1901 the Semper Fidelis Club was organized at the Academy of Our Lady, a boarding school for young ladies, situated on the outskirts of the Windy City. The object of the club is for the mutual improvement of its members in a social, literary and and useful career. A monthly fee is paid by the members. Their first president was Miss Elsie Arnold of Chicago who resigned in favor of Miss Louise Persons of Ishpeming, Mich. after her second term. In the fall of 1902 the Semper Fidelis Club was reorganized, Miss Louise Persons resigning in favor of Miss Annie Hayden of Symerton, Ill. One of the first propositions made and carried at this meeting was the establishment of a kodak club in connection with the literary club. In the fall of 1903 the club was again re-organized with Miss Carrie Jones of Chicago as president. In connection with the Kodak Club a postal card exchange was established. This certainly was a great undertaking as the number of cards which were answered each week showed. Cards came in from all parts of the world, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from China on the west to China on the east. No less than 1500 cards were left at the end of the year as souvenirs of their industry. There is a great demand for home made cards and if you could peek into the laboratory on Friday afternoons you would find a director and four or five assistants preparing the weekly distribution. These cards are snapshot views of the members in the daily walks or rambles. The club joined several card exchange clubs such as the

Union Souvenir Card Exchange, the Globe and the American. In September 1904 the members met and elected Miss Annie Grobl as their president. Many new members were admitted. Their number is now about sixty "faithful" members. Although they do not take initiative step in sending out cards they are always careful to answer cards sent them. They have now about 2000 cards and are very proud of their collection. Mary F. Roberts, Secy.

George Verde, Editor of the French Philatelic Advertiser l'Annonce philatelique, president of the Eastern philatelic Society, charter member of the International Philatelic Union etc., was born in Troyes, France in 1873 and while attending school he started to collect stamps which developed into a passion as he grew in years. He wrote for several philatelic papers and his style and ideas were appreciated. Having noticed that almost all the philatelic papers of the day were controlled by stamp dealers and were in part nothing more than disguised price lists, he resolved although but a collector, to start an independent organ, solely in the interests of the collecting class. The Philatelic Advertiser (l'Annonce Philatelique) became quickly a valuable and prosperous paper, thanks to the efficient donation of G. Verdy and to the support of stamp collectors, who looked upon the Advertiser with confidence. Several good, well known papers were bought out in a short time, among others were The Philatelic Occassions of Brussels, The Modern Philatelist of Cholons, The Collectors Union of Chef Boutonne. It is at present the best known and the most widely read philatelic paper in France where its publicity is rightly appreciated. E. Spinony, Great Falls, Mont. is U. S. agent. Send for a copy.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

By ROY FARREL GREENE, A S of C C

An interesting session of the Archaeological Institute was held in Boston the latter part of last month, at which, on the night of Dec. 28, Dr. Chas. F. Lummis, editor of "Out West," gave a lecture on "The Primitive Music of the Southwest," illustrating his remarks by phonographic reproductions of Indian and old Spanish songs. Dr. F. M. Palmer of Los Angeles read a paper on "The Indian Archaeology of Southern California."

At an auction sale, held in London on Dec. 11, Robert Burn's family bible, containing interesting family entries, was sold for \$3,250, the purchaser being a London dealer in curios and antiques.

Secretary of State Cowie of Colorado, and H. P. Lowe, of Gilpin county, that state, recently donated to the state's mineral museum at the capitol building two of the finest specimens of crystals in the world. The gift of Secretary Cowie is a calcite crystal, found near Hot Springs, Ark., which is one of the largest and finest yet discovered. It is perfect in form and unusually clear, seeming almost transparent. Mounted on black velvet in a polished brass case it occupies a place of great prominence in the mineral exhibit, and attracts more attention probably than any specimen in the collection. The gift of Mr. H. P. Lowe is a group of barrel crystals of very rare formation and quite perfect. It had been

slightly injured by rough handling but is still a rare acquisition to Colorado's famous Museum of Minerals.

Capt. C. A. Hoffnagle not long ago presented the Seth Warner chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at Vergennes, Vt., with a frame for its charter. The frame was made by Capt. Hoffnagle from wood taken from one of the boats of Arnold's fleet which was sunk in Arnold's bay a few miles from Vergennes, Oct. 11, 1776.

The Curio Editor has received from the publishers. (The Robert Clarke Company, Cincinnati, O.), a copy of "Tonda, a story of the Sioux" which besides being a very readable and interesting romance, is of value to the student of anthropology because of its characters drawn from real life with perfect exactness by an accurate though loving hand. The data for the novel, the local color as we believe novelists style it, was obtained by Prof. Moorehead directly from the Pine Ridge Sioux, the photographs illustrating the book are from life and the drawings made by William Foster were under the direction of the author. Mr. Moorehead has been a life-long student of Indians, both ancient and modern, and his books are always well worth reading, and retaining for one's library. He is the author of several Archaeological text books of note

Dr. F. H. Snow of the University of Kansas, has made twenty-one sci-

entific collecting expeditions in the past twenty-nine years. Of these expeditions eight were to Colorado, six to New Mexico, four to Western Kansas and three to Arizona. The earlier expeditions were fraught with much danger from the Indians. On one trip to New Mexico, Dr. Snow and his party were reported massacred by the Apaches. These expeditions have resulted in an entomological collection of over 20,000 specimens. Many of great value. So world-wide has become the knowledge of the Kansas University's collection that scientists from both Europe and America pay annual visits to Lawrence to study the specimens.

Nearly every curio collector has among his cherished specimens a copy of some old newspaper, perhaps something of the Revolutionary period, perhaps something of the yet more recent Civil War Epoch. Speaking though of old papers, Thomas C. Bradbury of Biddeford, Me., is the owner of a faded and worn old copy of the New England Courant, which is dated "From Feb 4 to Feb. 11, 1723." The copy is devoted for the most part to a speech of the king and an editorial line says that the Courant "is printed and sold by Benjamin Franklin."

Near Pontefract, in Yorkshire, England, lives a banker who has a museum of old doors, and these are about the strangest things to collect that we ever heard of. The doors are said to be from old houses, castles or abbeys, that have historic interest, and one of those in his collection is said to have shut off Charles II, from his pursuers and it bears marks of a battering ram. Quite lately the gentleman bid \$5,000 in Paris for a door through which during the Revolution Marie Antoinette, Charlotte

Corday, Danton and Robespierre passed to the guillotine. A collection of ancient weather cocks is also one of this gentleman's possessions.

A new building for the National Museum is now under construction on B street, at the edge of the Smithsonian grounds, between the Smithsonian Institution and Central Market, Washington, D. C. It will be one of the largest Museums in the world, having more than double the floor space of the present museum building. The outside walls measure 560 by 360 feet and it will be of simple, dignified, classic origin design, harmonizing with the capitol and the White House, with a central dome about 200 feet in height. The material will be granite, three different kinds being used and three different shades of color, because no one quarry could furnish all the stone necessary, within the time that it will be required. The design of the building is intended to express its purpose, the window space being unusually large that plenty of light may be furnished, and the entrances will be of appropriate proportions. The main entrance will face south on the Mall toward the present Museum, but there will be another entrance on B street, leading directly to a hall seating four or five hundred people, which may be used for lectures and temporary exhibitions. The cost of the building is limited by Congress to \$3,500,000.

The blacksmith doesn't make one heavy strike and wait until the iron cools off to feel the dent—he keeps it up while the iron is hot and so should the advertiser.

Confederate Bonds

T. S. HITCHCOCK



Away back in 1865 I was doing some dental work for a returned soldier. He was telling me about his soldier's life and how one day they entered a town

and the inhabitants left in great haste. They ransacked many houses. In one they found a lot of Confederate money. He rolled up a lot of bonds and put them in his knapsack and brought them home.

I asked him what he was going to do with them. He said, "Nothing, You can have them if you want them." I took them. Well, I knew they never could be worth anything as money. As they cost me nothing, I kept them, not thinking nor caring any more about them till 1883. I was then living in New York City. One morning while I was looking over my morning paper I saw a notice, "Confederate Bonds Wanted, four dollars will be paid for every 1000 bond of a certain issue. The next morning I looked for the ad and found he offered \$5.00. That set me to thinking, but at the same time I was afraid it was a joke. On the third morning the offer was \$6.00. As I could not go down town that day, I thought I had let a good chance slip. But the next morning the offer was \$7.00, so down to Wall St., I went, expecting all the time that my bonds would not be the desired ones and would furnish him a loop hole to back out of. Well, I

found my man, in a little 8x10 room with one chair and one small desk. I said, "Is this Mr. Carr, who offers \$7.00 per thousand for Confederate Bonds?" He said he was the man but it was only certain ones he wanted. "Well" says I, "I have ten 1000 C S A Bonds I wish to dispose of." He said, "Let's see them." I unrolled them: he looked them over, he looked up at me and said, "You are a lucky man. They are the ones I wanted." So he paid me \$7.00 each for the ten bonds. I asked him no questions till I had the money safe in my pocket. Then I said, "What under heavens do you want of these. Of what earthly use are they only as a curio? As they read they can never be redeemed, for it says 'twenty years after the recognition of the Confederate State we will pay. Well they have never been recognized and never can be, so the face of them shows they will never be redeemed. "Oh, well" he says, "I don't care, I am buying for an English party. He thinks there is money on deposit in London for the redemption of them, but this is the last lot I buy, for I know he will find out he has been a darned fool."

Can anyone tell of getting more money for C. S. A. bonds.

The hobbies of public men are interesting. The late Bishop Hurst was a collector of old American books, almanacs, and autograph letters. Bishop Hartzell, of Africa, is said to be making a collection of the postage stamps of all the countries in the continent of which he has the missionary supervision. Dr. Edmund M. Mills, who raised our Methodist twenty millions, is just as successful raising roses, and is a prize winner wherever he exhibits.

Cahokia Indian Mounds.

C W M E R R I T

During a recent visit to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, myself and daughter had the pleasure of seeing the great Cahokia group of prehistoric earthworks and mounds, situated about 8 miles north east of East St. Louis.

Crossing the Mississippi on the Eads bridge, one of the greatest engineering feats in the world, we transferred to suburban car, and after a succession of dirty town, dangerous switch yards, dismal swamps, beautiful fields, and meadows, and occasional mounds we finally stopped at what appeared to be a very large hill covered more or less with trees and under brush. It was Monks Mound, said to be the largest artificial earth made mound in America, if not in the world. The dimensions on the ground are 790x1080 feet and 102 feet high. It is a truncated pyramid. The sides sloping at an angle of about 37 degrees, the top level containing two acres. This space was occupied up to 1806 by a monastrey and gardens of the Trapist Monks. Some of the berry bushes and fruit trees are still standing. There is a fine view to be had from the top as far as the eye can reach, up and down the river, and St Louis in the distance. The mound faces the points of the compass (as do all the pyramidal mounds of this group) the long way north and south with a Ramp or apron on the South, the width of the mound and extending south 150 feet with a further circular projection in the centre southward of 50 feet all of this forming a level space of nearly one acre, and about 25 feet high. Nearly all the pyramidal mounds have this ramp and projection, and with one exception they

are on the south side, the exception being a rectangular mound 400 feet west of the large mound and facing the east. It covers 2 acres and is about 8 feet high. Due south of this one is another one shaped like the large mound covering 2½ acres with ½ acre flat top 25 feet high, on which a farmer has built his house, a site highly desirable, for be it remembered this is on the flat bottom land which at this point is 10 miles wide and level as a floor. There are no depressions to show where the dirt was taken from to build these huge piles. A person is singularly impressed with the vast amount of labor expended in piling up the large mound. One person's thought was that it would take 1000 people 1000 years to build it, another's that it could not be done in that time. It has not been explored the owners refusing to allow excavations in it, though the surrounding land and some of the low flat mounds are cultivated. The plow turning out many pieces of flint implements, pottery, and bones. We saw some skulls that were well preserved, and very well developed. There are vast numbers of flint hoes and spades found, showing that agriculture was practiced by these people to a large extent. The soil is exceedingly rich as shown by the fine crops now growing. All evidence goes to show that a large population had existed here, there being no other mounds for 15 miles either up or down the river.

This group contains nearly 75 mounds, ranging from 2 feet to more than 100 in height. One on the east of the large mound is about 200 feet square and 4 or 5 feet high. Another one south east 1200 feet across and 25 feet high, one 60 rods south 250 diameter, 20 high: one ½ mile south, 150 diameter 65 high. The

sites of the latter are very steep probably 50 degrees. Many of the low ones are farmed over, gradually wearing them down and eventually they will disappear, unless State or Federal government takes charge and makes a National preserve of this wonderful group.

We picked up a number of shreds of pottery of uniform good quality, being so much better than that found here. There are no decorations in lines or points or incisions, but there were lugs, legs, and other ornaments in profusion. Great quantities of pottery are found there; a full wagon load being dug up a few rods North east of the large mound in a space 30 feet square. After wandering and wondering over these remains of an unknown race we caught the last car back to the city, well satisfied that not the least exhibit at St. Louis is the great Cahokia mounds.

Some Facts About Coins Old and New

The director of the mint is called on to answer such a wide range of questions concerning the values of old and new coins and medals that he has found it necessary to issue a circular covering matters of this sort. It tells some interesting facts. It appears that the mint does not buy old coins or paper money, except some rare colonial coins in fine condition, which are desired for the mint cabinet. Mutilated or uncurrent United States gold and silver coin is purchased as bullion. The mint has no pattern pieces for sale. The government pays no premium for the return of any of its coins or paper money. New coins cannot be struck until authorized by an act of Congress. The mint supplies United States coins only and not of any past date. The fifty-dollar gold piece and

half-dollar and quarter dollar pieces in gold were struck by private parties on the California coast during the '49 period, and not by the United States government.

The coinage of the following coins ceased in the years named: Half and one cent, copper, in 1857; one cent, nickel, 1864; half dime and three cents, silver, and two cents bronze, in 1873; twenty cents, silver, 1878; trade dollar, 1883; one dollar and three dollars, gold, and three cents, nickel, 1889. The Columbian half dollar was coined in 1892, and the Isabella quarter in 1893, the date on the coin (1900) being that of the unveiling of the memorial.

There are certain markings on every United States coin that enable the place of its coinage to be located. Those struck at the Philadelphia mint have no mint mark, but those struck at all other mints are distinguished by a small letter on the reverse near the bottom. These letters are: C for Charlotte, N. C., discontinued in 1861; C C for Carson City, Nev., discontinued in 1893; D for Dahlonega, Ga., discontinued in 1861; O for New Orleans and S for San Francisco. The coins of the United States now authorized by law are, in gold: double eagle, eagle, half eagle, quarter eagle; in silver, half dollar, quarter dollar, and dime; minor, five cent, nickel and one cent bronze. A person may buy a proof set of gold coins from the mint for \$38.50, and a proof set of silver and minor coins for \$1.50. When the business of the mints is slack medals may be struck from the dies furnished by individuals, public institutions, and incorporated societies, at a charge sufficient to cover the cost of the operation and the value of the metal.—Classmate.

Uses of Pebbles by Prehistoric Peoples

GEORGE J REMSRURG

The finding of numerous small quartz pebbles on the Indian village and camp sites in Northeastern Kansas, is, to a certain extent, archaeologically significant. Of course, such pebbles naturally exist almost everywhere, but when we find them intimately associated with the rubbish of an aboriginal village, and, in many instances, showing signs of usage, it is obvious that they were carried there by human hands for a purpose.

The simple pebble formed an important part in the domestic economy of savage life. The larger pebbles, from the size of a hen egg to that of a person's head, were used for various purposes around the Indian camp, but served more extensively as hammerstones. It is not of these, however, that I propose to treat in this article, but of the minute specimens from the size of a pea to that of an ordinary marble. In some instances they have been artificially modified, while others possess a glossy appearance unlike that which characterizes a weather worn pebble and which unquestionably denotes a long continued usage. Some, by their natural symmetry, attracted the savage eye, and met his requirements without any artificial modification. I have several of them so perfect in form that one can scarcely believe them not to be the deftly wrought products of the lapidarian's art. The process of cutting or grinding these pebbles, with the crude tools of the aboriginal artisan, was doubtless a tedious one, owing to the hardness of the material, yet, some of the prehistoric tribes of America, the Mound Builders for instance, drilled or perforated them into various shapes, and converted

them into beads and other ornaments.

I have in my collection a small milk-white quartz pebble, oblong in shape, and less than one inch in length, around the lesser end of which has been cut a groove. This end being flat and the other end tapering to a blade-like edge, the specimen bears a close resemblance to a miniature stone axe or hatchet. The groove, however, seems to be the only artificial modification that the pebble has undergone. The unique shape of the stone no doubt attracted the attention of some Indian lapidist and he cut a groove around it as a means of attaching it to his person for an ornament or a charm. Clarence B. Moore, the well known eastern archaeologist, speaks about finding with the skeleton of a child in a mound on Tick Island Florida, a small pebble which had been similarly grooved. I have another amber-colored and almost transparent agate pebble, resembling an axe in shape, but minus the groove. It was picked up on an Indian village site where it was probably carried by the Indians to be converted into a charm, as a plaything for the children, or utilized as a gambling stone, a symbol, or a simple ornament.

Pebbles were often used by the Indians in gambling. The favorite game among the Sia Indians, of New Mexico, was called "wash-kasi," and was played with numerous small pebbles. De Forest, in his "History of the Indians of Connecticut," says: "They made use of rude dice, consisting of pebbles, or other small objects, painted so as to render the different sides distinguishable." Rattles made from gourds, inflated intestines, and other hollow objects in which pebbles were enclosed, were universally used by the Indians in their dances, and other ceremonies.

Prof Say tells us about the Kansa Indians, in their dances, using rattles made by enclosing small stones in inflated intestines.

It is said that the shamans or sorcerers of the Kansa tribe used small round pebbles in their sleight-of-hand or mystery acts. It is alleged that there used to be ten shamans in this tribe, and that all had round pebbles which they blew from their mouths against the persons they "shot in a mysterious manner." Among the Dakota, the kin of the Kansa; small pebbles of various sizes were carried as symbols of the elements, etc; for example with the Santee Dakota, a small black pebble symbolized the four winds or quarters; while with the Teton Dakota, the same was symbolized by small pebbles of two kinds, one white and translucent, the other "resembling ordinary pebbles," probably in being opaque.

The writer has picked up at the old Kansa village sites along the Missouri river, a great many pebbles, under conditions which indicated unmistakably that they had been carried there by the Indians for various uses. Some of them are very symmetrical in form, and, taken collectively, make a decidedly interesting cabinet acquisition.

"The Autocrat" and His Hobbies.

Mrs. Hardig Davis, in her recently published book, "Bits of Gossip," gives some interesting glimpses of Dr. Oliver Wendall Holmes, who spent a summer morning in wandering through Mount Auburn with her, in a mood half merry and half sad. He told her that he believed he knew every grave in the old villages within a radius of thirty miles from Boston. Holmes preached the value of a hobby in the rush of American work and worry, and practiced what he preach-

ed with camera and violin. "Under his literary table, too, was a little box, furnished with a jig-saw, lathe, etc. It ran in and out on grooves, like a car on a railway. He showed it one day with triumph. 'I contrived that,' he said; 'but only my friends know about it. People think I am shut in here hard at work writing poetry or lectures. And I am making jimeracks. But if any of the dunces make their way in, I give it a shove—so! Away it goes under the table, and I am discovered—Foet or Professor, in character—pen in hand!' And he chuckled like a naughty boy over his successful trick.

Picture Postcards in War.

From The New York Tribune.

It is a happy idea of the Japanese war office to provide the troops in the field with illustrated post cards, bearing a message for home ready printed and needing only the soldier's signature. The message runs thus: "This is to let you know that I am alive and well. I cannot give you my address, for I do not know where I shall be tomorrow. But your letter will reach me if you copy the post-mark on this card. Greetings to my family and friends." The first use of the picture post card in a campaign was made by the French army of the Loire in 1871. Since then it has been ignored by the military mind in Europe. But the Japanese have a knack of snapping up the unconsidered trifles of our western civilization.

A fox farm has recently been started at Cape Breton, Canada. Two acres of well-wooded ground have been enclosed with wire, outside of which is a high board fence. Inside the barriers twenty valuable foxes, ten pure black, and the others mostly silver grey, were liberated.

Fossil Thought

Estella Bachman Brokaw

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Attorney—G. F. Downes, Drawer G., Strathcona, Alberta, N W T
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Executive Committee—Geo. Van Gulder, J. Perez-Pelinto, J. E. Warrington, Montreal
Official Organ—The WEST.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

Applications for Membership.

354e Rev. John H. Astley, Clerk in Holy Orders, The Rectory Sydenham, Ont Can
Ref. F. H. Bell and P. G. Cole.

355 A. B. L. Rimmington, Clerk 723 St Urbain, Montreal, Canada.

Ref. F. H. Bell and J. Perez Pelinto

L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr. Reference, J. F. Archer.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS—146 W. Patterson, to Box 937 Montreal, Que.

Dues from January 1905—I beg to remind members whose certificates expire Jan. 1st, 1905 to remit their dues as promptly as possible, as by so doing they will greatly assist the Secretary-Treasurer in taking charge of his office.

Certificates under the following number become due January 1st, 1905.

8, 9, 16, 19, 20, 27, 29, 31, 37, 41, 47, 50, 90, 93, 99, 102, 114, 121, 123, 125, 196, 202, 205, 207, 233, 234, 235, 240, 241, 244, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 282, 283, 285, 291, 294, 296, 297, 313, 314, 316, 317, 319, 320, 321, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336.

From January 1, 1905 all correspondence to be addressed to our new secretary treasurer, Mr. F. B. Archer, 995, St Urbain St, Montreal, Canada.

Faithfully Yours, F. H. Bell, Ex-Secy-Treas.

Financial Statement December 17, 1903 to December 31, 1904.

Receipts.	Dec. 17, '03, cash rec'd from my predecessor....	\$1.07
	Dec. 17, '03, to Dec 31 '04, initiation fees 32@10c	3.20
	Dec. 17, '03, to Dec 31 '04, 114 dues @ 25c	28.50
	Dec. 17, '04, to Dec 31 '04, 16 foreign dues @ 50c	8.00
	Total Receipts	\$40.77
Disbursements.	Dec. 17, '03 to Dec 31 '04, 8 months Adhesive....	\$18.35
	Charges on money orders for above .....	.15
	Stationery	1.15
Postage on mailing notices, certificates, ballots and correspondence	8.71	
	Fees returned .....	.25
	Total disbursements	\$28.61
	Balance on hand ...	12.16
Montreal December 31, 1904	Total	\$40.77

Auditors' Certificate Report.

We beg to report having made the audit of the financial transactions of the Society from December 17, 1903 to Dec 31, 1904, and have verified and certified the following statements, viz:

1st Income
2nd Disbursements

The transactions of the Society, comprising the verification of disbursements, collection of revenues, and recording of the details in the various books of the Society, have been carried out in a careful and satisfactory manner, being found correct and precisely as represented.

Signed, W. Patterson,
E. W. Stanton.

Montreal, December 31, 1904

C. P. S. ELECTION.

We the undersigned scrutineers appointed to open and count the ballots cast for the election closing this day declare as follows.
There were in all sixty three (63) ballots received. giving the following results:

FOR PRESIDENT

*O. W. Barwick	23
C. H. Goulden [not a candidate]	23
Kelsey Hall	5
Scattering	5
Total	62

VICE PRESIDENT [Canadian]

*H. L. Hart	39
G. A. Craig	16
Scattering	6
Total	63

VICE PRESIDENT [U S.]

*C. H. Fowle	57
Scattering	6
Total	63

SECRETARY-TREASURER

F. H. Bell [not a candidate]	36
*F. B. Archer	22
Scattering	4
Total	62

SALES SUPERINTENDENT

*H. Smith	57
Scattering	9
Total	63

AUCTION MANAGER

*G. P. Le Grand	40
A. C. Roussel	12
Scattering	9
Total	61

LIBRARIAN

*H. A. Chapman	53
Scattering	5
Total	58

ATTORNEY

*G. F. Downes	55
Scattering	6

PURCHASING AGENT

*W. James Wurtels	32
E. W. Stanton	20
Scattering	07
Total	59

TRUSTEES

W. Patterson [not a candidate]	28
F. B. Archer	26
O. W. Barwick	22
*G. VanGilder	22
*J. E. Warrington	22
*J. Perez-Pelinto	22
Total	142

OFFICIAL ORGAN

*WEST	12
Scattering	10
Adhesive [Disqualified]	
Total	22
*Elected	

W. Patterson
N. Huguenin
F. H. Bell

REPORT OF SALES DEPARTMENT at 31st Dec. 1904

1452 Books rec'd to date valued at	\$25,029.94	231 Circuits have been sent out
1316 " " retired " "	21,534.33	214 " " " returned
— Amt sales from retired b'ks 4,764.86		
145 books in Dept. valued at	3,497.61	17 Still in transit

In presenting my Fifth Annual report of the Sales Department, to the officers and members of this Society, I have the pleasure and gratification of stating that it is generally in a very satisfactory condition and shows a marked improvement, in many respects, over the previous year.

In comparing the figures with those of 1903 I find only 236 books have been received, against 259 the year preceding, but the value of them is only \$40 less; whereas the sales have increased from \$26 to \$1097. The Insurance fund has been increased by \$26.67, making \$66.03 now deposited in the bank and \$20.— charged up against current circuits. All books have been retired up to April last, with the exception of one book received in November 1903; 6 in January and 3 in March 1904. The sales on these being very small on the first circuits, were sent out again and detained. All the rest of the books outstanding were received during the last 8 months, and I find it almost impossible to retire many of the books in less time than this, when they go on 2nd and 3rd circuits. Some Circuits have taken 5 or 6 months to go their first round. I still have an occasional case of substitution. I personally, experienced a loss recently, where a member was kind enough to remove a fine specimen of No. 19 Kong Kong and replace it by a useless specimen of No 20, a difference of \$6 in cat. value. Several stamps in the same book had also been taken out and replaced. This is also contrary to rules, as it is possible for the member so doing to inadvertently get hold of the wrong stamp. Circuits are occasionally kept much longer than they should be, but this sometimes happens through the absence of the member. I am willing to accept any reasonable excuse for these delays but I hope members will not delay longer than absolutely necessary. I would like to call attention of members to my remarks in last years report; they still apply in some cases, although reports and remittances have come in much more regularly the last 6 months. I hope the above report will be accepted by the members with satisfaction and I trust that my endeavors to meet the wishes of both buyers and sellers, who have been kind enough to patronize the Dept. have been appreciated and I respectfully ask for their further support and that they will so far interest themselves in it by inducing their friends to join the Society and participate in the privileges of the Sales Dept. of "The Canadian Philatelic Society." I must thank the members for again electing me Sales Superintendent and for the confidence placed in me. Wishing one and all a very prosperous and happy New Year.

Faithfully Yours, H. Smith, Sales Supt., Medford Mass, Jan. 2, 1905

TRUSTEES REPORT

A meeting of the trustees was held on 27th ult and the applications for 1904 were counted. The following brought in new members: Bell 14; *Goulden 10; Smith 5; Huguenin 2; Norcross 2; Mayers 1; Wurtels 1; Lacombe 1; Baxter; Thompson 1; McIntyre 1; Sheldon 1. Total 40.

The prizes donated by Century Stamp Co for bringing in new members were won by Bell 1st. \$10; Smith 2nd \$5; and 2.00 was divided between Messrs Huguenin and Norcross. \$1.50 ea the above prizes to be taken out in stamps from the Century Stamp Co price list for 1904. *Goulden being interested in the Century Stamp Co did not compete for prize. A claim of \$2.59 against Insurance fund was passed and a cheque for same sent to the Sales Superintendent.

Montreal, Jan 6th

F. B. Archer, Secy Trustees.

MINERALOGY

EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive, Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept. —Forest Gaines!

So much has been lately written about the recently discovered element radium, that a short description in this department, will perhaps, not come amiss.

Radium owes its discovery to two French chemists, Prof. and Mme. Curie of Paris. Its existence was long ago suspected, but only recently was the element really isolated from its ores, after years of long and patient research on the part of Prof. Curie and his wife. On account of the peculiar medical and other properties of radium, all the world has united in paying homage to its patient discoverers.

The cost of radium is now estimated at about \$2000 per gram. A year ago, Prof. Curie estimated the cost at \$6000 per gram. The reason for this great cost is seen, when it is stated that many tons of the ore are required to produce a single gram of radium, and all the world contains but a few pounds of it.

In spite of its exceedingly high price, radium has found a ready sale, on account of its valuable medical properties. In fact the demand is said to have exceeded the supply. The claim is made that one thousand part of a gram of radium in a glass tube gives better results than a strong x-ray machine, in the curing of cancer, etc. One doctor even makes the assertion that the curative powers of some spring water may be due to radium.

Now for the mineralogical aspect of the element. Its chief ore so far has been the pitchblende mined at Joachimsthal, Austria. It occurs at this locality in mica slate in the deep workings of the former levels of old

silver mines. It has lately been found that the Imperial Museum at Vienna has had specimens of this pitchblende since 1806, or nearly a hundred years, which show no diminishment of the radio-activity. This would seem to prove that the energy of radium is practically indestructible, as has been claimed.

Pitchblende containing radium is also found in this country and Prof. Curie states that he has received some excellent specimens of it from Colorado. The element in the mineral carnotite, the latter occurring in Utah, although the radio-activity is considerably less than in pitchblende. Some investigators have lately associated radium with helium, which was first discovered in the atmosphere of the sun and was later found on the earth.

Recent experiments at McGill University, in Montreal, have been made with the purpose of showing the effect of the activities now going on in the center of the earth. Consequently they are of much interest to the mineralogist and geologist.

It has been shown by means of a hydraulic machine, having a capacity of one hundred and twenty tons pressure to the square inch, that solid rocks may be made to "flow" or change their form. Thus marble, limestone, granite, etc., is pressed from one shape to another. The "flow" is necessarily very slow, but it is a decided movement for all that.

Thus we see artificially how Nature has exerted her forces in changing the contour of the earth's crust. It is this force which, when wielded, makes mountains, causes earthquakes changes a certain area to sea or land, etc. It is much to be hoped that the experiments will be indefinitely continued, as the results are very interesting, not only to the scientist, but the layman, as well.

Collecting Shells on The Bermuda Islands

By C. A B B O T T D A V I S

We left New York on the Fourth of July 1903 for an eight weeks vacation to study Natural Science in Bermuda. Our boat, the Trinidad, reached Hamilton on the evening of the 6th, and we enjoyed a pleasant ride of 2 miles to our hotel, the Frascatti, at Flatts Village. This hotel is located in an ideal place for any kind of collecting, being situated on Flatts Inlet, where the swift tides run in and out of Harrington Sound. The following morning we rose early and although our trunks had not arrived we picked up an old tomato can and began to turn over stones for land snails.

There were lots of *Helix circumfirmatus* and *Helix reinianus*, but for some time, I could not tell these apart. *Succinea bermudensis* were found occasionally with the pretty little pink and white *Helicina convexa*.

Polycyra microdonta was there with an occasional *appressa*, and lots of big naked snails known by the formidable name of *Veronicella schivel-yae*. An endemic shell known as *Helix bermudensis* was found in large colonies breeding in damp, dark places, while *Eulota similis* (a pretty white *Helix*) was found crawling about on all the trees and shrubs. In 1876 a snail called *Rumina decollata* was introduced which has now become a pest, and thousands can be picked up in any corn field. Besides the above there were several varieties of a very small peanut shaped shell called *Pupa* found under stones. We filled our quart can, covered it, and began on another taking approximately 5,000 land shells before break-

fast the first morning.

All the 300 islands are composed of shell rock or coquina, and embedded in this rock, in several quarries, are some good fossils.

One of the boys found 12 species new to the Bermudas, and a few new to the world.

I collected a few of the rare *Helix Nelsoni*; and hundreds of the yellow and white banded form *zohata* and several of the big pearl shell *Livonia Pica*. Over on the south shore we discovered *Littorina angulifera*. Way up on the roots of the Mangrove trees along with several varieties of *Melampus*. In the "Nautilus" of March 1904, I discussed 5 new varieties of *Melampus* from Hungry Bay.

Along the rugged crags of the sea shore are found, in little holes, *Tectarius muricatus*, while several *Siphonaria*, *Fissurella* and *Chitons* are found at the waterline stuck fast to the rocks. For this habit the natives call them suck-rocks.

The Bermudian oyster is a *Perna*, while their clam is a *Tellina* and their sculp is *Pecten ziczac*, flat on one side.

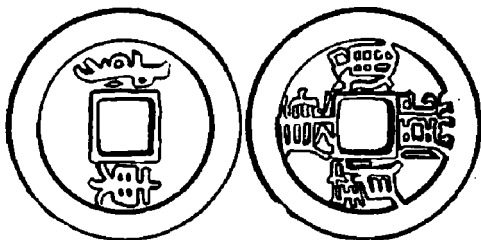
The fisherman use *Arca deshayesii*, *Moniola tulipa*, *Chama macrophylla*, and *spondylus americanus* for bait, while in the United States, the latter shell often retails for a dollar. Boring tunnels through the various canals are found 4 more shells, and I saved one of these in honor of my friend Mowbray. The Bermudas are not as prolific in shells as either the Bahamas, Cuba, Porto Rico or Jamaica, but the beautiful coral carpet and the wonderful fish (Bermuda leads the world on curiosities in the fish line) make Bermuda a pleasant collecting ground, summer or winter, as the temperature is about the same the year around.

To sum up—while there are only

about 500 species of shells found here to 1500 in Jamaica or Cuba, and they are neither as highly colored nor curious in shape, yet they are plentiful (1 brought home 2 barrels full) and there are many still unmarred waiting for the dredge.

Chinese monies, has been changed during recent years: and now in shape, form and die resembles that of European peoples, although, of course, Japanese characters have been to a large extent retained on its modern coinage. Korea, over which empire Russia and Japan are now fighting, possesses a coinage which to the uninitiated bears striking resemblance to the monies of China and Japan. There is not much interest attached to a collection of coins of this little Eastern empire, but a brief description will doubtless be of some value to those who think of collecting the coins of the Far East.

Japanese, Chinese and Korean Coinage.

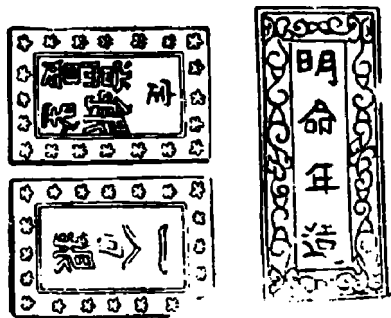


At a time when so much interest is centered in the manners and customs of the peoples of the Far East, it is only natural that numismatists should make enquiries in reference to the coinage of the chief nations of that part of the globe.

The Chinese nation boast of a long line of Emperors, extending through centuries of unbroken dynastic rule. Its arts and sciences were advanced, its commerce assured, and its buying and selling communities established constituents in its empire, long before the British nation had advanced beyond the stage of barbarism. The coinage of China is therefore ancient, and connected with the history of the people, or at least with the dynasties who ruled over them. Japan, although of far less antiquity, has proved itself, in these modern times, a country inhabited by workers in metals and artists of no mean order. Its rulers have advanced with wonderful rapidity out of Eastern indolence, and have shown themselves energetic and wishful to adopt the progressive plans, methods and customs of Western civilization. The coinage of Japan, once bearing a marked similarity to the ancient

Collectors of coins of China, Japan, and the Korea experience great difficulty in deciphering the curious inscriptions upon them, especially as in the coins of the older dynasties the symbols and signs used were crude in form, and often closely allied to others, only a slight stroke or abbreviated mark altering their meaning. "The Currency of the Farther East," published some years ago, was a descriptive catalogue of the Glover collection of Chinese, Japanese and Annamese coins, and was wonderfully illustrated with representations of ancient coins of those countries, but it did not contain any descriptive matter, and therefore was not of much value to casual collectors who had but a few coins belonging to the countries under review.

(To be continued.)



Gold Coins

Gold Dollars **LEWIS AND CLARK SOUVENIR** **COINS SELLING RAPIDLY**

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Jewelry*

Portland.—Lewis and Clark souvenir gold dollars, which sell for \$2 each, are proving popular, as was expected, and the first issue of 25000, coins, will soon be exhausted, if the demand for the souvenirs continues.

When the appropriation was made for the Fair by Congress, a clause in the bill provided for the coinage of the gold dollars, the issue being limited to 250,000. The coins are of the size of the gold dollar which was formerly current, being somewhat smaller than a dime. They are different from any other coin ever circulated in that they have two heads or obverses. This was made necessary by the fact that it was desired to give credit on the coin to both Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, the explorers whose expedition a century ago, in the words of President Roosevelt "marked the beginning of the process of exploration and colonization which thrust out national boundaries to the Pacific." On the side of the coin bearing the likeness of Captain Clark are the words "United States of America" and "One Dollar." On the other side are the portrait of Captain Lewis, the words "Lewis-Clark Exposition, Portland, Ore." and the date "1904." The coin has neither wreath nor stars. The sale of the Lewis and Clark souvenir coins is being pushed in various ways. In September the executive committee of the Portland Commercial Club appointed a committee of fifty young women to take charge of the sale. The committee met and it was decided that each member was to secure four others for the committee,

giving the completed committee a membership of 250.

The committee also adopted a resolution requesting every man in Oregon to wear one of the coins.

The first coin to be put into circulation was sent by the young women to the first young lady in the land, Miss Alice Roosevelt, who has acknowledged the courtesy shown her.

The immediate object of the Exposition in putting the coins into circulation is to realize funds for the Fair. It is asserted, however, that the coins will in a few years be worth more than their face value, as rarities. The government coins the souvenirs at their face value, and the difference between that price and the selling price represents the Exposition company's profit. The coins are sold in lots of six for ten dollars, and storekeepers attracted by the small profit possible for them, are displaying them in their windows.

Jewelers are tastefully mounting the coins for scarf pins, brooches, and pendants for watch fobs, and in this form they are selling rapidly.

A circumstance that has greatly enhanced the popularity of the coins among the women is the fact that the proceeds from every sixth coin will go towards a fund for the erection of a monument to Sacajawea, the "Bird Woman." It was the "Bird Woman" who accompanied Lewis and Clark on their first journey to Oregon. Sacajawea shared with the men in the party the dangers and hardships of the long march and her heroism on two occasions saved the lives of the company. It is natural, then, that the women of today should feel a deep interest in the brown-skinned sister, who, next to Lewis and Clark, is deserving of eulogy. The statue to Sacajawea will be placed in the center of Columbian Court, on the Exposition grounds.

Ancient Arizona Villages.

Prehistoric Ruins Are Persistently Looted of Relics By Vandal Tourists

B . C . H O P E

Archaeologists are much perturbed by the persistent looting of the prehistoric towns of Arizona by relic hunters and they have been stirred up to urge their preservation by legislative action for the benefit of students of ethnology. Vandals digging in the ruins find relics, which they dispose of, and so distribute articles of great value in throwing light on the prehistoric inhabitants beyond the reach of ethnologists.

Among the groups which the archaeologists are particularly anxious to preserve in this way are several between Flagstaff and the Black Falls, in the Little Colorado River Valley. These consist of a citadel and buildings evidently devoted to a number of different purposes. The structures, as a rule, are small, with low walls, the largest not being more than three stories high. The stones fit closely together and show signs of having been dressed into shape. Apparently the rooms of the lower stories were entered from the roof and never from lateral doors. When windows were present they were mere lookouts, or small, rectangular openings, which would admit scanty light. The roofs, apparently, were flat.

The most impressive of the masses of aboriginal masonry in this region is about five miles due west from Black Falls and 40 from Flagstaff. The mine stands above the plain and is visible for many miles. From a distance perched on a redstone mesa, the top of which is 15 feet above the plain, it resembles an old castle. At its highest point this ruin was evi-

dently three stories high, or at least had three rooms, one above the other. The walls are fine examples of primitive masonry, due care having been taken to bind the corners and otherwise the walls together.

Oldest Coin in the World

An archaeological find of the greatest interest has just been made by Pastor Lohmann, chairman of the German Society of Scientific Research in Anatolia. During his recent journey in North Syria a coin of pure silver, excellently preserved, was offered to him, which, on examination, proved to bear a perfect Aramean inscription of Panammu Bar Rerub, King of Schamol, who reigned eight hundred years before Christ. It is the oldest known coin in the world. Up to the present the Lydians have always been regarded as the inventors of money, but this new find shows that the Semitic Arameans, who lived two centuries before the Lydians, are the oldest known coiners of money. Apart from this discovery, Pastor Lohmann found several new Hittite bas reliefs at Marach.

\$255 For Nine Pages

In 1867 Lord Tennyson privately printed at Canford Manor, the press of Sir Ivor Bertie Guest, a small poem of nine unnumbered pages, entitled "the Victim." Whenever this rare little trifle appears in the auction room it is always eagerly sought after, copies having realized \$280 and \$160 respectively. In London a copy was put up for sale at Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's rooms, and was knocked down for \$255.

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With such a splendid energetic young man as is Mr. Funk in office I am confident that THE UNION will be made the largest and best Card Collectors Society in the world.

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- 99 Bruno Sternbeck, Bollwerk 20, Stettin Germany
- 100 Miss Victoria M. Maudslay, 2255 Pacific Ave. Alameda, Calif.
- 101 John Straley, Comanche, Texas.
- 102 Miss Leona Watson, Highgate, Ontario Canada.
- 103 Walter Yackley, 40 Pulaski Street, Dayton, Ohio.
- 104 Bernardino Rolandi, 4 Santos, Cartagena, Spain.
- 105 Prof. Moritz Loewy, 1251 Garden Street, Hoboken, N J
- 106 Miss Kate Woodruff, P O Box 215, Yokohama Japan
- 107 Henri Van Os, Rue de Bom 49, Anvers, Belgium.
- 108 John R. Brown, Mosgiel, Otago, New Zealand.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

- 27 C. C. Brink, from Doon Iowa, to Highland Park College, Des Moines, Ia.

NOTICE.

- 11 H. W. Lintz, wishes to hereafter exchange only unused cards, or cards

which bear no writing on the view side.

Members 1 to 108 inclusive. Please send for a supply of our new Application Blanks and distribute them among your collecting friends, in return for which you will receive 3 beautiful unused cards for each new member secured through your efforts.



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 Trustees, W. Hendricks, Paxton Hotel, Omaha.
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We have been asked to combine the society with another which matter will be left to the members at next meeting, for many of the members dues are payable and we wish to see all send dues in at once.

Applications.

Thos. Marwood Clearwater
 E. Nyrope, Neleigh, Bx 34

A. L. Hopkins, Oakdale
 Change of Address.

H. Letton, Lincoln, 1805 Wash St.
 Renewals.

C. L. Hoyet, Fairfield

Konard John, Saint Library, Merriek Co.

When the mint at Philadelphia was cleaned this summer the sweepings "boiled down" to two neat chunks of gold and silver. The floors had secreted nearly fifty thousand dollar's worth of dust and the chimneys of the nineteen furnaces had stolen more than twenty thousand dollars.

American Society of Curio Collectors

President—Roy Farrell Greene, Arkansas City, Kas.

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Ind.

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Cost of membership.—Initiation fee, 25 cents annual dues, 50c. Members receive a copy of the official organ each month.

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.

Members of A. S. of C. C.—Your secretary has been busy the past few weeks making a new list of members of our society. As you know we are not only without funds to begin the new year but also have no books to refer to. I am happy to say, however, that matters are being systematized. Enough has come to pay our bill for printing, and we have made a good beginning on our indebtedness to Mr. Brodstone. I prophesy that before this year is half over our debt will be paid and your secretary will have sufficient funds to prosecute the work as it should be done. I have a list of 59 paid up members for 1905, and this is not complete. Most of these have sent their dues to Mr. Brodstone, and a few to Mr. Greene. When we announce our debt as paid your secretary desires that all dues be sent her as it will simplify her work and she believes she has the confidence in her honesty of the Publisher of the WEST, that the per cent due him will be promptly forwarded with your address and you will have no trouble in getting your magazine. I would like to say a good word for the

publisher of this magazine. In the four years that I have been a member of the A. S. of C. C. I have not missed one number of the WEST, and he as well as our able president has rendered valuable assistance in getting the work started this year.

F. May Tuttle,

Secretary and Treas., A. S. of C. C.

The following have paid dues for society direct to publisher, if any have been overlooked, would like to have you let me know for this is for 1905.

B S Dennis, Fresno, Calif; H F Duprey, Santa Rosa, Calif, 229 4st; A G Reynold, Diston City, Fla; D E Hust, Bowerston, Ohio; Geo S Hale, Westport, Conn, Bx 35; Owen T Brewer, Owens, Fla, De Soto Co; A C Gomez, Brooklyn, N Y 21 Third Place; F Wetherintgon, Paducah, Ky, 1719 Harrison St; E Hugg, Richmond, Ill, McHenry Co; Edward Grummick, Davenport, Ia, R R 4; Miss M Shydler, Hopkinton, Ia, Bx 120; Mrs. Tuttle, Osage, Ia; H E Morey, Boston, Mass, 31 Exchange St; W H Johnston, Gregory, Mo, Clark Co; A Everitte, Escondido, California; B. C. Wheeler, Pylesville, Md; J J Rettinger, Hastings, Minn, Bx 180; Eliza Mark Ferris, Nelsonville N Y; J J Gasell, Piermont, N Y, Bx 26; Harry M Clark, Dana, Kan; Oswald A Bauer, Piermont, N Y; A L Hopkins, Bx 82 Oakdale, Nebr, Antelope Co; M Slayton Belding, Mich, R R 17; Dr Mitchell, St Paul, Minn, 534 Summit Ave; L Brodstone, Superior, Nebr. Bx 6; R D Hay, Winston, Salem, N C; Geo A Strauss, West Alexander, Penn; Roy F Greene, Arkansas City, Ia; Forest Gaines, Glendive, Mont; L W Stillwell Deadwood, S D; S Rensburg, Potter, Kan; H D Gates, B; 242, Poultney Vt; W H Hyatt, Seattle, Wash 6531, Woodlawn Ave; Dr Emery, Crawfordsville, Ind;

H A Parkhurst, Amhurst, N H; A B Coover, Rockabell, Ohio; R G Green, 1535, Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill; W G Jerrems, Jr, Chicago; Cor Adams and Quincy St; D R Scott, Chicago, 378 W Van Buren St; Mrs Estella Bacham Brokaw, Pasadena, Calif. Sta A; A Crozier, Wilmington; Del. These have reported to have paid Warner for this year but no report from him; Dr J M Henderson, Columbus, Ohio, 13 East State st; Mrs S M Krag Letcher, Calif; B Holcomb, Sunbury Conn, Hartford Co; N W Lermond, Thomaston, Maine; J M Barkley, Cincinnati, Ohio 221 Carpenter St; J Boyer Grant, Centralia, Ia.

More Curio members.

R J Cherry, San Jose, Calif., 500 S 10 st; W A Shaw, Dunlop Tire Co, Toronto, Canada; J D Cox, Upper Stewicake; N S, Canada; E W Kimball, Boulder, Colo; Dr Newton, Farmington, Ct. Bx 57; C D Perry, Hanover, Ct; G DuBoise, Hugerot, Ga; F O Nelson, Boise, Idaho; J F Powell, Waukegan, Ill; G O Green, Princeton, Ill; T H McCoy, Chicago, 3815 Lake Ave; C E Tribbett, Darlington, Indiana; J J Price, Jefferson City, Mo; J D Anthony, Waubeek, Ia; C E Briggs, Lisbon Ia; F W Hill, Mt Vernon, Ia; R D Gross, New Sharon, Ia; F R Sterns, Sac City, Ia; C R Hartinger, Alden Ia; E L Bangs, Baltimore, Md, 140 Clarkson St; M Mason, Sellwood Sta Portland, Org; J J Walsh, North Adams Mass, Bx 480; F G Hillman, New Bedford, Mass, 63 Hillman St; W J England, Caro Mich; B Butler, Brevoort Miss; T W Allen, St Joseph, Mo; 902 N 6 St; E J Palmer, Webb City, Mo; C C Cobb, York, Nebr; T O Young, New Haven, N Y; T Metzger, Rochester N Y; C P DeKay, Florida, N Y; H Hettmeyer, Cincinnati, P O Bx 77; J H Davis, Kent, Ohio;

D Averiall, Portland, Ore No 31, Morrison St; J L Wheeler, Providence, R I; 72 Comstock Ave; Prof. C A Davis, Providence 133 Elmwood Ave; C M Baker, Grantville, S C; Mrs J Browne, Denver S C; G B Dixon, Watertown, S D; F W Coning, New Brunswick, N J; J R Detrick, Lorraine, Va; J Gingrich, New Kamille, Wash; J Short, Cheney, Wash; J A P Harris, Bx 26, Berrysburg, Penn; H McAlister, Lexington, Ore; J L Strong, Brantford, Ont, Canada; L Frazier, Marion, Kan; C Daly, U S Consul, Guelph, Ont, Can; F A Andrus, Kellog, Org.

Want to hear from all members who paid Sec. Warner and when and how much? for it seems that the last 2 years reports have not been as good as should be.

New Members.

A L Hetrich, San Francisco, Calif, 508 Market St; M L Garretson, Franklin, Park, N J; E S Crane, Yazoo City, Miss; G J W Haarer, Ann Arbor, Mich; F Toole, Bloomfield, Mo; D Barnes, Chattanooga, Tenn, Bx 236.

Applications

G W Miller, Ste Luce, Rienouskai Co, Que, Can; G A Smith, Oakfield, N Y; F E Vaughn, West Haven Ct, 92 Centre St; G B Mair, Broken Bow, Nebr; R Loyd, Columbia, Mich; H Lindquest, Chicago, Ill 62—27st; A W Hayes, Byron, Okla.; F A Blowers, Winnebago, Minn; J Minchen, Fleming, N Y; R D Stewart, Baltimore, Md, 5056 North Calhoun St, ref the Sun.

Mrs. Tuttle of Osage, Ia, 233 State St, has kindly taken charge of secretary's office and has issued some fine application blanks that we hope all members may get some and get the society in shape as it used to be 3 years ago and trust all members will help her at once. Send for some blanks.

THE METROPOLITAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

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New Zealand	Robert Brown, Denniston
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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fellow-Members—

I herewith hand you my first report of the year and as usual we are yet gaining members. We shall have a great society when we get fully organized and already 3 societies have consolidated with us while others may shortly do like wise. We hope all the members of these societies will send in at once to me their 1905 dues of 25c and also several members of our society should do the same. Kindly attend to it at once. Next month the list of members of the societies that have consolidated with us will be published if the membership have not expired and if they pay up their dues. Trusting you all will attend to this at once, I am

Fraternally yours, F. A. Mueller, Secy-Treas.

NEW MEMBERS.

Fred Brewer, 430 N. Geneva St. Ithaca, N. Y.	Proposed by Crandall
Lawrence Mintz, 402 W. Seneca St. Ithaca, N. Y. ....	.. .. Crandall
D. E. Loweree, 39 Manzano, Guadalajara, Mexico .....	.. .. Munger
H. E. Milford, 433 W. Clinton St. Elmira, N. Y. ....	.. .. Buck
A. C. Chase, East Providence, R. I. ....	.. .. Mueller
J. O. Bergmann, Jr., Argyle, Wash. ....	.. .. Oakden
Gustav Schmidt, Giessen, Germany .....	.. .. Munger
Chas. E. Fisher, Taunton, Mass. ....	.. .. Solomon
Hermann Rosenberg, Gimnasulul, Bacau, Roumania .....	.. .. Munger
V. F. H. Phillips, Kaitike, Wellington, N. Z. ....	.. .. Shelton
Eben S. Martin, Minneapolis, Minn. ....	.. .. Munger
UNION PHILATELIC SOCIETY .....	.. .. J. A. D. Park
NEW CENTURY PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION .....	.. ..
ANGLO-AMERICAN STAMP EXCHANGE North Hampton, England .....	.. .. Laycock

RE-INSTATED.

T. A. Drews, 604 Barthwick St. Portland Ore (No 21)

EXPULSION.

F. W. Pitt, Reed's Point, N. B.

The following numbers became delinquent this month and members cards bearing these numbers should pay their dues at once, for if not paid in a reasonable time will be dropped from roll. 76, 83, 85, 87, 88, 90, 93, 94, 95, 143, 145, 146, 148, 150, 152, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 167, 168, and the following come due in February: 97, 98, 99, 100, 103

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From December 15th to Jan. 5, 1905

Receipts.

Applications and dues	10.38
On hand Dec. 5,	2.86

\$13.24

Disbursements.

Printing election ballots.....	\$1.50	
Mailing election ballots	2.84	
Monthly prizes.....	1.35	
November report.....	2.75	
Membership cards	1.15	
Secretary's postage.....	.60	
Receipt book.....	.10	

	\$10.29	
Balance on hand January 5, 1905.....	2.95	
	-----	\$13.24

PRIZE DRAWINGS.

The results of the December prize drawings will be announced in the next WEST. The contest has been prolonged one month extra on account of several foreign members and officers in the consolidating societies. After this month we shall discontinue the prize drawings and offer suitable premiums besides our rewards of merit. Quite a bit of new literature will be published and we hope every member will try to get us at least one new member.

Fellow Members:—

Please allow me to extend to you my sincere thanks for having chosen me as your Vice president for the ensuing year.

Hoping that I may be of some valuable assistance to the Association,
I remain respectfully Yours.

John A. Solomon, Vice-President

PERSONALS.

Three more societies have consolidated with ours and several others will follow the example. Our members will have their benefits about doubled by these consolidations and it will pay every up-to-date philatelist to join our society at once. The cost is but 50c paid in full up to January 1906 or if you are a member of any of our branches you may have your membership issued up to January 1906 by sending 25c dues to our secretary. Foreign memberships cost 4 shillings for the first year and 2 shillings annually thereafter. This is on account of the extra cost of foreign postage. It will pay you to join at once and get in touch with our members. We shall give our members many increased benefits and shall issue a year-book, rule-book and list of members.

Apropos to the above we may state that we have received the rules and information in regard to the Anglo-American Stamp Exchange (which is the British branch of the M. P. A.) and will say that they are a compliment to the progressive secretary. Mr. Laycock is doing good work and we wish him best of success. Already this branch has about 25 members

We shall get out our list of members at once and shall begin compiling same immediately. See that you are fully paid up if you are a member of the M. P. A. or any of its branches, so that your name will be in the same. We will accept your exchange or any other undisplayed notices that you wish to insert at the price of one cent a word. Dealers who are members may insert advertisements at 25c per inch. This list will have a big circulation and if you desire exchange or sale you will do well to try it. Send advertisements, notices or any change in your address etc, to the President.

Next issue we shall publish the list of members of the N. C. P. A. the U. D. S. and Anglo American S. E. that have paid up their dues in the M. P. A. See that yours are attended to.

Letter from International secretary:

"As President of the N. C. P. A. I hereby authorize the amalgamation of said society with the M. P. A. I can get no word since September from the secretary, so am unable to consult with him, but I am confident that it is to the best interests of our N. C. P. A. members that we unite with the M. P. A., inasmuch as the N. C. P. A. has a very negligent and utterly incompetent secretary. Except that this officer be energetic, the society cannot long exist and accordingly I decree that the N. C. P. A. be hereafter a part of the M. P. A."

Very truly yours,

J. A. D. Park, President N. C. P. A. 19. M. P. A. 33

By the above you will note that The New Century Philatelic Association has followed the example of the Union Philatelic Society, and has consolidated with the M. P. A. The "Adhesive" seems to be extinct and wherever Chapman is, he is not willing to answer any letters from the various officers of the societies of which his paper was the official organ and of which he, in many instances, was an officer. It is reported that he has funds belonging to several of these organizations and yet will answer no letters. Chapman was elected a Trustee of the M. P. A., but on account of this trouble, the office will go to Mr. Fred Cruse, who is a bright young man and our Canadian representative. To the members of the N. C. P. A. and the U. P. S. we extend the "glad hand" and hope they will find our benefits satisfactory. I am sure the officers will endeavor to please you all. Kindly send in your 1905 dues of 25c to our secretary and we will send you a new membership card with the receipt. We trust all old members of these two societies will attend to this as it will pay you well. We have REAL benefits and a good official organ. Moreover you save half your subscription price to the WEST by paying up these dues and getting the paper free. We extend our best wishes to all the N. C. P. A. members and commend the above letter to them from their president, Mr. J. A. D. Park, who is also International Secretary of the M. P. A. We think all the N. C. P. A. members will agree with Mr. Park's views on this matter. Kindly send in your dues.

Next month in addition to the list of members of the U. P. S. and the N. C. P. A. we shall publish list of all M. P. A. members who have failed to pay their dues and who will be dropped from membership in accordance with our constitution. We shall also publish the revised list of officers elected at the December 15th election. Several changes were made necessary by the inability of persons to accept the office or ineligibility to the office on account of other offices. It has been settled that the trustees will be Messrs. L. T. Brodstone, R. F. Baldwin, A. D. Blair, Fred Cruse.

Membership Committee of the M. P. A. has been formed with the following persons, Walter Nugent, Chairman; A. F. Distelhorst; John Solomon; L. Crandall; H. D. Munger; H. Mills, Fred Cruse; L. V. Cass; P. A. Mueller.

Have you tried our Exchange department? The only one in existence and a fine help to members. Besides, we have a good Sales Department. Circuit gladly sent by writing to L. V. Cass.

IF YOU ARE NOT IT YOU OUGHT TO BE! JOIN THE M. P. A.

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 tin, Texas.
 Official Organ, The WEST.

Secy-Treas Report.

New Members—308 C H Northrup,
 San Jose, Calif. Application—Earl
 M Jackson, age 24. Johnson City,
 Tenn. bookkeeper, ref W P Kelley.

Fellow Members:

The Philatelic season is now at its
 height, and it is an appropriate time to
 join our society. Send for application
 blank. Initiation fee 10c and annual
 dues 25c. The official organ is includ-
 ed in this. Respectfully,

W. P. Kelley, Secy-Treas.
 3222 Peery Ave Kansas City, Mo.

MONTANA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

LIST OF OFFICERS

President—C D Crouch.	Great Falls
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Sales Superintendent—E Spinouy. Bx 453
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Great Falls, Mont.	
Official Organ—The WEST	

Brother Members:

The demand for good stamps I have
 endeavored to supply to you to the best
 of my ability, and I have been notified
 of a new set of books, containing a fine
 lot which although priced at a small
 discount from Scott, are well worth the
 price, the condition being excellent.

I have noticed that fine stamps at a
 fair price, sell better than poor ones,
 however cheap.

Received in November and December
 1904 20 books, valued net, \$179.74 sold
 17.88, retired 50.20 balance out on cir-
 cuit. We want good U S stamps pre-
 vious to 1888 and would be pleased to
 hear from collectors at large wishing
 to dispose of their duplicates.

Respectfully yours, S. Spinouy
 Sales Superintendent, P O box 453
 Great Falls, Montana.

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Brother Members

The Sales Department of the S. C.
 P. A. of A. although only 2 months
 old, under my management, has been
 pretty well patronized. I wish to thank
 you all for your kind assistance and I
 hope to show a better result for the next
 quarter. For November and December
 1904, I received 70 books, valued net at
 \$604.11 13 books, from which \$13.68
 was sold, were returned. Some of these
 contained common stamps, therefore
 proved a poor success. Send me books
 containing medium, good and better
 stamps, as I have a class of buyers,
 that care for quality and will buy, re-
 gardless of prices if condition is fine.

As a rule, you'll find real bargains in
 this Department and I would be pleased
 upon your request, to put you on a cir-
 cuit. Any inquiries will be gladly an-
 swered by Emil Spinouy, Sales Supt

What readers can tell me what has
 become of A C Tanner, Ogden, Utah,
 reported with U P R R Hotel Co. His
 mail comes back uncalled for
 Sherman of Baltimore asks regarding
 this party also on Marshall Stamp Co,
 Chicago. Graham, Windsor, Canada,
 reports Best sent his stamps back,
 thanks to Society. Atlas Stamp Co,
 N Y reports watch for A S Arnold, 283
 Willard Ave Providence RI, J H Wer-
 ner, N Y 12 E 3 st W E Burrell Aylmer,
 Ont Canada, and Vanderwart, Troy, N
 Y. Smith of Ill. complain of R Kruse,
 Durango, Mex; L Desmarais of Los
 Gatos Cal., party named Joap, Duran-
 go Morey, Boston, reports H Schur-
 man, of Walcott, Ia. Marsh & Co.,
 Newark, N J complain of E E Rice of
 Maple Plain, Minn, Minn, who gave
 ref he has no authority to give, any
 others on this party.

New Members—D A Browne, Astoria,
 Ore; A Beug, Galveston, Tex. 305 Trust
 Bldg; Miss E Lock, Berlin, Wis
 H M Cooke, Vincennes, Ind, Bx 29; W
 Alexander, Chicago, 1192 N 44st; C L
 Hovert, Fairfield, Nebr; E E Dodds,
 Alden, Mont bx 27; A E Hindle, Geneva
 N Y; G Sherman, Baltimore, Md, Bx
 646; F McChesney, Elkton, Md; Liberty
 Stamp Co, Brooklyn, NY 562 Liberty St

Carte Mobile Trip Around The World.

M . K E L L E R

(Continued).

To the north we see the new university, a renaissance structure by Frestel, in front of this stands the Liebenberg monument. The Prater, just mentioned above, is a place greatly frequented by all classes, and there are all phases of Viennese life to be studied and to be seen. The great exhibition of 1873 was held in this park. The surroundings of Vienna contain points of beauty and interest. Among the finest resorts seen are the park and gardens belonging to the imperial chateau of Schornunn and Laxenburg. Other sights are from St. Polten, Bruck, Waidhofen and other small towns. St. Potlen is a great watering place, known for its fine fish and general fine surroundings. Bruck is also a fine town near Vienna from which we see many fine sights. Waidhofen is a beautiful picturesque town located in the valley of the Krautberg and Windhag. It is another of Austrias health resorts situated on the Ybbys. From Austria Sillisia we see fine views from Bennisch. From Raas and Liethenn as well as numerous other small towns. We now arrive in the Kaisergebirge near the meeting place of Tyrol salzburg and Bavaria in Tyrol.

On one card we see the Grand Bruenstein panorama of the superb Kaiser gebirge, together with its castle and hotel. The various points shown are the Kamerlng, Horn, Breirenberg, Hinterkore, Elferkogel, Rose, Bithborb, Lardeck, Gamesflucht, Ackerpitz, Tooten, and numerous others. Another view shows Hinterbaernbad a small at the foot

of a very high mountain by that name, of the Kaisergebirge. This peak is said to be 551 feet high. Still another view of this same mountain is seen showing the whole mountain side and village nestled at the foot. This is a very fine view and must be a grand location. Our next is a grand view from the salzburg, and its surrounding city. From the Salz burger Alps we have so many views that it is impossible to give an account of them all. The citadel or Hohensalzburg just mentioned, is a picturesque medieval fortress, crowning an abrupt eminence above the city. This fortress was founded in the 9th century, but in its present form is chiefly of the early 16th. The castle displays Baritzans at its angles and is girded by many square and cylindrical battlemented towers. one of these is over 8 feet high. This city was the birthplace of Mozart. Other cards show the Moenchberg and Kapuzinerberg above this city.

Next we come to Saint Omer, the capital of Pas-de-Calais, France, and also a strong fortress. In early times it belonged to Flanders. In 1677 it was taken from the Spaniards by Louis XV and adjoined to France. Various cards are seen, pictures of Notre Dame, the ruined church of St Bertin (where Childeric III died. The Cathedral is said to contain paintings by Ruben and Van Dyck. The church St. Bertin is built in Gothic style of architecture and has a large arched entrance. Before leaving France we will visit the famous Seaport LeHavre, from there we sail for Belgium. Our first view of Le Havre is from the harbor. On another card is seen a steamer showing the departure of the Trans-Atlantic steamer.

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Camera News



Editor, F. J. CLUTE, San Francisco

It's Winter, Yes!

By L. A. COLHURSE

Yes, I know it is winter, but that is no reason why the camera should be packed away. I know several dozen good amateur photographers of several years standing that might just as well be living in Southern California for all the variety their landscape shows. They have Spring subjects, late Spring; Summer landscapes by the hundred, and a few of the early going foliage kind of trees with bare branches. And why is it? I am willing to admit that zero weather is not the best kind to select for a jaunt abroad but snow scenes can be secured when the mercury registers several degrees higher. For my own part, carrying a fairly good sized camera about on a winter's day is much pleasanter work than perambulating around with the same load on a hot day in summer.

Try the experiment some day. Fit yourself out for the work. Wear a good heavy pair of boots made of waterproof with plenty of old-fashioned tallow if nothing else is at hand. A pea-jacket or an ordinary coat reinforced with a knit jacket or sweater next the vest, is better than an overcoat which restricts ones motions too much. Mittens will be found warmer than gloves and it is ones hands that will cause inconvenience if allowed to become numb through exposure. There is not the least danger of inconvenience if one

is fitted for the work and does not object to keeping himself in motion for the better part of the time.

And now let us consider a few reasons why we should make pictures in winter. The easiest way to do this is to ask what are our reasons for housing a camera anyway and then see if the same reasons do not apply as strongly in winter as they do in summer, if not stronger. Some of us claim that the camera takes us a field and in so doing adds to our stock of health. Which would imagine was the most conducive to good health; tiring ourselves out on a warm day or coming home exhilarated after a brisk tramp in some good brisk atmosphere? Others of us may say that the camera causes us to study nature. We can hardly claim to be students of nature if we only apply ourselves to the observation of her modes at certain seasons of the year. Here and there is an amateur who sells his pictures. Take my advice and try the market with a few good snow scenes. You will find your summer landscapes less in demand; particularly during the warmer months that will soon be here. A few of you using your camera to gratify your taste for pictorial work. What more amendable to treatment than a snow covered view? If the foreground needs to be broken up, how easily can it be done in just the manner that may best suit the idea of the photographer. The simple expedient of tramping back and forth a few times will give a line in any

direction. The first vehicle that comes into view can be asked to form a "track" in any desired direction. What would be a disfiguring item in a summer view causes no anxiety when covered with snow. All becomes amenable to the photographer to an extent that he can hardly imagine possible until experience has taught him what extent it can assist.

In winter work or rather in work done while snow mantles the ground, subjects are much more under control. There is little difficulty in deciding just how our finished print will compare with the view as seen by the eye. We are not deceived by the beauty of color that makes the view, when translated into monochrome, so disappointing. The view before us is practically in monochrome as it will appear in the finished print. As explained above, the foreground is well under control. We are left with only the question of line to engage our attention. What is better, line itself is a much simpler matter as the snow softens and harmonizes the outlines. All in all, winter should be the months during which our greatest out-door photographic activity should be shown. Get out your cameras, my fireside photographs, and when summer comes again you will thank me for having given you the hint.

DRAWING FOR REPRODUCTION

Mr. Charles E. Benham suggests a new way of making fine and intensely black lines on paper with an extremely easy flowing ink. For the cut and description of his process we are indebted to the Process Photograph. Mr. Benham says: "The surprising delicacy of the lines produced surpasses all other kinds of penmanship. For the geometric pen

the process is particularly suitable, and designs which it would be impossible to render on paper in ink, without blending of the lines, may be described to perfection. The solutions employed are: (A) Saturated solution of sulphate of iron distilled water; (B) fairly strong solution of pyrogalic acid, with a little sulphite of soda. Paper is brushed or sponged over lightly and evenly with A, and allowed to dry. The pen is filled with B, and wherever it touches the line instantly appears in black ink. The blackness of the lines increases with time, and though the ink is not immediately insoluble it becomes so in a few days. The drawing may be then washed in water, which only increases the intensity of the blacks. If they are not already jet black.

RETOUCHING A NEGATIVE ON THE GLASS SIDE.

If the glass side of a negative be smeared with paste, effective retouching can be done thereon by means of a stump and black lead. This is especially servicable with the larger sizes of plates. In case of need a thin piece of copying paper (such as is used for copying letters) can be pasted on the glass side.—Chronick.

TITLES AND NOTICE SLIDES.

The following method has been found both lasting and inexpensive: Varnish clean glass with—sandrac ten grains, mastic ten grains, methylated ether one ounce. Dissolve and add benzole one hundred minims, and then dry. Draw or write whatever is required on the mat surface so obtained, and revarnish it with sandrac fifteen grains, mastic fifteen grains, methylated ether one ounce.—H. B.

The Nebraska Camera Club

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

FOUNDED JANUARY 1898

President Miss L. Tillotson, 1305 32 St. Sta B Omaha
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Ones marked x exchange souvenir cards.

New Members.

- 761 W F Moore, Beatrice.
- 762 F T Phillips, Lincoln 1641 M St.
- 763 Rusher, Bloomington.
- 764 E C Nyrop, Neleigh, Bx 314
- 765 E Pearson, So Omaha Bx 95.

Applications.

- 766 xRoy Goodin, Crete
- 767 xMrs. G Story, Fremont, 251 North D St.
- 768 D T Herron, Pender
- 769 H R Phillips, Glendville R F D 4
- 770 J W Leedon, Osmond
- 771 Thos. Marwood, Clearwater
- 772 P Schmidt, Omaha. 3416 Burt st.
- 773 Rev. John St Library, Merick Co
- 774 H Letton, Lincoln, 165 Wash st.

Encaustic Paste.

At present—rather happily, we think a brilliant gloss is no longer the photographic fashion: indeed, the tendency is far more towards an imitation of sepia painting and allied arts. The platinum print is undeservedly popular, its diffusive surface being well adapted to the rendering of delicate tones. It is free from that general reflectiveness for light, the "gloss" just spoken of: yet there is wanting a certain richness or depth in the shadows, that pertains to varnished oil paintings or enamelled albumen or gelatine prints. And if this effect is demanded in a platinum print, the use of encaustic paste had better be resorted to. Some of the wax paste is taken on a small

pledget of cotton wool or flannel, and diligently rubbed into the surface of the mounted print, until its substance has been thoroughly impregnated, leaving none of the paste upon the surface free to be wiped off.

A Pyro Developer That Will Keep.

If you can not get distilled water, boil and filter the ordinary tap fluid. Boiling drives out the air and filtering removes the organic matter. Perhaps it would be better to filter and then boil, as filtering is apt to add air unless done carefully. Dissolve the sulphite first and then add the pyro. Use the best sulphite you can buy. That known as recrystallized is the most reliable. When both are dissolved, drop in a small crystal of citric acid and if bubbles rise while it is dissolving, drop in another, until none are seen to rise. Keep the bottle well closed with a cork that has been soaked in melted paraffine wax. Of course the alkali solution must be kept separate. If soda or potash is employed, this last requires no precautions. If ammonia, a glass stoppered bottle must be used.

Western Camera Notes.

What is a good negative? If a man has worked in photography six months and don't know a good negative when he sees it, he should buy all the publications and spend eight nights every week in studying up.—A Bogardus.



Answers

Queries should be addressed to Fayette J. Clute
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tive in:

- Hydrofluoric acid.....2 drs.
- Glycerine1 dr.
- Alcohol.....25 drs.
- Water.....25 drs.

As soon as the film begins to lift at the corners help it off with a camel hair brush and transfer to a fresh piece of glass coated with gelatine. Then allow to dry.

Do not dip the fingers in the solution till diluted with water after film floats off; the operation must be performed with care and a clear conscience.

L. M. H. Defects in Backed Plates:—You have been developed a few backed plates which showed markings on the developed plate similar to the streaks of backing applied to their backs. Nothing very wonderful about that; the plates were thinly backed (as they should be) and stood up to dry near a leaky lamp. Consequently the backing streaks printed through onto the emulsion. Remedy: A safer light and to work further from it.

FIXING HINTS.

For fixing, the use of two successive hypo baths can be confidently recommended. The first clears the coloring matter of the developer from the negative and becomes rapidly discolored. It should, therefore, be frequently renewed. The second bath need not be so frequently changed. For ordinary amateur work a dish holding one negative may be used for bath No. 1, and one holding two or four for bath No 2.

There are cameras, and cameras, and cameras, but one that will make an aged female look as she did at twenty is yet to be launched. Then the re-touchers occupation will be "beyond the ever and the never".—A Bogardus.

O. M. A: Tripod Slipping on Smooth Floors:—The slipping of tripod legs may be entirely prevented by replacing the spikes with india rubber-shod walking stick ferrules, which can be obtained at most umbrella shops. With these on the ends of the tripod one need not fear the slipping on the smoothest of surfaces, and there is no addition to one's outfit to carry or mislay.

B. McA: Combined Hydro-Metol Developer:—I would recommend the following:

- Metol50 grs
- Hydroquinone50 grs
- Sulphite of soda.....11 drs
- Soda Carbonate9 drs
- Potassium bromide16 grs
- Water30½ oz.

The metol must be thoroughly dissolved before the soda carbonate is added. The developer works quickly.

W. T. W. A Glossy Blue Printing Paper:—A glossy blue printing paper may be made by sensitizing carbon single transfer paper in the following solutions mixed in equal quantities: (A) Potassium ferricyanide one ounce, water four ounces. (B) Iron ammonia citrate one ounce, water four ounces. A highly glazed surface is obtained by drying finished prints on a ferrotype plate, as with ordinary P. O. P.

S. K. W. and Others. Stripping Films:—So many requests for a method of removing the film from a cracked negative have reached me that I give the following good formula. Immerse the cracked nega-

FOG.

One of the most troublesome drawbacks the amateur has to contend with is fog. It may happen that one has a negative which appears very satisfactory in all ways but one, and that one defect is an appearance of slight general fog all over the film.

This may be due to defective light in the dark room, from some stray light which has got to the plate while changing when on a journey, or it may have been caused by a general spreading of light which has got to the exposed plate through a steamy lens, as when exposing upon a very bright subject in cold, damp weather; again, it may be caused in some such manner when exposing upon a bright cloud, and so the brilliant light illuminates the interior of the camera far too much. If we prepare a solution of perchloride of iron 10 grs. in an ounce of water, and, after soaking our negative in cold water for a few minutes until the gelatine feels soft, we pour off the water and flood the plate with the iron solution for about half a minute, after draining we shall probably find on examining the negative that the fog has gone. It is then advisable to rinse the plate in water and flood the plate with the iron solution for about half a minute, after draining we shall probably find on examining the negative that the fog has gone. It is then advisable to rinse the plate in water and transfer it to a clean fixing bath for five minutes.

WINTER DEVELOPING.

Those who mix their own developer (and all should who care to work understandingly) should put no bromide in the stock solution during cold weather. Snow pictures made with bromide in the developer often are chalky, lacking any semblance of

halftone in the snow: if snapshots, they are almost sure to have this defect. Restraining can be effected easily by the proportions used of each component of the developer or if it comes to the worst a tray of weak bromide solution can be used to dip a plate in if it is running away from overexposure, rinsing the plate of bromide before returning to the developer.

A HINT ON GAS LIGHT PRINTING.

It is a good plan to have the various distances from the source of illumination, i. e., 4, 6., 8, 10, 12, etc, feet, marked out in some way when printing in bromide or gaslight papers, so that one does not need to measure each time the distance required. Now, is as many object to decorating (?) their walls with these measurements, a plan is sought whereby one may gauge the distance from the gaslight burner with certainty and ease. I think the best plan is to get a length of string or twine, and make a loop in this to hang over the gas-bracket. Then, holding the string taut, make a series of knots in it at regular distances as suggested above. By this means it will be perfectly easy to expose a negative any number of times with the assurance that, if the string as held tight, and the printing frame held opposite the first, second or third knot, as may be necessary, in this way perfectly uniform distances will be gauged, and the prints be uniform in character.

A SIMPLE TRAY.

A developing dish may be improvised by flooding the bottom of a plate box the size required with melted beeswax.



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Making a Reputation

Most of us amateurs are rather looked down upon by our friends when it comes to serious work. They pose for us with a patronizing air and insist on having things just as they want them, often implying by actions if not by words that our own ideas on the subject are hardly worth consideration. They ask us to make them a few prints with an air that almost says: I suppose I must show my appreciation in some way and really this is about the best I can do. Even this would not be so bad were it not for the serious handicap this mental attitude of our friends places upon our work. They fail to find any merit in even our accidental good picture. At best "it is very good work for an amateur." Knowing all this from sad experience great was my surprise to find the acquaintances of a certain amateur friend all lauding his ability most highly. As I could find no evidence of anything out of the ordinary in his work I was interested in learning how he had managed to secure such a reputation. It was all as easy as one could wish. It seems that he had early in his career desired to reproduce some sketches made by an artist friend. Of course the results were failures. He persisted, tried this method and that plan, bought "Copying Methods" of the Photo-Miniature series and gave the matter a deal of time, thought and experiment. The result was that he could copy a lead-pencil sketch or a type-written letter and secure a good black and white print. He soon found an opportunity to demonstrate his proficiency in this line by turning out work that a professional had assured one of his friends could

not be accomplished. Aside from the credit to be gained by being able to do a good piece of copying, the insight that is obtained concerning the possibilities of our tools is well worth the effort involved in mastering the matter. Again, lettering and even quite creditable drawing is within the power of many persons if the scale be generous.

A large sheet of bristol board and some drawing ink opens great possibilities in the way of invitations, menu cards, dance programs and the like to the amateur capable of producing a good negative from the finished effort of the artist. It was in this line of work that my amateur friend had perhaps most widely advertised his ability as a photographer. —Camera Craft.

Focussing in Dark Interiors. The image is more clearly visible if the ground side of the screen slightly smeared with vaseline or a nondrying oil. Should too much be applied the screen resembles clear glass too much to be convenient. An eyepiece or focussing glass should be employed. The type known as the Ramsden or compound eyepiece is the best, and can be obtained of sufficiently good quality for the purpose at a moderate price.

HER FIRST LESSON.

To the camera he held her,

While her mamma gently sat:

And peeping inside the tot exclaimed,

"Oh, you're standing on your hat!"

One photographer is a good poser but does not light his subject well. Another lights perfectly but is not much as a poser. Another poses and lights well, but slips up on the focus. Not every man that is complete in all. —A Hogardus.



The Lusterine Manufacturing Company has removed from Salem, Oregon to Long Beach, California. They are now even nearer to the Editor of this Department than they were before. I saw some fine pillow covers made on their cloth about a month ago. They were printed by a professional and each top held about fifteen four by five prints. They were all printed on one piece of cloth. Of course it was a lot of work: a mat had to be cut with fifteen openings in it and the thin negatives had to be held back with the required number of sheets of tissue paper, but he got five dollars apiece for them and so he did not mind the extra work. With one for a sample he took orders for about thirty of them and said they were the best paying work he turned out during the season. Do not forget to write them about this excellent printing fabric that they are putting out.

I have been trying some of those developing powders that are put up by the Photo Supply Company of Revere, Mass. The way I happened to send for some is explained by the fact that I have always been a great admirer of Eikonogen and have not been able to get it in ready prepared form at the local stores. This powder that the Photo Supply people are putting up is all that one can desire. A 25 cent box will prepare twenty-four ounces of the finest developer in the world and one that you can use over and over until it will work no

longer.

There are several good things for the amateur photographer advertised in this issue. The way to keep up with the times is to send for samples or information concerning them all. The dealers will not bother to carry them on their shelves until there is a demand for them. I remember when paper first came on the market. We all saw it advertised in the magazines but it was several months before we could find it in the stores, outside of the large cities. Some of us sent and got samples and gave it a trial. If we did not have success the makers were only too glad to help us along. What was the result? When the paper became popular us few who had been investigating it were past-masters in the art of working it and were turning out fine prints while the others were having the usual trouble. No one could blame us for putting on an air of superiority and explaining that we had used the paper for some time and were getting fine results. Answer all the advertisements and keep a little ahead of the procession.

A PASTING HINT.

A good pasting tool is made by enclosing a tuft of cotton wool inside a piece of wash leather, the edges of which are gathered together and tied with string to form a handle. The contrivance will spread very thick starch paste quite evenly and smoothly. For large work it will be found particularly useful, as thick paste is more adhesive than thin, and the print on which it is spread is easier to handle.

Copying the work of another may be resorted to sometimes, but it is far better to give the public ideas that are original with himself.—A Bogardus.



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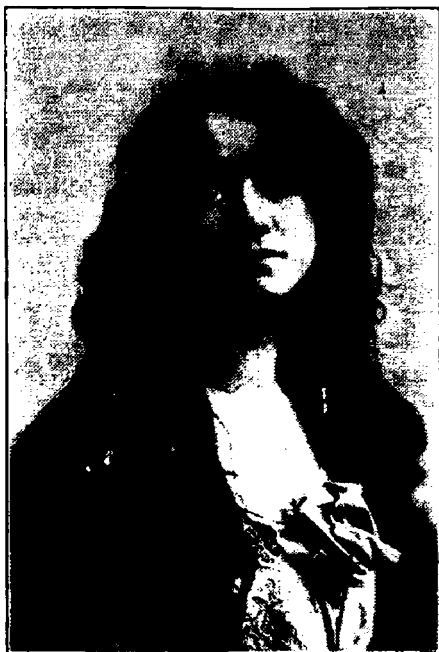
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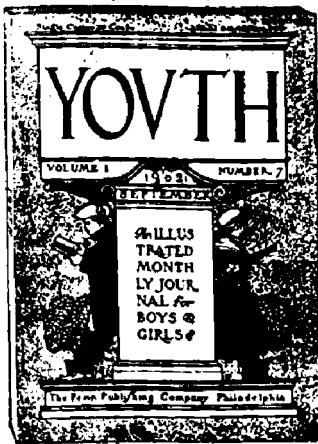
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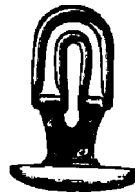
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FOREIGN SILVER—DOLLAR SIZE

Lot

- 1 1726 France Louis XV Crown, good
- 2 1793 " XVI "
- 3 1801 (an 13) " Nap'ln I, 5Fr. "
- 4 1871 Spain Mo. Mint Charles III 8
reals good
- 5 1804 " " " III 8
reals very good
- 6 1816 Prussia Fred. Wm. III 1 thaler
very good
- 7 1877 Uruguay 1 peso nearly fine
- 8 1869 Peru 1 Sol "
- 9 1881 Chili 1 Peso unc.

HALF DOLLAR SIZE

- 10 1840-1901 India rupees Victoria real
good and very fine 2pcs.
- 11 1888-1891 Portugal 500 reis Lewis
& Charles about fine 2pcs
- 12 1821 Spain Ferd. VII Resellado
good scarce
- 13 1892-03 Col. Republic & Straits Set-
tlement 50c very good 2 pcs

QUARTER DOLLAR SIZE AND SMALLER

- 14 1714 Spain, 1826 Peru 1892 Chili
and Kwang Lung g'd Unc. to 4pcs
- 15 Breton 859 1/8 dol. very good
- 16 " 860 1-16 dol. "

FOREIGN COPPER

- 17 1672 Charles II farthing good
- 18 1694 Wm. & Mary " & 1/2d. fair-

- ly good 2 pcs
- 19 1700 Wm III 1-2 d. good
- 20 1722-4 Geo 1 1-2d & farthing good
2pcs
- 21 1736-54 Geo II young and old bold
heads 1-2d. and farthing good and
very good 4pcs
- 22 1773 & 5 Geo III 1st coinage very
good 2pcs
- 23 1797 Geo III 2 pence the "cart-
wheel very good, scarce
- 24 1797-9 Geo III penny 1-2 d. & farth-
ing good to very fine 3pcs
- 25 1806 Geo III fourth & last issue 1
1-2 & 1/4 d. very good or fine 3pcs
- 26 1826 Geo IV 1-1/2-1/4 d. (2 rar) good
to fine 4 pcs
- 27 1822 Geo IV farthing proof
- 28 1831 to 1901 Wm IV & Victoria pen-
ny to 1-12d. fair to rre 15 var.
15pcs

IRELAND

- 29 1682 Charles II 1-2d. good
- 30 1689 James II "gun money" 30-12-
6d. fair 3 pcs
- 31 1690 James II "gun money" size
smaller 30 & 12d about good 2pcs
- 32 1693 to 1822 Wm & Mary to Geo IV
9 var good 9pcs

CHANNEL ISLANDS

- 33 Jersey very good to fine 6 var 6 pcs
 34 Guernsey set of 4 unc. 4 pcs.
 35 Anglesey Mines, Bakers, Bath, Birmingham (3) Bristol (3) Brighton, British Naval, Brunswick, Bungalow, Bury, Caermarthen, Camac, Canterbury, Chichester, Coalbrook, Cronebane, Dublin (2), Dundee, Edinburgh, Enniscorthy & Exeter, different very good to fine 25 pcs
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 37 Glasgow, Haverhill, Hull (2) Lackington (2), Lancaster (2) Inverness, Ipswich, Dr. Sam Johnson, Leeds, Leith, Leek, Liverpool (2), London (9), different, very fine, 25 pcs
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 64 Two cent pieces 1864-8 9 2ea Unc bright 6 pcs.
 65 Two cent piece 1872 good scarce
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- 66 1857-8-9-60-1-2-3 4- nickel very good to very fine 8 pcs
 67 1857-8 Eagle cents 5 ea. Good 10 pcs
 68 1862-3 5 ea Unc 10 pcs
 69 1864-5-7-8-9-70-9-80-1-2 bright Unc 10 pcs
 70 1883-7-8-90-1-2-3 6- 1901-4 bright unc 10 pcs

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- 71 1793 Wreath barely fair date invisible
 72 1794 very fair
 73 1795 "
 74 1796 Fillet head very fair
 75 1797 good
 76 1798-1800 over 1790 good 2 pcs
 77 1801 good
 78 1802-3 very good 2 pcs
 79 1804 poor guaranteed genuine, rare
 80 1805 good
 81 1806 good scarce
 82 1807 very good
 83 1808 good
 84 1809 barely fair very scarce
 85 1810-12-14 very good 3 pcs
 86 1811 scarce good.
 87 1813 "
 88 1816-17-18-19-20 very good 5 pcs.
 89 1820 bright Unc
 90 1821 good
 91 1822-4-5 6-7 very good 5 pcs
 92 1823 scarce good
 93 1828-9-30-31-2 very good 5 pcs
 94 1833-4-5-6-7 very good to fine 5 pcs
 95 1838-9-40-1-2 " " "
 96 1843-4-5-6-7 fine 5 pcs
 97 1848-9-50-1-2 very fine 5 pcs
 98 1850 bright Unc
 99 1852 bright Unc
 100 1853 bright Unc
 101 1856 Unc
 102 1853-4-5-6- very fine 4 pcs
 103 1857 about fine scarce

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- 104 1800 good scarce
 105 1803-4-6-7 8 good 5 pcs
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 very good one is mended 3 pcs
 110 Apr. 10 1774 1-6, 1/3-1-2-6 good and
 very good two are mended 5 pcs
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- 111 Oct 18 1884 1 Shil 6 pence Pine tree
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- 112 May 5 1780 1 2-3-4-5-6-6-7-8-20 dols
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- 113 Mar. 10 1769 for relief of poor 2
 shill fair mended
 114 Apr. 3 1772 half a crown very good
 115 Mar. 20 1773 6-16 shillings good
 2pcs
 116 Oct. 1 1773 18 pence
 117 Dec 8 1775 10-20-40 shillings very
 good 3pcs
 118 Apr. 26 1776 1 Shil 18 pence very
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 124 Nov 20 1775 1-3 dollars good 2 pcs
 125 Feb. 17 1776 1-6-1/3-1/2-2/3-4 dols good
 and very good 5 pcs
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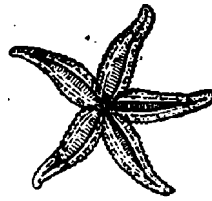
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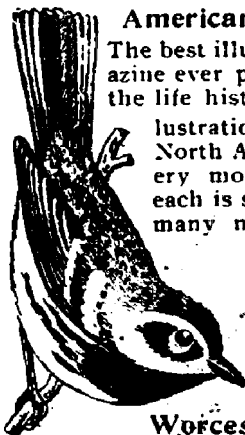
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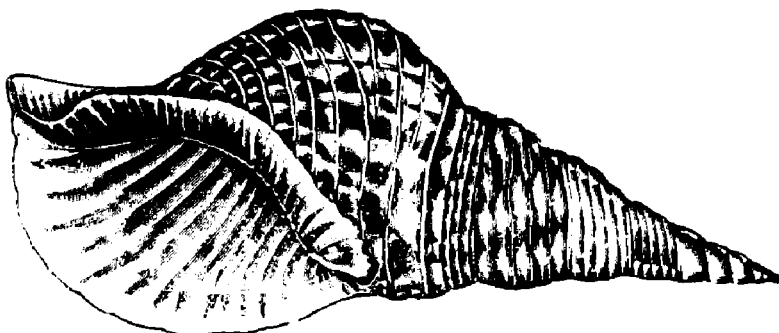
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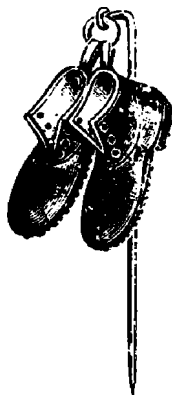
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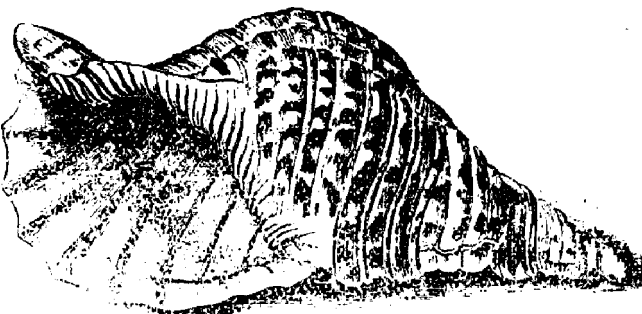
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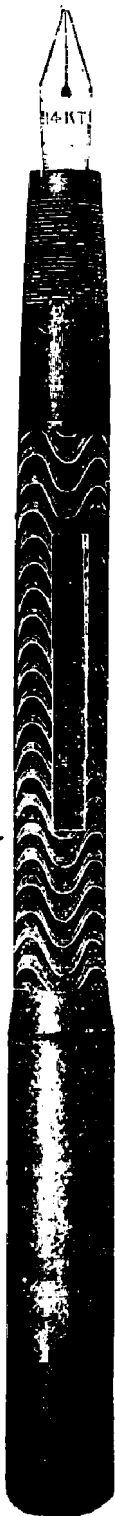
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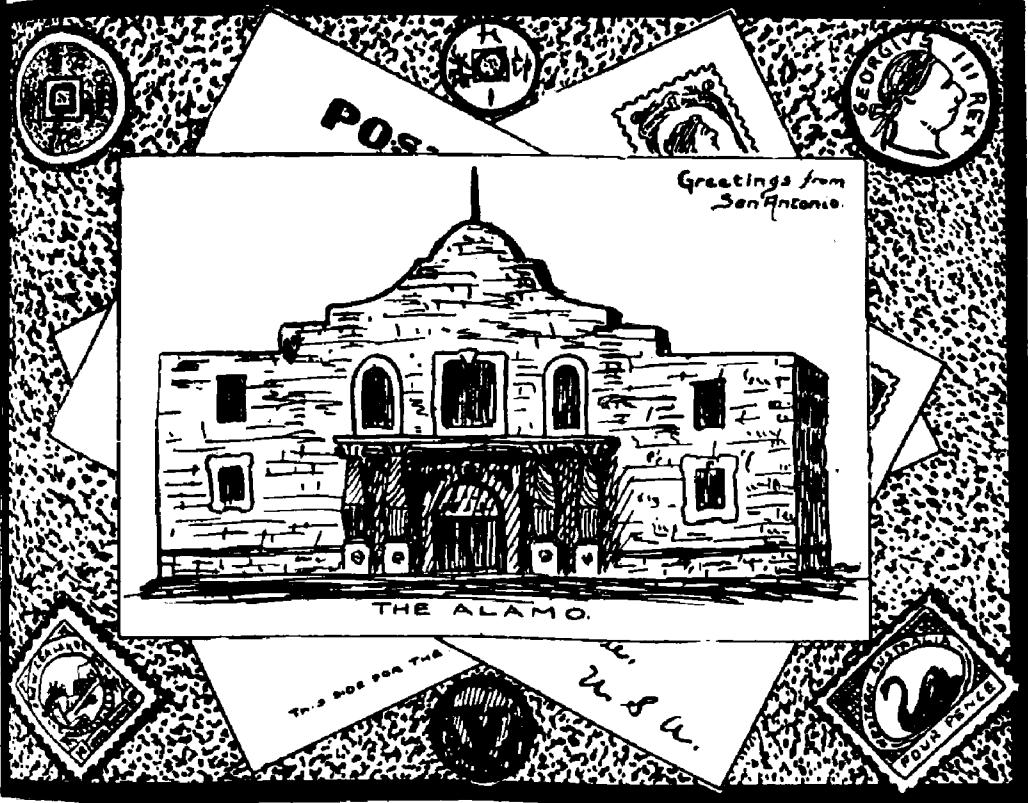
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*2c Interior Dept	08	03
*10c Special Del 1885	30	15
*1c " " 1888	25	13
*1c " " 1893	20	12
*1c " " 1894	20	12

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" 18c "	1 25	60
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1883 1c green	06	02
1889 5c black blue	1 50	65
1893 1c green	06	02
" 2c violet	08	03
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*2c Interior Dept	13	24	2 " " "	08	14
*1c small I. R.	25	42	5 " " "	60	1 10
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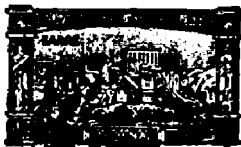
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60 "	10 50	
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1901 1, 2,		
3, 5, 10,		
20 lepto	6c	55
1901 25 lepta	25c	2 15
30 "	1 20	11 75
40c, 50 lepta each	1 00	9 50
1 draehme	3 15	



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" 10c black	4 50	1 95	" 1c unused	75	25
1851 1c blue	30	12	" 6c Washington	65	30
" 5c red brown	10 00	4 00	" 10c Coat of Arms	85	40
" 10c green	75	30	" 12c Steamship	65	30
" 12c black	2 00	95	" 15c L of Columbus	1 50	70
1857 1c Type II	1 00	40	" 15c " variety	3 50	1 50
" 1c Type III	15	07	" 24c Dec of Indep	5 00	2 05
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" 5c " III	2 50	1 15	" 90c Lincoln	15 00	7 50
" 10c green	35	10	1870 1c grill	50	25
" 12c black	1 25	50	" 2c "	10	02
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" 30c orange	6 00	2 25	" 6c "	3 00	1 25
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" 24c rhd lilac	1 00	45	" 15c orange	75	30
" 30c orang	50	25	" 24c purple	1 50	70
" 90c blue	3 50	1 70	" 30c black	40	15
1862 2c Jackson	06	03	" 90c carmine	1 25	55
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1870 1c grilled	20
1870 *2c o. g. fine	2 00
1871 Nat'l 1c	05
" " 2c	02
" " 7c	25
" " 12c	20
1872 cat'l *2c o. g.	60
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" " 12c	20
" " 24c	2 00
1870 *90c Nat'l o. g.	6 00
NEWSPAPER STAMPS	
1865 *5c blue border fine	6 50
1875 *36c rose (thick paper)	1 10
1879 *2c black	12
" 4c "	15
1875 10c " (card p.)	45
DUE STAMPS	
1891 50c claret	40
" " " pair	80
REVENUES	
*2c lake playing card	05
FIRST ISSUE	
2c blue playing card	10
1c telegraph	05
2c proprietary orange	50
3c telegraph	07
\$1 50 Inland Exchange	06
IMPERFORATED	
\$1.00 mortgage	60
" manifest	60
2.00 conveyance	1 00
3.00 Charter Party	60
3.00 Manifest	65

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\$5.00 Conveyance	60
" Charter Party	1 25
" Manifest	1 50
" Mortgage	1 40
DEPARTMENTS	
INTERIOR—	
1c and 2c on original cover (rare)	15
*30c vermilion o.g.	50
*90c " "	1 75
*24c " "	40
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90c " "	1 00
JUSTICE—	
*1c purple o g	60
*2c purple o g	1 25
10c purple	1 10
6c "	40
3c "	30
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12c blue	60
15c "	1 25
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A Letter of Import to Lovers of Stamp Reading.

We take great pleasure in announcing that on January 1, the complete Editorial control of the STAMP LOVERS WEEKLY passed into the hands of Mr. Louis G. Quackenbush. Everyone familiar with American Philatelic Journalism for the past fifteen years will know how much it means to this paper to secure the exclusive services of this brilliant writer and editor.

Mr. Quackenbush comes to us from MEKEEL'S STAMP COLLECTOR, of which he has been Editor for the past three years, and for whose success his skill and ability as a journalist is largely responsible. We can confidently promise our readers that under his management the STAMP-LOVERS WEEKLY will grow vastly in interest, readability and general usefulness to the live collector.

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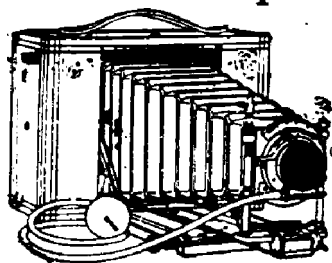
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Lot No.	UNITED STATES	Cat. Val.	No. in Lot	face	
					1.25 19
1	New York 1845, 5c on entire cover	\$ 7.50	1	45 Danish West Indies 1873 1c block unused o. g.	80 4
2	1851, 1c Type II 3c both o g	4.00	2	46 Dominica cat no. 17, 19, 21, 22, o g	2.96 10
3	1851, 10c fine	3.00	4	47 Gambia 1887 ½p full sheet unused o. g.	
4	1851, 3c o g very fine	1.50	1	48 Gambia 1887 1p full sheet unused o. g.	2.70 15
5	1857 to 1868 fair to good	3.85	6	49 Great Britain 1860 p. o. jubilee envelope 5 post cards unused something nice.	2
6	1857 3c Type I o g trimmed at bottom, otherwise very fine	12.50	1	50a 1883 Hawaii Island \$1.00 o. g. south west centered	13.50 1
7	1857 12c unused fine	2.00	1	50 Hawaii Islands 1893 12c red surcharged block of 4 unused o. g. superb	2.40 4
8	1857 24c extra fine	4.00	1	51 Hawaii mixed lot all unused fine	3.00 40
9	1857 24c fine	4.00	1	52 Hawaii Islands mixed lot late issues face 279	6.40 49
10	24c on original cover—one straight edge	4.00	1	53 Hawaii fine mixed lot	6.60 33
11	1862—66 5c red, brown, unused o g one or two small defects hardly worth mentioning	20.00	1	54 Hayti 1881-83 o great lot	4.50 8
12	1862—66 5c red, brown lightly cancelled	3.50	1	55 Hayti mixed lot	1.79 18
13	1867 1, 2 and 3c unused o g not very well centered	7.50	3	56 Mauritius mixed lot all but 1 unused	3.00 12
14	1867 mixed lot, 1 to 12c	3.55	6	57 Mecklenburg, Schwerin and Stralitz	9.55 5
15	1869 1, 2 and 3c unused 2c has straight edge	3.00	3	58 Netherlands 1878 1gld	3.00 25
15a	U. S. 1869 24c average copy	5.00	1	59 Newfoundland 1857 2p unused	2.00 1
16	1869 30c good	3.00	1	60 Newfoundland cat no 35 26 both fine	3.50 2
17	Cat. Nos. 28, 119, 162, 163, 229 fine lot	3.75	5	61 Newfoundland cat no 18 20 g 24 5 g	2.10 3
18	1871 12c, 24c, 3 copies, good	5.00	4	62 Newfoundland 1865 12c very fine block.	2.40 4
19	1878—1879 30c fine lot	19		63 Newfoundland cat nos 23 30s 30 a fine o g	3.75 3
20	Cat No. 134, 153, 1201, 1203, 1204	4.00	5	64 Newfoundland 1867 6c blocks o g	1.50 6
21	1871 to 1882 all unused	16.50	11	65 Newfoundland cat nos 32 36 37 38 s 43	3.00 5
22	1890 90c unused finely centered	1.50	1	66 Newfoundland mixed lot 42-59 etc.	2.55 7
23	1893 15c blocks of 5 unused o g	2.00	4	67 Newfoundland approval book of 30 with few others good stamps	15.50 60
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24	1895 \$1.00 picked copies	5.00	10	68 New South Wales 1888-89 complete including 4p brown very rare all unused	4.00 7
25	Justice 1c unused o g fine	1.50	1	69a Philippine cat no 26 blocks unused	1.80 4
26	Justice 2c unused o g fine	3.00	1	69 Orange R Colony cat no 80 block unused fine	2.00 4
27	Justice 12c unused well centered	3.00	1	70a Spain cat no 16 fine	5.50 1
27a	7c Navy good used copy	10.00	1	70 Prince Edward Island mixed lot unused	463 23
27b	90 Navy good used copy	10.00	1	71 Johore 1894 \$100 unused scarce	1
28	Treasury 7c unused well centered	2.50	1	72 Tobago 1879 3p unused	2.00 1
29	Periodicals, set of 1895 except \$2.00 well centered o g		11	73 Virgin Is. no 8, little tear on edge not noticeable superb copy unused o. g.	6.00 1
30	Cat. No. 1217 unused o g fine	2.00	1	74 Virgin Is. 1883 1p unused o. g.	1.25 1
31	Cat. No. 1206 unused o g fine		1	75 " " 1883 4p unused o g	1.50 1
32	Revenues, mixed lot fine	5.60	35	76 Virgin Islands 6p unused	1.50 1
33		2.50	24	77 Virgin Islands 1880 1p unused o g complete sheets	2.88 24
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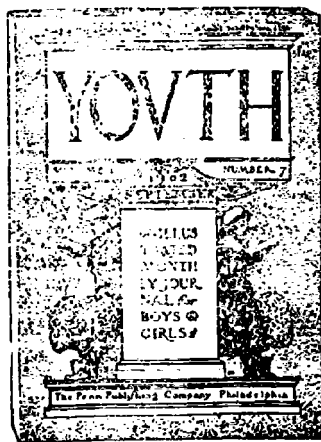
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A. Rosenbery, Woodville, New Zealand: "I consider the WEST the finest collectors paper I have ever seen and this makes My fifth year. It gets better every year."

Advertising - Bluff

By G. GRANDPIERRE

It is unfortunately true, that the greater the bluff, the larger will be the success of an advertisement. There is quite a large class of stamp collectors which will fall in on bluff advertisements and will utterly disregard sober announcements of serious firms.

Everyone advertises the way he chooses and I admit that the philatelic papers, most of which are far to be paying concerns, can not well afford to refuse too high toned advertisements. Certainly though, the line should be drawn somewhere, as many dealers and their advertisements do philately more harm than good.

I know of more than one inexperienced collector who has been so disgusted with the results of his applications for sheets or single stamps in reply to dealers advertisements, that he has turned his back to philately.

The publishers should do something in the way of reform of the philatelic advertisements. They have better means to ascertain the true standing of an advertiser than the prospective customer. Should a dealer not known to the publisher send in a ad that at first sight seems to be a "bluff," it should be refused.

I have on my table the latest number of an American philatelic paper subsisting largely on small advertisements. There are amongst them not less than five offering the "best" or the "finest" sheets in the world. This pretention is in itself so stupid, that no respectable paper should print it.

Being a large buyer of stamps and wishing to ascertain the truthfulness of the allegations or quite a number of dealers unknown to me I have for weeks written to almost every dealer offering approval sheets to put me on

their list. I have particularly selected those pretending to have "thousands of varieties in stock." One of them who advertised ten thousand varieties on hand" and requests want lists sent a few sheets which were not worth the postage spent on them. With many others, I did not make better experiences and as a rule I have been persuaded that nearly all of those boasting of a big stock have hardly reached the 2000 mark in their own collections.

Suppose a beginner has made the above mentioned experience. He will simply not bother any more about approval sheets and put the embryo of a collection he possesses to one side, perhaps forever.

Another mania for small dealers is to cover the precare existence with the big name of "company." So and so "company" that sounds big, but if we look deeper into the matter we will find that the company has often for a stockholder a boy not very far in his teens.

Not only the collectors, but also the real dealers and papers themselves must suffer from that mania of "bluff." If I was publisher of a stamp paper. I think I would not accept any sort of bluff advertisements and I think that it would pay me better to omit them altogether. The serious collector, the one who really takes interest in our hobby, the one who buys, very soon finds out which class of advertisers need catchy headlines to make their business pay and—avoids them, giving rather his patronage to serious dealers offering goods they can really supply at advertised prices.

The public themselves should help the publishers in cleaning out their ad pages. In communicating to them all and every complain they have or think to have against an advertising dealer. I do not suggest a new kind of "black list," beware, but simply to give to publishers a clue to follow, to induce them to take some information about their patrons and to refuse their advertisements, should it seem to be in the interest of the collectors. Many dealers should not be allowed to cover their irresponsibility under the name of a "company" and as long time as the law of many states in the U S does not compel companies to be incorporated or the names of the partners published, the stamp papers should make that law among themselves. That would be good work and paying work for every philatelist.

Notes for U. S. Collectors To drive the foe from Dixie.

E R A

The highest per centage gain among the larger post offices of the country for the month of December was that of Peoria, Ill., twenty-two two per cent while that New York showed but six and Chicago fourteen per cent.

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The Philadelphia post office showed an increase of \$330358.75 in stamp sale in 1904 over those of 1903. The increase in different items was: Stamps \$176754, stamp books \$5363.10, envelopes wrappers and cards \$22146.67 and special request envelopes \$26300.96.

F. A. Smith reports the Elgin 1c, 1902 and 2c 1903 precancelled as existing in inverts, also the Clintonville, Conn., 1c 1902 reading down double print.

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I recently saw two interesting original covers which did postal duty in the Southland during the civil war period. Both were of the pictorial "souvenir" variety, one having the Confederate war flag on with the poetic inscription beneath:

"Far better to perish with honor.
Far better to go to the grave,
And better to die as a free man
Than live as a Northern's slave."

The other one showed a landscape with a cotton field in foreground, a steamboat to a placid river in centre ground and the sun rising over the rocky bluffs in the background, in the upper left corner, and the poetic sentiment:

"Death to each marauding band
Who would defile this glorious land,
The white and black man's Dixie,
For e'en the slaves would take a hand

The issues of newspaper stamps for the year ending June 30, 1897 was 5544279 stamps of which 1045150 were of the one cent value, 1321025 of the two cent value and 1075935 were of the ten cent value. Nearly three times as many hundred dollar ones than of the fifty dollar value were sent forth, 12915 of the former and 4420 of the latter.

Herman H. Kippenbreg, of Femme Osage, St Charles Co., Missouri, supposed to be the oldest postmaster in the U. S. died at his home Jan. 3. He was appointed during Filmore's administration in 1850 and has continuously held office ever since.

Owing to the increased number of frauds attempted in domestic money order it is reported that the postmaster general has issued an order directing that new form which will be more difficult to tamper with be prepared.

A very little known local is that which was employed by A. S. Faunce in Atlantic City in 1885-6. At this time there was no governmental delivery and he conducted a delivery, collecting mail from a number of drop boxes which he placed in prominent places, also delivering mail for regular customers. The stamps are round, about the size of a penny, printed in red on black. They are now but seldom offered.

A 6-cent carmine postal card has been issued for Ceylon. A 2½-cent green postal has been issued by Curaco. The design is in the familiar figure type.



Papers desiring an impartial review on the-
dies of those below, are requested to send a
copy of each issue to the address below:

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gebeten ein Tauschexemplar regelmaessig an
den Unterzeichneten zu senden.

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l'envoyer un exemplaire en echange a l'ad-
dresse sous-donnee.

Deseeames recibir esemplares de cambio de
las publicaciones filatelicas estrañjers a la
adresa enseguida

R. R. Thiele, Wauwatosa Wis. U S A

Our Sprightly friend, Ewen's
Weekly Stamp News, has lately issued
a buying list giving prices at which
the publishers will buy stamps. The
Philatelic Journal of Great Britain
in No. 168 pokes a little fun at this
list and begins one of its own from
which it brings a "random selec-
tion" on the following lines:

MAURITIUS.

1847, inscribed—'Postoffice' on left
side, imperf.

	Unused		Used	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
1. 1d red	10	0	3	4
2. 2d blue	10	0	3	6

1848, inscribed 'Postpaid' on left
side, imperf.

3. 1d red	0	8	0	4 3/4
4. 2d blue	0	8 1/2	0	4 2-16

It needs no microscope to see the
joke there.

In this number M. Raffalovich has
an interesting article on the 1d red
of Great Britain—the old "Penny
Red." His remarks on the different
papers of this stamp and on the two
alphabets found in the corner letters
present nothing new—though little
attention has so far been paid to
these two alphabets—but this expla-

nation of the inverted watermarks
found on these stamps is a new one
to me. I quote as follows:

"I do not think that their exist-
ence is due to carelessness. The rea-
son why we find inverted watermarks
is due to the fact that the paper on
which these stamps were to be print-
ed was not furnished, as nowadays,
by the printers. It was ordered by
and delivered to the Government
which provided the printers. Thus
all the paper had to be counted over
several times: firstly, when delivered
from the makers, secondly, when
handed over to the printers, and then
again when distributed to the presses.
For facilitating the counting of the
sheets, their control and their supply
to the machines, each 1001st sheet
was turned round upside down.
Each such sheet, of course, furnished
inverted watermarks, which were not
produced through carelessness, but
through the requirements of counting
and control. I therefore think that
we must consider them as a philatelic
variety worth putting in our collec-
tions."

I wonder whether this can really
be established as the true reason for
their existence.

No. 4 of *Le Journal des Philatel-
istes* brings a startling piece of news.
It relates to Baden, which has so
long been a closed chapter in our al-
bums, and is as follows:

"Service stamps, similar to those
issued by Prussia, will be in use in
this grandduch from January 1st to
December 31st 1905 and probably all
the states of the Empire will fall into
line, one per year. The frame of the
current German stamps has been re-
tained; the inscription 'Freidurch
Ablosung No. 16' reads diagonally
on a white ground which shows in
greyish tint a large figure 16. The
set will comprise six values: 2, 3, 5,

10, 20 and 25 pfennig."

That all the States of the Empire will follow suit is of course a gratuitous guess. Bavaria and Wuerttemberg are at once too be excepted; of the others only a part have entered into an agreement with the Imperial Postoffice whereby they pay a lump sum annually for their correspondence—others pay for their stamps like our States do; finally of those paying a lump sum only the larger ones will possibly use these 'service' stamps, whose only use is to arrive at a definite basis of payment, so that should properly be designated as 'counting' stamps. It is a debatable question, by the way, whether they should be classed under the separate States, such as Prussia and Baden, or under the German Empire: I for my part should vote for the latter, as they are issued by the Imperial authorities.

The same paper announces a new set for Servia with head of King Peter I. It is to appear January 14th and is to consist of the following values: 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 50 paras, 1, 3 and 5 dinar. Other details are not yet forthcoming. Really, isn't Servia doing a little too much of this kind of thing lately?

M. Lemaire has received a letter from a collector in London, known for his fine collection of Canadian stamps, which contains the following sad news:

"I have had the misfortune to lose in an incomprehensible manner twelve fine copies of the 12 pence black Canada, five on the original letter and seven loose, all used. They were in an envelope with my name and address. I am afraid that they may have fallen into a large wastepaper basket whose contents are burned everyday."

To think of it—a collector having

Canada twelve pence lying around in such profusion that they get into the wastepaper basket! If most of us could manage to get one copy only, we would be apt to buy a fireproof safe for it and only get it out for loving inspection on great holidays. It must be a nice thing, in some ways, to be rich.

No. 3 of the same paper brings the information, fortified by certain very impressive official documents, that the Free State of Counani has organized a postal system and has again issued stamps, which were to be placed in circulation on January 1, 1905. The stamps show a fivepointed star, a branch of laurel at the left, a branch of oak at the right, Counani at top, Tresor at left, Postes at right, value at foot, figures of value in the corners, perforated. The values are

5 centimes	green on greenish
10 "	carimne on rose
25 "	ultramarinne on bluish

All small size.

50 centimes	violet on white
1 franc	orange on straw

Large size.

Official stamps: the same values, in the respective sizes, but all printed in yellow on white.

Fiscal stamp: 60 centimes carmine on white.

And now the battle is on again: shall we recognize these stamps or not? Brazil is not willing to recognize the new Republic, but so far the Counanians seem to have held their own. It is quite possible that in the course of time the map of South America in that vicinity may have to be revised and these stamps may have to be duly recognized.

Madrid Filatelico in No. 28 describes a stamp received by it from Paraguay which I do not now remember having seen described as yet. It

purports to have been issued by the provisional government, i. e., the revolutionists and bears the arms of Paraguay in the center in an oval with the words Paz y Justicia and surrounded by the words Gobierno Provisorio del Paraguay—Agosto 1904—U. P. U., with the value 1 centavos below: it is printed in blue. If it is really in use by the revolutionists it seems odd that we have not heard of it earlier: the revolution is still in progress and the regular government seems to be confined to the capital.

No 48 of the Postzegelnieuws describes the first postage stamp catalogue issued in Russia: it is published by A. Sokol at Kiel and has 547 pages with two thousand pictures. The arrangement resembles that of the standard catalogues, but it leaves minor varieties severely alone. If a Russian wants to describe a stamp as perf. 14 he has to do so by saying that it is stcheturnatsatumi; zubtsikami, which no doubt is sufficient to account for the unpopularity in Russia of collecting according to perforations. Surcharged stamps are concisely described as vspomogatel'nuya marki while a watermark is known as a vodyanoy znak. I do not vouch for these terms which are copied from our esteemed colleague.

M. Maury is the indefatigable champion of the Gallic cock as the emblem of Republican France and loses no opportunity to urge its adoption. In No. 289 of his bright little paper, *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste*, he illustrates no less than fifteen stamp designs, many by prominent artists, of all of which the cock forms a more or less prominent feature. Some of them are decidedly comical, but others are really worthy of adoption. France has had no armorial bearings during the thirtyfour

years of the third Republic other than the letters RF and it might do worse than to take the gallant and chivalrous barnyard rooster as its emblem on the next issue of stamps. The current designs are by no means satisfactory as all collectors know.

I quote the following: "Under date of Oct. 5th our correspondent at Canea wrote us that the 5 lepta stamps (of Crete) had become exhausted and as those of the new set were not yet ready, they proceeded to surcharge the orange 2 lepta stamps by means of two figures 5 covering the old value. The decree relative to this provisional had already been published, but we have heard nothing more since." (Nor has any one else, it appears.) "According to the Sketch the London house of Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., is manufacturing the new stamps; they are expected to be ready in November."

Our contemporary also quotes the following from the *Journal Officiel* of Reunion:

"At its last session the General Council adopted a project submitted to it by the postal department on the subject of replacing the stamps now in use in Reunion by others peculiar to the colony. The administration requests persons who are inclined to contribute to the study of the project of these new stamps to send in designs for them. They must be of three types taken from the fauna and flora of Reunion or bearing the portraits of its great pioneers. The stamps are to be engraved in tailee-douce and printed in two colors. Some specialists have already furnished designs and photographs towards the new stamps. A commission will be appointed to make a choice among the models sent in." I hope the new stamps may turn out more creditable than most of the late

French colonials have been.

Considerable noise has been made in the European press about certain "reprints" of the 1 peso orange, 1878, of Guatemala which have been denounced as counterfeits. Le Collecteur de Timbres Poste now has received a letter from M. G (elli) at Brussels who writes that these stamps are not forgeries, but really reprints made to his order from the original die and that the differences in the design are due to retouches made on the die. The paper and perforation purposely differ from the originals so that no confusion might arise. The stock of these reprints was sold to Mr. Bela Szekula. This letter ought to settle the controversy.

Korea is now very prominent in the public eye. Korean stamps will, therefore, receive more attention now than ever before. There was an odd issue of five values in 1885, but two of them, the 5 and 10 mow, only were ever used. The inscription is in Chinese and Korean. The value of the 5 mow is "Wuwen," in large Chinese characters at both sides. At the top, in the long oval tablet, we have the "To-Chao-Hsien-Know-Yu-Ch'ao," or "Tai-Cho-Sen-Kuk-U-Ch'o," meaning the great Korean state mailed stamp paper, or, in short, Korean official postage stamp. Used stamps of this issue are very rare, on account of a revolt which destroyed the whole postal innovation shortly after the issue was made.

PARCELS POST TREATY WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

A parcels post treaty between this government and Great Britain was signed by President Roosevelt, Secretary Hay and Postmaster General Wynne. It has already been signed by the British officials and will take

effect April 1. The maximum weight allowed is four pounds, six ounces. The rate fixed is 12 cents a pound or fraction of a pound in this country and 2 shillings per parcel in England. —Chicago Record Herald.

Formosa, should Japan lose the present war, may become the prey of some other power. At present Japanese stamps are used there. Scott's catalogue gives cuts of three stamps for this island. The first is a big label divided into four spaces. The one on top has, from right to left, "Ch'uan - Tai - Kung - Po - P'iao'z:" "Formosa Public Communication Label." This inscription probably caused collectors to consider the label as a stamp. There is no value, and the German catalogues do not list the labels.

The stamps of the old Italian states are at present a little out of fashion with the collecting world, but they are none the less interesting. The neglect of collectors to care for the stamps of Toscana, for instance, is due doubtless to the fact that so many different varieties of counterfeits exist. The stamps of Tuscany, while not beautiful, are good specimens of line engraving and afford a subject for interesting study. Look through your album and see if you have a stamp of Toscana. If you have study it—if not, attempt to get at least one of the older varieties. Remember that Toscana is an early name for Tuscany.

The stamps of Prussia for the year 1866 should never be soaked in water to remove paper from them, for they were printed on a material which is easily destroyed the intention being to prevent cleaning and reuse.

Counterfeits and Their Detection.

R. R. THIELE

(Continued.)



Genuine Counterfeit.
GREECE.

Greek stamps upon the whole have never been popular enough to make it profitable to counterfeit them to any great extent, although the late surcharges have been forged considerably. Nevertheless I have before me a whole set of counterfeits of the first issue, large Hermes. Part of them are of the type shown above at the right, part of another type. The two types of forgery are distinguishable by the fact that the one illustrated above approximates the number of pearls in the inner circle to that of the original, the original having 89 pearls, the counterfeit having 86 pearls, while the other type of forgery has only 74 pearls. So get out your glasses and exercise your patience in counting pearls. Now as to the first type of forgery. The pearls, as can be seen from our enlarged illustration, are very poorly drawn on the forgery, often running into each other: on the original they are all clearly distinct, although poor impressions may sometimes obscure this. On the original the central medallion touches the lower label, there being no distinguishable space between the medallion and the hor-

izontal line above the E. of AENT. On the forgery there is a clear space here in which the lines of the back-ground may be distinguished. These lines have not been done very well by the forger throughout the background. On the original they form a kind of masonrylike pattern, the vertical lines being connected at intervals by short horizontal lines. (In this particular like many others these stamps closely resemble the early French issues, which is not particularly surprising, as they were engraved by the same artist). The forger has not succeeded in imitating this very regular design: his background consists merely of vertical lines, blotched here and there irregularly. The head offers numerous distinctions, but they are difficult to elucidate in words and must ask the reader to study the two illustrations above. I wish to call special attention to the shadow under the lower wing of the hat; to the shape of the ear: to the curls of the hair. The eyebrow is also characteristic; on the original its upper part is nearly horizontal, while on the forgery it slopes strongly downward to the left from its very inception. The letters of the inscriptions all vary, although the differences are so minute that they are hard to describe. The inscriptions in the upper label appear crowded on the forgery, because the white line under them is much too thick. The dot at the left of the lower label is too near the corner ornament. The corner ornaments on the original consist of four rays with a dot in the center. On the forgery these ornaments are poorly drawn, appearing merely like a St. Andrew's cross, the dot in the center being indistinguishable.

The other forgery is not very well drawn. It may easily be distin-

guished by the number of pearls and their larger size. Another striking fault, visible at a glance, is found in the Greek border in the lower left corner. On the original this ornament ends at the top in the merest little hook towards the right; on the forgery this hook has become a full-length horizontal line towards the right. The other borders are correctly drawn. On the 1 lepta forgery (I have no specimen at hand) there is the same space between the medallion and the horizontal line beneath it as on the other type of counterfeit. On the 10 lepta and 80 lepta the forger seems to have noticed it: he then attempted to remedy it by widening the lower label vertically so as to bring it nearer the medallion. This made the label too wide to fit the corner ornaments and the forger had to connect them as best he could: for this reason poor connections are visible on the 10 lepta near the upper left and lower right corners of the lower label, on the 80 lepta near all four corners of the lower label. The inscriptions of the lower label were also made unduly tall by this procedure, the η especially resembling a clothespin: this on the 10 lepta. On the 80 lepta it is not so bad, but the η here has become round at the top like an inverted η . On the lepton forgery his letter is much too narrow as compared with that of the original: on the 10 lepta the numerals are much too large: on the 40 lepta the figure 4 on the original has this shape: 4; while on the forgery it is shaped like this: 4; on the 80 lepta the figures of value are very clumsily drawn, the righthand figure especially being much larger than that at the left. The inscription at the top is too thin on all values, sometimes being barely visible. The lines of the background and the head exhibit

similar deficiencies as on the other type of forgery: I call special attention to the two wings which end in sharp points on the forgery, while on the original the ends are dull. The colors all differ from the originals, but in view of the large number of shades in which the originals exist, it would not be of much use to the beginner to attempt to describe the colors. My forgeries of the second type are cancelled by a circular postmark so indistinctly impressed as to show no details: the forgeries of the first type are usually found cancelled with the figure 1 surrounded by dots.

(To be continued)

DEAL IN VALUABLE STAMPS.

Miss Kate Brosnan, a stamp collector of London had a collection of Costa Rica fiscal stamps, for which she wanted one thousand dollars. Ultimately they were sold for six hundred dollars.

In the City of London Court, Messrs. Ventom, Bull and Co., obtained a verdict for sixty dollars against Miss Brosnan as commission for introducing the purchaser. For the defence it was claimed that the sale was not effected through the plaintiffs, as the whole stamp trade had known for four years that the collection was for sale.—London Paper.

Some new envelopes, wrappers, letter and post cards have been issued by British South Africa. The envelopes issued are the $\frac{1}{2}$ -penny, green; 1d. carmine on white, and the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue on white. A $\frac{1}{2}$ -penny green and white postal and a 1 penny carmine and blue letter card have also appeared, as have two wrappers, the $\frac{1}{2}$ -penny green on buff and the 1 penny carmine on buff.

Stamps of The Confederate States.

From Hobbies of England

In 1861-65, the fateful years of the Civil War, the Southern, or "Confederate" States, found themselves deprived of what had by that time come to be recognized as one of the staple necessities of civilization—viz. postage stamps. In this predicament numerous impromptu local issues were devised by enterprising postmasters "down South"—notably in Texas, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Louisiana. Following these came a general issue under the auspices of the "government" of the Confederate States.

Very interesting, both historically and philatelically, are these curious postal labels of the stirring days of Jefferson Davis and increasingly scarce withal. The issues divide themselves naturally into two great classes—the locals and the general issues. By the circumstances of their emission these old Confederate States stamps contribute a rich chapter to the Romance of Philately, but it may be that the stories told of them are largely the outcome of that picturesque fancy which has made the Americans pre-eminent as a nation of yarn-spinners. Taking some of the better known Confederate Locals in their alphabetical order, the 5 cents stamp issued from the Post-office of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is one of the rarities of the series. The



inscriptions read: "P.O. Baton Rouge, La., 5, J. McCormick"—this last being the sign manual of the Postmaster. The name of the local post director is as much a feature of these Confederate Locals as of the U. S. A. "Postmasters" stamps. The Charleston (South Carolina) stamp is to be found on two varieties of paper being vastly rarer than its fellow. Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville are a trio of towns in Tennessee which issued postage stamps in, so to say, the Confederate interest. On the stamps of Nashville, both of the 2 cents and 5 cents values, we see immortalized the name of the Postmaster of the period, W. D. McNish, while M. C. Gallaway, Postmaster of Memphis for some reason placed his name on the 2 cents but not on the 5 cents stamp.

So far we have spoken only of ordinary postage stamps, but at many Confederate towns there were also special issues of impressed envelopes—in many cases manufactured by means of a rough and ready hand stamp. Envelopes were issued at the following centres: Aberdeen, Missouri; Albany, Georgia; Atlanta, Georgia; Antangaville, Alabama; Charleston, South Carolina; Columbia, South Carolina; Columbus, Georgia; Danville, Virginia; Franklin, North Carolina; Greensboro', Alabama; Jonesborough, Tennessee; Knoxville, Tennessee; Lexington, Missouri; Lynchburg, Virginia; Memphis, Tennessee; Milledgeville,



Georgia; Montgomery, Alabama; Raleigh, North Carolina; Richmond,



Texas; Ringgold, Georgia; Salem, North Carolina; Salisbury, North Carolina; Statesville, North Carolina; ad Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

When it is said that several towns in this list also had issues of ordinary stamps, and that a great number of others issued stamps, only, it will be seen how large a field the student of Confederate issues has to cover.

Some special rarities are the Baton Rouge stamps, the 5c. of Rheatown, Tennessee, the two stamps of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and a scarce pair issued at Tellica Plains, Tennessee.



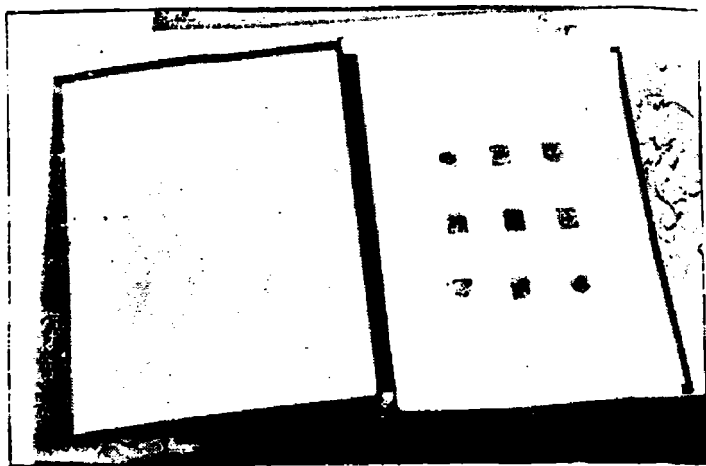
The general issue of stamps for the territories held by the Confederate forces began in 1861 with the emission of 5 cent and 10 cent stamps. These showed the heads of Jefferson Davis and of Madison respectively. It was soon found, however, the other values were needed, and during 1862 and 1863 a 2 cent (A. Jackson) and a 2 cent (George Washington) were added to the list. Later, the design of the the 2 cents stamp was completely changed, and Madison's head on the 10 cent stamps, was re-

placed by that of Jefferson Davis.

Also a 1 cent stamp, bearing a head of Calhoun, was prepared for issues but never actually used.

A great deal of philatelic interest centres in the 10 cents blue, with head of Jefferson Davis, because of the two distinct varieties of this stamp. In one, the earlier and scarcer type, the value appears wholly in words, thus: "Ten Cents," while on the later and comparatively common stamp there is a mixture of numerals and words thus: "Ten Cents". To show the importance of the difference it is sufficient to say that while the "ten" cents is catalogued by "Scott" at 10c used the "10" cents is quoted in the same catalogue at a few cents only.

All the heller values of Austria are to be altered. The present design will be retained, but the values from 1 to 6 heller will have the value in color on white ground; those from 10 to 30 will have it in black on white; those from 51 to 60 in white on color, and the 40 heller will change from olive to violet. Denmark is also planning a new issue with the head of King Christian I X in the 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 and 100 oere, while the 1, 3, 4, 12 and 15 oere are to remain similar to the present design. The French Kongo colony has just been divided into the two parts, called Gabon and Mayen Kongo (middle Congo) respectively. Gabon will no doubt receive an issue of its own and will thus re-enter the philatelic arena. The French colony of Senegal is also about to receive a new set engraved by Paul Tasset; they bear figures taken from the monument erected to Ballay at St. Louis, the capital of the colony. Algiers may also receive a set of stamps of its own.



Put them thro' the holes in the flange on front cover, then thro' the eyelet in the leaves, then thro' the back cover and fasten down smoothly. The leaves will be held firmly as in any book, but you can remove them, add more, and re-arrange them easily at any time to suit the fancy.

The Stamp Album Again

BY ELMA IONA LOCKE.

■ The collector who objects to the ready made, printed stamp album, and who undertakes to construct one to suit his own ideas, has plenty of models to copy from, it might be supposed, in the many different ones described by their owners in the various stamp paper but even so, I will undertake to describe yet another style of "home made." Though I shall aim more at a description of the construction of the book, than the arrangement of its contents.

For the cover, procure one of the patent binders such as are designed for binding magazines, of a size desired for your album. Get a good supply of sheets of nice heavy book paper, cut to fit the covers: then on what is to be the back edge of each leaf, neatly gum a strip of thin, tough paper or fine cloth as a binding. This makes a good strong edge in which to set eyelets to match those in the back of the binder.

Remove the lacing cords, and instead insert brass paper fasteners with flat heads.

\$1,600 Dollars for Four Stamps

A Valuable Block Well Paid For by an American Collector.

A New York dealer has sold to an American collector, an undivided block of four New South Wales penny stamps of the issue of 1850 for \$1,600. The firm says that this is probably the rarest block of stamps that has ever passed into the hands of American collectors, as most of the choice stamps are sold to European collectors.

The first issue of New South Wales consisted of a small square stamp with the word "Postage" at the top and "One Penny" at the bottom, and contains what was supposed to be a view of the harbor of Sydney. Th stamps have always been rare unused, and some of the cancelled copies bring as high as \$40 to \$50 apiece.

A provisional letter card has been issued by Holland, for this purpose the 5 cent blue has been surcharged "3 cent" in black.

The color of the 5 centime adhesive of New Caledonia has been changed to brown and blue. The value in blue.

Stamp Talk

BY "KEN"

Why do I collect stamps, why do I keep them after they are collected, and what do I expect to make on them in the way of profit, are questions that have been asked me, and for the benefit of those who read this, and are to general collectors, I will try to explain.

I collect stamps because I derive much pleasure from doing so, and after a hard days work, it rests and interests me, to such an extent that I forget all business troubles until they are brought to mind, by having to go to the office again.

Stamps are instructive as well as interesting, as they teach you about the population of the countries that you are collecting, teaches you when their stamps were first issued, learns you who the rulers were and now are, and also makes it such an interesting study, that once started you will never give up.

Of course that does not stand for the class of people that are constantly starting up collections, and as often throwing them away or selling them for a mere song just to be rid of them. This means the collector who when he once starts a collection, "sticks" to it, helps it along, studies over it, and buys such stamps as he or she can afford to swell its pages, and who does not hide the collection in the garret but is proud to show it to his or her friends. That is the collector that I am speaking of, and not the other, of whom I am sorry to say, we have a few.

I do not collect stamps with the idea of gain as many do, but no true Philatelist does, but collect them for the pleasure that they afford me, and will give to me until I go to that realm from which no one returns.

I would advise a collector just starting out to avoid the cheap albums. They always ruin the looks of a collection no matter how large or fine, and are very cheap and gaudy looking on the exterior. By all means purchase a good album and start well, and gradually increase your collection.

I do not mean to purchase a specialists album, but a nice serviceable album, such as you can get from any stamp dealer for about \$1.50.

After doing that the next thing to do is to think about your stamps. First select a dealer or dealers from whom you intend to purchase your stamps. I would advise a young collectors to get with some large stamp concern, and stay with them and always purchase from them as they will give you the advantage of nice lots, etc., which you would not get if you were but a light purchaser.

Next I would advise your purchasing several lots of stamps such as any dealer puts up, but do not buy the cheap lots as you will always be displeased with them. After you have purchased and mounted your stamps that you purchased in packets, I would advise sending for a selection of stamps on approval, stating whether foreign or United States stamps are wanted, and selecting the stamps that you wish or all of them if you have none of them, and mount them in your album. The dealer will then send you more stamps on approval, and as long as you remit promptly, you will receive selections to select from. I would advise, starting out your collection with foreign stamps, and later taking up the United States stamps, as very many of the U. S. stamps are too expensive for a young collector to start out with.

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STAMP NOTES

BY A. HARTMAN

The dispute between used and unused stamps is still on, but it would be a very interesting matter to see somebody to take up the collecting of unused mint condition revenue stamps, old and new issues. Surely it would take the contents of a well filled champagne barrel, when it comes to put up dough for 500 Mark Hessen Darmstadt, a 1000 dollar U. S., a five thousand pesos Buenos Ayres, a fifty thousand reis Brazil, a 100 pound England, a thousand ruppees India, a five thousand lire Italy, or a thousand sol Peru.

Specialism of Revenue stamps on the line of postage stamps specialism is carried on I hope will never come true. It is well enough to distinguish between a closed and open mouth or bright eye or dull eye, between double or single tree, letter or B touching the line, etc. But when it comes to some stamps being discovered to be $\frac{1}{2}$ millimeter less in width, caused by possible shrinking of paper, broken comma, blotch in the eye etc, nothing can be gained.

Austria has used 7 different revenue stamp designs for its different revenue stamp designs for its different branches. There are telegraph, Stempel, about 400 Anhundigung, 7, Kalender, 13, Statistic 7, Effecten Umstaz, 10, School 4, $\frac{1}{2}$ Kr., is the small value and 20 gulden the high. Stempelmarke had 13 issues since 1850. In 1898 the new currency of Krone and heller came in use and here you can find odd values, like 14, 26, 38, 88 heller. The values run from 1 heller to 50 Kronen.

Here it would not be amiss to mention that you can buy a collection of Austria Hungary Semlardei 500 for a dollar from some dealer in France, still it would take an other 500 to make a collection complete.

Making a revenue collection you have to consider following points:

1. Revenue stamps properly used and cancelled by writing or firm cancellation.
2. Remainders (cancelled in many ways).
3. Postage stamps used as revenue.
4. If you want to include telegraph stamps.

A kind of stamp which was well liked many years ago was the revenue stamp used for postage. There are many attractive varieties of these, as will be seen by consulting a catalogue under the head of Victoria. The number of foreign Revenue stamps, however, which has been issued is very great and since in many countries they are all good for postage, they have come to be a burden so far as listing them in catalogues is concerned. The interest in them also has declined to a considerable extent, and therefore, they have been dropped from the standard catalogue.

It is a difficult thing to decide as to the genuineness of the stamps of Spain surcharged "H. P. N." The counterfeit overprints are numerous, and the genuine are so coarsely printed that one can select the good from the bad. These stamps, however, are not interesting varieties and are seldom collected.

A stamp costing \$19500 has been placed on an agreement between the Metropolitan and District Electric Traction Company and the Underground Electric Railway Company of London.

Mexican Fiscals

Documentary Libros.

F. A. BROWN.
East Peru. Iowa

Continued from last number.

1877. 63x48 mm. Wmk Rentado Timbre 9 times to each sheet—sheets of 25. Bust of Juarez.

23 1c blue on azure wove paper
24 5c lilac on greenish wove paper
25 25c red on white laid paper
26 1p ochre on greenish plain paper
27 5p green on white plain paper

1877 same as above

28 1c vermilion on white wove
29 5c lilac
30 25c lilac on white paper
31 1p violet green on white paper
32 5p yellow gree on white paper

1878. 63x47mm wmk as before sheet of 25 plain wove paper. Portrait of Gen. Lenndro Valle.

33 1c orange 35 25c green
34 5c brown 36 1p ultramarine
37 5p carmine

1879. 48x64mm. wmk Renta del Timbre Machine wove paper. Bust of Jaurez Sheets of 25.

38 1c green 40 25c mauve
39 5c orange 41 1p vermilion
42 5p violet

1880 63x47 wmk horizontally laid paper sheets of 25. $\frac{1}{2}$ bust of Gen. Vecen-to Guerrero.

43 1c blue 45 25c violet
44 5c yellow green 46 1p dark green
47 5p vermilion.

1881 47x65mm Wmk perpendicularly laid paper. Portrait Don Melchor O'Campo

48 1c brown 50 25c deep green
49 5c orange 51 1p blue
52 5p carmine

1882 64x48mm Sheet of 25. Portrait of Valentine Gomez Frias

53 1c dark blue thin white wove paper

54 5c orange yellow " "
55 25c olive grn thick white laid, wmk
56 1p green " " wove, "
57 5p vermillion " " " "

1883 January issue same as above with date aud color changed

58 1c vermillion 60 25c Solferino
59 5c green 61 1p pale blue
62 5p mauve

1883-4 53x29mm Talon to left. Issued July 1883 portrait of Mora, horizon-tally laid paper 55 stamps to sheet, eleven rows of 5. wmk

63 1c orange 65 25c violet
64 5c green 66 1p carmine
67 5p pale blue

1885 6 38x63mm wove paper 48 stamps to sheet 6 rows of 8. Statute of Vi-car Hidalgo unwmk.

68 1c ultramarine 70 25c dark green
69 5c orange 71 1p carmine
72 5p violet

1886-7 Same as preceding date chang-ed

73 1c greenish blu 75 25c greenish blu
74 5c " " 76 1p yellow brown
77 5p yellow brown

1887-8 40x48mm wmk machine wove paper. Sheets of 48 six rows of eight Portrait of Hidalgo

78 1c slate blue 80 25c slate blue
79 5c slate blue 81 1p carmine
82 5p carmine

1888-9 35x54 Laid paper wmk. Por-trait of O'Campo. Beginning with this issue all Federal stamps had a talon the stamp proper being fixed on the document and the Talon on the stamp

83 1c brown 85 25c brown
84 5c " 86 1p ultramarine
87 5p ultramarine

1889-90 55x36mm Laid paper, wmk. Profile of Cuanhtenoc

88 1c violet 90 25c violet
89 5c " 91 1p red
92 5p red

(To be Continued.)

U. S. Int. Rev. Lock Seals

J. DELANO BARTLETT

(Continued.)

There are two sizes of locks, each requiring a different size of seal. The largest measuring 12x48 mm, is known as the series of 1875 and is printed in sheets of 54 6 rows of 9 seals. The following is a description. Rectangular seal with "U. S. Internal Rev" in curved line above with a small oblong hole punched just below, at left of hole "Lock" at right of hole, beneath in fine letters "Bureau of Engraving and Printing," and just under this is omit ornamented oval containing the number of the seal in various colors. The above is a description of the upper half of the seal. The lower half contains head of Liberty with the Number in the upper half repeated across the lower half. A perforated diamond is on the lower half. Just under the entire rectangular design is a small number in the color of the seal. This number shows the position on the sheet as every seal is numbered consecutively from 1 to 54.

The smaller seal, measuring 11x25 mm., is known as the series of 1878 and is printed in sheets of 50 (5 rows of 10 seals). Description: Rectangular seal "U S" in upper corners, "Lock seal" in curved line, just below, under which is small oblong hole. In center below is lined tablet on which the number of the seal is printed in various colors. Reading at right of number, "Revenue".

These seals were also printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing but their imprint appears only on the margins of the sheets.

From 1878 to 1896 both sizes of seals were in use but in 1896 the small seal was withdrawn from use,

so the first design, the large seal is in use now.

They exist in various colors and with various colors for the numbers, which makes a collection of them very pretty. All are unperferated but appear on several kinds of paper.

In later years they have been coming with an additional overprint to the word "Series" with some letter following.

For those who are interested to know what exist, I will give a list of all varieties I know to exist and would be pleased to hear from anyone who possesses others.

For convenience I will list the small seal first Series of 1878.

Brown seal	Red numbers.
" "	Green "
" "	Blue "
Buff "	Green "
" "	Blue "
Black "	Red "
" "	Green "
" "	Blue "
" "	Red " A
" "	" " B
Green "	Green "
" "	Blue "
Red "	Red "
" "	Green "
" "	Blue "
Yellow "	Red "
" "	Blue "

Series of 1875.

Blue Seal	Red numbers
" "	Blue "
" "	Orange "
Black "	Green "
" "	Yellow "
Buff "	Red "
" "	Blue "
Green "	Red "
" "	Blue "
" "	Green "
Lilac "	Red "
Orange "	Red "
" "	Blue "

Pink	“	Red	“	Black	“	Green	“	B	after	“	“
“	“	Green	“	“	“	“	“	D	“	“	“
Rose	“	Red	“	“	“	“	“	H	“	“	“
“	“	Green	“	“	“	“	“	K	“	“	“
“	“	Blue	“	“	“	“	“	V	“	“	“
Red	“	Green	“	“	“	“	“				
“	“	Red	“	“	“	“	“				
Violet	“	Red	“	“	“	“	“				
“	“	Blue	“	“	“	“	“				
Yellow	“	Green	“	“	“	“	“				
Black	“	Red	“	“	“	“	“				

The ultramarine seal is the one in use and the highest letter I have seen is K. All others listed above with series letters, and letters before and after the control, I presume the entire alphabet exists but have listed only those that I know.

Start a collection of Lock Seals. They are pretty and very attractive. I would be pleased to hear from any interested and will render any assistance I can in the line.

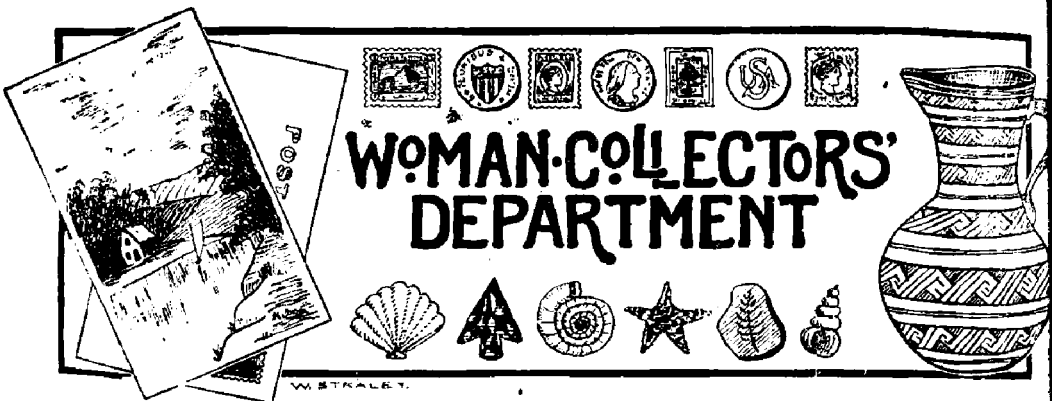
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Philatelists will no doubt rejoice, whatever the Servian Government may do, over the new stamp, bearing the heads of King Peter and his great ancestor, Black George, on which, when it is looked at in a certain position, the head of the murdered King Alexander is said to be also plainly visible! One would like, though, to know whether this grim jest arises merely from some chance grouping of the lines of the engraving, or is an intentional expression of the engravers's feelings. The former seems more probable, though similar methods of political propaganda have been known, as for instance, certain engravings ostensibly representing a tree, which concealed the portrait of Louis XVI, and which were sold in Paris, even during the Terror.

				Series	A
				“	B
				“	C
				“	E
				“	F
				“	G
				“	H
				“	J
				“	K
				“	M
				“	P
				“	R
				“	S
				“	T
				“	U
				“	V
				“	Y
				“	Z
Green Seal	Red	Numbers,	Series	A	
“	“	“	“	C	
“	“	“	“	D	
“	“	“	“	F	
“	“	“	“	K	
“	“	“	“	M	
“	“	“	“	R	
“	“	“	“	W	
“	“	“	“	X	
Ultram.	“	“	“	A	
“	“	“	“	B	
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“	“	“	“	D	
“	“	“	“	E	
“	“	“	“	G	
“	“	“	“	K	

Black S. Red No. Z before control No

Green	“	“	“	D	“	“	“	Counterfeit—The rare stamps you
“	“	“	“	H	“	“	“	bought away below usual discount
“	“	“	“	U	“	“	“	prices.



By MISS VERNA WESTON HANWAY, Dallas, Pa. Box 156

One of the saddest things of modern times, in truth the most sad is the vast amount of divorces. Every newspaper, every day, contains items relating to the ever increasing army, mostly composed of young people who separate through lack of congeniality and sympathy. There are also the couples who have raised children, started them in life and then discovered there was no further bond of sympathy between them. In very truth the sight is a sad one. The greatest menace to civilization that today confronts the world. What is the cause? We ask. Who is to blame? Ah indeed, who?

In a large number of cases it comes about through lack of interest and sympathy in the other's pursuits, hobby, or fad. I remember reading a little story the other day that will serve to illustrate the point as well as any other.

It concerns a young couple, recently married. The young husband's grand passion was Browning. Evening after evening during their courtship he had read Browning to the young lady. After their marriage he discovered to his horror that Browning was his wife's particular detestation. She confessed that the reason she had appeared so much interested in his reading was because

she had disliked to inform him of her dislike when he was such an enthusiast. Naturally his pride was hurt and wounded to think of the many times he had read to an inappreciative listener. The little cloud, no larger than a man's hand grew and grew until it threatened to over shadow their whole life. A separation was imminent but was diverted by the wise council of the bride's mother who instructed them in the spirit of self-sacrifice as an instrument for rubbing off the rough corners. The result was that through trying the wife really grew to love the writings of the poet and the husband in turn became interested in his wife's fancies.

My readers may smile at my little tale--little things like these however, have served to mar many a life. Who knows often madame's indifference to her husband's passion for stamps, curios, or whatever the case may be, has broken up a home or how many times the husband's lack of interest in his wife's hobbies have resulted in a serious rupture. Many a young couple's happiness would have been assured if they had only resolved to become interested in the other's fads. And believe me it only requires the resolve. A mutual hobby, mutual sympathies will make the

difficult relationship a long, long honeymoon.

I do not wish to make it appear that the wife is to blame, but it is a well known fact that women are not as a rule as interested as are men in hobbies. The majority of us have no patience with the "faddiest" or "crank." Our husbands receive the brunt of this impatience and are often alienated from us. Milady is not entirely to blame in these instances. The rupture is caused by her ignorance of the pleasure and by laws that underlay collecting. If the husband would endeavor to instruct his wife in the fascinations that cause him to collect the difficulties arising through such a misunderstanding would be avoided. But how often does he attempt this, or how often does he continue even when his efforts seem to be fruitless? Even though he does not succeed in interesting his wife he may at least succeed in illustrating to her why he collects and thus abolish further unpleasantness.

I am not urging a mutual hobby as a cure for the divorce evil—nothing can cure it, for often the divorce is the only remedy for a mistake. But when the reason is not a serious one and merely comes as a result of uncongenial tastes and selfishness a hobby would be the salvation of the persons.

I have always had in my mind's eye a picture what to the collector would be an ideal home. A cozy den or snuggerly, filled with curios and occupied by a husband and wife whose tastes are similarly inclined. A collection of stamps, or anything else being formed by husband and wife. I wonder how often such a home is a reality among the thousands filled with discord.

With Shakespeare I say, "Let me

not to the marriage of true minds admit impediments," but far better is the cozy bachelor girl's or bachelor's home, or even the old maid's cats, than a home where the god of discord reigns. Many a man or woman remains unmarried rather than take the chances of two lives spoiled for life, or else a name sullied by passing through the divorce mills.

My gospel may appear very worldly to the person who believes there is a Jack for every Jill, that "what is to be will be," and that marriages is an indissoluble bond. Such persons if they find they have made a mistake live out their pitiful drama until the end—unhappy even when they are the happiest. If they are uncongenial they have not the energy or self sacrifice to discover and remedy the cause—or the courage to break the uncongenial bonds. Pray do not mistake my meaning. I do not advocate divorces—I do advocate the husband or wife making an effort to sympathize with each other in their fads.

There may be some who read this who have no liking or patience with hobbies. I urge such to read this carefully and to choose the better way. If in writing this article I have saved one life from the slough of despond I shall feel repaid a thousand fold for my labor.

And now if you had enough of the seamy side of life I wish to tell you about

Some Odd Ways to Keep Post Cards

The following is clipped from "Good Housekeeping" for February, 1905:

"Almost everyone has a collection of souvenir postal cards sent by friends. Instead of laying around gathering dust on tables and letter racks, or hidden in envelopes in company with old letters they can be uti-

ilized for decoration with fine effects. For instance in one household a beautiful frieze over a set of book shelves is fashioned of Fra Angelico's Angels on postal cards sent to one of the members of the family by a friend in Florence. In the same house there is a handsome screen made of views of famous places in Europe, also on postal cards. Another house has under the library mantel a movable frieze of illustrated postal cards which is remarkably effective. Such a frieze is easily constructed by taking two long strips of wood the length of the mantel and fastening short transverse pieces across from one to the other. Into the spaces thus formed the cards can be easily slipped.

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The above suggestions would be extremely effective if worked out.

Ye editor adds another which she has seen carried out with good effect in a den. The walls were hung with a sort of tapestry with post cards pasted on very artistically. Every variety known to the collector were there. Couches around the room piled with pillows added a very luxurious and restful aspect.

It used to be next to an impossibility to secure a photograph of any notable personage without having first obtained their consent to pose for a picture and consequently if a dislike was expressed the artist was obliged to give up his plans. The Toledo Blade is the authority for the following, "With the introduction of the little folding cameras and more sensitized plates and films it is an easy matter to obtain a picture with or without the consent of the person. This has resulted in the universal dislike for the "camera fiend," and has perhaps led to the designing of a very unique scheme to secure pictures

on the quiet. No one would suspect an innocent looking walking stick of concealing a photographic lens, shutter and roll of sensitized film, and yet that is just what the cane is designed to do. The cane is in appearance just like any other. But just below the handle is the lens. It makes provision for loading and unloading the camera by daylight, and quite a respectable looking picture can be obtained at the hands of the practiced operator.

The Japanese possess the most romantic customs of any nation in the world. The Hoboro of Lapcadio Hearn gives a particularly romantic one. Those who are anxious for the safety of absent ones repair to the Mount Dakeyama to perform a singular rite. There is a shrine at the summit to commemorate a princess of antiquity who daily watched hopelessly then pined and died when her body was changed into stone. One who looks with the eyes of the believer still sees in the perpendicular rock upon the summit of the mountain the princess. Before her shrine are heaps of pebbles and those who ascend to pray for the safe coming of the one they love take a pebble away with them as a talisman. And when at last reunited with the beloved another pilgrim is made to Dakeyama to replace the pebble together with a handful of others. Then prayers of gratitude and devotion are offered.

Dominican Republic has issued four provisionals with the surcharges in black. They are the 2-centavos on the 50-centavos, gray, black and violet; 5-centavos on 50-centavos, gray, black and violet; 2-centavo on 1 peso and the 10-centavos on 50-centavos, gray, black and violet.

Washington Notes

By C M

The past month has seen the birth in this city of a stamp paper, the Philatelic East which is intended to do for the sunrise side of the Alleghenies what the WEST has accomplished for the other. It is gratifying to be able to chronicle a new paper from Washington with a reasonable belief that it will stick, as nothing is more painful to a local correspondent to emit a tremendous gush of roseate anticipations to be followed in the next issue by the mournful and duly true "Hic Jacet."

What the Canadians think of us: an extract from a consular report.

"For many years past American silver and paper money has been circulating to a large extent in Canada especially silver. Hundreds of thousands of United States greenbacks, dimes, quarters, and half dollars are in circulation in Canada today, and their use is increasing rather than abating. Canadians would prefer their national currency, yet for years had no particular version to the American article. But after a trip through the States their views generally changed. There Canadian money is always regarded with suspicion, generally refused, and if accepted at all a heavy discount is charged. The visitor's national pride is assailed in a very vulnerable spot—his pocket—and on his return to Canada he generally avoids American money whenever possible.

Last summer thousands of Canadian business men and women visited the St. Louis fair. To most of them it never occurred that they should change their money. They used so much American currency at home that they naturally supposed their

own good Canadian bills would be welcome under the Stars and Stripes. But they were not, and the refusal of the people at St. Louis and other cities to accept the Dominion cash, together with the greed of the money changers, caused inconvenience and loss. These people coming back to Canada brought with them a determination to "soak" the intruding currency whenever and wherever they found it. The feeling gained strength from the business and banking as well as an emotional standpoint. As a result strong efforts have been made to procure legislation to exclude the undesirable money, so that the field may be left clear to the Canadian banks and government.

Mr. Robert Bickerdicke, a prominent representative of business and banking interests in Parliament, was interested in the movement, and during the past few months he has been requested by numerous delegations of business men to introduce the necessary legislation. This he has tentatively consented to do, and has a bill dealing with the matter under consideration."

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives providing that the simple perforation of postage stamps with the initial letter or letters of an individual, firm or corporation shall not operate as a cancellation of such stamps, that it shall be unlawful to buy or sell stamps so perforated, and providing penalties for the purchase or sale of such stamps. Although it does not state, it is to be hoped that the bill means to prohibit dealing only in the uncanceled stamps, otherwise dealers will have to look out should it pass.

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DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY.

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197.—Mr. J. A. D Park of Buffalo, N. Y. who has repeatedly been so kind as to furnish answers, writes:

Esperanto grammars can be had of F. H. Revell Co., 150 Fifth Ave., New York for 80c. Esperanto is generally recognized as the most available and simple language of its kind. Is there no other reader who can give the source of "Volapuk" and "Neutral" grammars?

225.—"What is the meaning of the letters 'C. E. F.' on stamps of India?" These letters mean "China Expeditionary Force" and stamps of India with this surcharge were used by the British troops sent to China for relief of the foreign embassies at Peking in 1901.

226.—"What birds are those depicted on the stamps of New Zealand 1898?" Those on the 3rd are the Huas. Of these I have no account and should be much pleased to get a description from anyone who knows them. On the 6d is the Kiwi, wingless and without tail feathers, a little larger than a hen, it runs with great rapidity, and is most active in the night, whilst it hides by day-time. The color of its hair-like feathers is brown. It feeds principally on worms. There are four species, none of which are very numerous. On the 1s we see a pair of Kakas, of which also there are several species varying

in color from olive-brown gray on the back and yellow or crimson on the lower parts of the body. They are about the size of a crow and resemble the parrot. Their food consists of most anything edible they can get, and they are said to even attack sheep wounding them with their beaks and so causing their death after which they feed on the carrion, but this is very likely an exaggeration. The reason, why these birds are depicted on stamps, is probably their scarcity and that they are found nowhere else except in New Zealand. Specimens of them are highly valued acquisitions to ornithological museums.

227.—"Are the Arabian expressions of value in Scotts' Catalogue correct?" In most cases they are. At the head of "Afghanistan" there is a table which in the main is correct: but there is one mistake and that has been retained in 1905 though it was pointed out before. The first row shows various forms of how Arabians, Persians, etc., write "1 Shahi". This is correct. The first word at the left in the second row is "Sanar" The next two (middle of second row) are also correct "Abasi," but the last word, or rather words, at the right of the second row is not "6 Shahi," it is "Jak Roupia" meaning "one rupee." "6 Shahi" may be found in the fourth row at the left. Comparing part of this with the first in the first row "Shahi" is easily recognized: the third letter (or rather the first, as Arabian must be read from right to left) of this word, resembling a 9 (as we hurriedly write it) is the Arabian figure 6: consequently the whole is "6 Shahi" and not "1 Rupee." The other words standing for ½ rupee and 1 rupee are probably correct, though they are partly not clearly

printed and partly indistinctly formed, is that they might possibly mean something else than intended. That is not "Scotts" fault. But the transposition of "Jak Rupia" and "Shesh Shahi" is inexcusable and misleading.

228.—"Is there no special book on U. S. Proprietary Stamps?" Yes, Carter's Album and catalogue \$2.00. Geo. J. Carter 265 Halsey Sr. Brooklyn, N. Y. See his ad in last issue.

218. "Who can give information about a 5 centimos stamp, black on white, type of Spanish stamps with the inscription "1898-99" above and "Recargo 5c s" below?" Was there a whole series of these stamps? If so, what values? Where and for what were they used? The inquirer probably means the type of postage stamps for Spain or Spanish Colonies. I find no account of such a stamp.

219.—"What is the meaning of the word "fosforas" on the long revenue stamps of Cuba?" It is "matches" or more literally "light-bearers," and the stamps are match-stamps.

220.—"Can a collector be held responsible for stamps sent to him unsolicited?" No, he can not; and it is a bad habit, if any dealer gets into it, be he a stamp dealer or a dealer in other wares, to send goods unsolicited and then trying to make the unwilling receiver believe that he is responsible and must pay for same or bear the cost of returning them. Such obtrusive dealers ought to be black listed.

221.—"Are there any stamp catalogues issued in the German language?" Certainly. Sebrueder Senf's III. Postwertzeichen Katalog 1905 is just out. It is a book of 964 and 456 pages about the size of Scott's and list both adhesives and envelopes, cards, etc. Another is Paul Kohl's Freimarken Katalog

which must be forthcoming at this time too. The two are rivals, and it is hard to say which of the two is better: they are certainly both very good. For a collector who is just starting to collect I would advise a simpler work, such as A Bullard & Co, of Boston is issuing in the English language. If I remember right Gebrueder Senf of Leipzig, Germany have issued a similar book in German.

222.—"What was the use for the Guatemala Rail Road stamps, surcharged for postage in 1886, before they were surcharged?" They were used as receipts for partial payments on shares of the "Ferrocarril de Norte" (Northern Railway). The price of share was \$40. The blank share was obtainable at a nominal price and received its full value only by the affixing of stamps to required amount. A similar plan is pursued elsewhere in regard to insurance policies and credit in savings banks.

The denominations of the 1863 issue up to 12c inclusive were arranged in sheets of 300 stamps divided into two panes of 150 each; the sheets being cut vertically in two, of course. The four bi-colored stamps of the issue were in sheets of 100 panes of 50, although at first it was the intention of the Postoffice Department to issue the whole sheets of 100 stamps.

A postal curiosity is the fact that one of the smallest countries in the world, San Salvador, has issued the enormous number of 405 different postage stamps. England at present issues 205 kinds at home and 5,711 in her colonies. The total of European issues is 4,089.

Local Philatelic Society Meeting

HENRY BERMAN

The other day the writer of this had the honor (?) of being admitted to a meeting of some young stamp collectors, my object being to see in what way these young people passed their nights or in reality their meetings, also to hear some of the young ones express their opinion of stamp collecting.

After the usual routine way of calling the meeting to order roll call, etc., which was gone through as if the meeting was conducted by grown up men, the president called the members attention that this being the last meeting of the month the time would be passed in debating the different questions which would be brought up, in reference to stamps.

The first youngster to get the floor was a boy by the name of Willard. He said in part "I cannot see how I am going to make any money by collecting stamps."

This was replied to by another member who called attention to the fact that the main object of stamp collecting was the knowledge and not the money part that was derived from collecting stamps, also that every stamp collector providing he or she bought his or her stamps or exchanged them in the right way, he or she would always receive a larger premium than that which the original cost was.

Of course there were others that presented their views but I finally summed the whole thing up in this way; that more than half of the members of this small stamp club had the idea that stamp collecting was only a money making medium, but after several members brought forth their idea every member left that

meeting that night knowing the reason why stamp collecting has taken a great hold on thousands of people in this world. Also that almost every one had learned something that night that they would not have known if they would not have come together to talk over the idea of stamp collecting.

To prove to the reader of this article that there are many grown up people that have the idea that almost every stamp collector is saving stamps for the money there is in them, I will relate the following which is true.

I had been visiting a brother philatelist and just as I was about to leave, up spoke his wife, to whom he had just been married about two months and she said: "You stamp collectors will be millionaires some day, I am sure." Now I did not leave this occasion pass and told her that stamp collecting is not a money making scheme but merely a good way to attain much good knowledge at a cheap price and most every time at a premium as all good stamp collectors in disposing of their collection generally receive more money for it than the original cost.

QUEEN OF ITALY A STAMP COLLECTOR.

The Queen of Italy collects stamps as eagerly as the King of Italy collects coins. Senor Moreno, Postmaster-General of the Argentine Republic, has, therefore, charged the Argentine Consul at Rome, to present to her Majesty a complete set of all the "adhesives" ever issued in the State which he represents. Some, though not many, of these, as philatelists know, are of great value and rarity.—"Pall Mall Gazette."

*A Catalogue of the
Stamps of Trinidad with
Notes*
W M . E . A V L T

XIII. Thirteenth Issue, September 1896.

This issue consisted of two types one for ½d to 6d and the other for 1s to £1. The ½d to 1s stamps are printed in lilac, and the higher values in green. On all the denomination is printed in a second color. The design consists of the figure of Britannia, about the same as the first issues, in an octagonal frame on the lower values and in an oval on the 5s., 10s., and £1 values. The word "Trinidad" appears at the top in a straight label and the value in a straight label at the bottom. Sizes, ½d to 1s., 18x22½ mm 5s., 10s., and £1, 22x38 mm. There are two types of the 1d. as follows:

Type I. "One Penny" in small letters with "O" of one round.

Type II. "One Penny" is larger letters with "O" of one oval. Typographed on white wove paper.

Wmkd. Crown and C. A. Perforated 14.

½d lilac and green	
1d " " rose	Type I
1d " " " "	Type II
2½d " " ultramarine	
4d " " orange	
5d " " mauve	
6d " " black	
1s green " brown	
5s " " orange	
10s " " ultramarine	
£1 " " carmine.	

Type II of the 1d stamp appeared in Jan. 1901.

XIV. Fourteenth Issue. 1898.

This is Trinidad's Commemorative Issue, and consisted of a single 2d stamp.

The principal part of the design is a picture of the "Landing of Columbus" above which is the word "Commemorative" in colorless capitals in a wavy label over which the word "Trinidad" is in a curved label, and

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½d yellow green (diagonal half)
½d dark yellow-green (" ")
½d yellow green (vertical " ")
½d dark yellow green (" ")
½d yellow green (horizontal " ")
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XI. Eleventh Issue. 1883-1884.

An entire new design was used in printing this issue, the head of Queen Victoria in a circle, surmounted by a colored curved label bearing the words "Trinidad Postage" in colorless capitals and below the value on a colorless straight label in colored capitals, the whole enclosed in a rectangle 18¼x22½ mm. The stamps were typographed on white wove paper. (Scott type A 1). Wmkd. Crown and C A Perforated 14.

½d green
1d rose
2½d ultramarine
2½d bright blue
4d slate
4d gray
6d olive-brown
1s orange brown

The 6d and 1s values appeared in 1884 the other values in 1883.

A variety of the 1d exists cut diagonally in two, each half being used as a half penny stamp.

½d rose (½ of 1d)

XII Twelfth Issue. 1894.

This issue consisted of a single stamp of the value of 5sh. of 1869, printed in the same manner on the same paper.

Wmkd. Crown & C. C. Perforated 14.

5sh. maroon.

on either sides are the dates 1498 and 1898. Below the picture in the two centavos appear the value 2d, and at the extreme bottom of the stamp the words "The Landing of Columbus."

Wmkd. Crown and C. C. Perforated 14.

2d. violet and yellow brown.

XV. Fifteenth Issue 1901-1903.

The design is the same as Sept. 1896, but with a change of colors:

Wmkd. Crown & C. A. Perforated 14.

½d green

1d black on red paper. Type II

2½d lilac and blue on blue paper

4d green and ultramarine on buff paper

1s black and blue on yellow paper

5s lilac and mauve

The 1d and 5s stamps appeared in 1901, the balance of the values in 1902 and 1903.

The only error in the stamps of Trinidad are found in this issue the 1d stamp having been printed with value omitted.

(1d) black on red paper (value omitted)

U. S. Stamps

R. HAYES

Nearly all stamp collectors of moderate means sometime or another either sell their general collection or go to specializing. On account of the bewildering amount of new issues and "speculative" stamps that are coming out every year.

A complete collection of U. S. (lacking inverts and minor varieties) can be obtained at a moderate price and to the collector who looks at the financial side it will prove a good investment as U. S. stamps are selling far below their actual value and when the demand exceeds the supply the

prices will boom, for instance in 1884 the 10c 1847 issue sold for 24c when today it cat. at \$3.50 and in a few years will be worth two times as much. Then again the 1856 issue 5c sold for 12c now catalogues at \$2, the 12c sold at 4c now cat. at 75c and the 24c sold for 4c now cat for \$4, a good increase in price is it not? The U. S. stamps were never issued for speculative purposes and when a new set comes on all the remainders are burned so the unused stamps are at a premium.

Again the old issues tell their own mute story of the early struggles and compared with the Pan American issues show quite a contrast.

Several other good countries which have all the properties which delight a Philatelist are Hawaii, Newfoundland, Canada and the Australian Colonies.

Collectors Mistakes

BY "BILL"

Did you ever see a collector who had never made any mistakes in his stamp collecting career? Such people are as scarce as hens teeth, and it is dollars to doughnuts they have been cheated oftener and made more palpable errors than they care to admit. My philatelic experience is one long list of mistakes. In a retrospect of my collecting life, it seems that whenever I attempted anything and would always choose the wrong way in which to do it. And yet I am still collecting. And although I have had plenty of experience, I still continue to commit unpardonable errors. The first mistake I can remember of was made when I began to collect stamps. If I had never begun I would be wealthier by several dollars than I am now. After I had been collecting a short time I be-

came so interested I could not stop, so I am still at it. The first album I had cost me \$1.50 and it was a good one you may be sure. A whole page or more was allotted to Hamburg, and Heligland and Roman States had as much. Countries like Mexico or France were so insignificant they were only allowed a quarter page or less apiece, when I got the album.

I began to mount my stamps, as any other sensible collector would do. With a mixture consisting of flour, one part, and aqua pura, three parts.

I stuck them in. The idea never entered my head that I would want to remove them some day, so I put them in to stay.

Then the stamps. They must be foreign, of course, U. S. were not wanted in those days. In my case it seems that the nearer a stamp resembled one of S. Allan Taylors productions, the more interesting it was. Unused stamps were always preferable. No gum? That did not matter. What good was the gum if you did not want to use the stamp again. After it was stuck in the album you could not see the gum, anyway. Surcharges I had galore. Got them of Taylor, so I was sure they were all right. Of course they were unused. If used, the cancellation covered up the surcharge half the time.

I used to do some exchanging. One gentleman advertised to send 500 very fine stamps for every twenty-five cent book sent him. Now I had a lot of books, and thought it would surprise the fellow clean out of his stock. So I sent him about four of the books. Two thousand stamps! My, what a big collection I would have. Would need a new album soon. Well, I got the stamps after a few days of impatient waiting. As they were about the same as are sold for twenty cents per thousand, you may imagine I felt like shouting with

joy.

I had a few envelope stamps. No true philatelist would have any superfluous amount of paper around his envelopes in those days of philatelic bliss. Must be cut close to shape. If you did not trim them neatly down, you were considered lazy.

Collectors talk about specializing. Why, bless your heart, when I began it took me but a short time to complete several countries. There was Hamburg, Heligoland, Roman States and others with not a space in the album vacant. All unused too. Specializing was not nearly so expensive then as now. S. Allan Taylor could fill out your sets for a very low figure.

After I had exchanged for that lot of two thousand I spoke about. I began to aspire to be a dealer. Were several collectors in the city who were always buying stamps, and they might as well buy of me as anyone else. So I spent all the cash I could scrape up for a lot of sets and packets, and devoted all my spare time to making preparation for the great rush I confidentially expected when I opened up business. Now you have probably heard before how successful young dealers generally are. My experience was no exception, and I will not go into the details of my first and last attempt at dealing. Suffice it to say all the good stamps I had purchased were stolen, and I soon gave it up in disgust. I could enumerate many more mistakes I have made during my philatelic career, but I am getting down too near the present time, and dislike to talk about errors that are still fresh in my mind. This would be too much like opening up a wound but partially healed. So I will not encroach upon valuable space with more of my unfortunate experiences.

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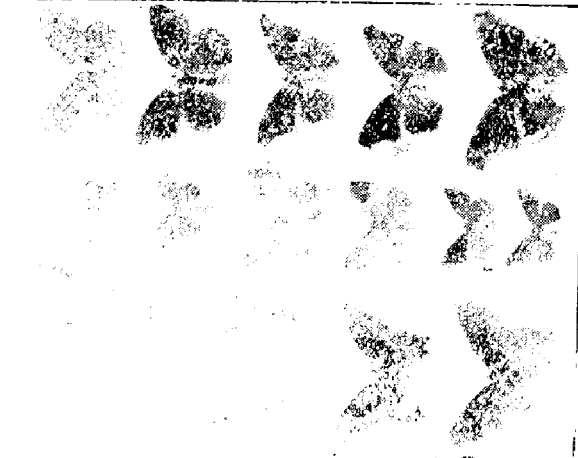
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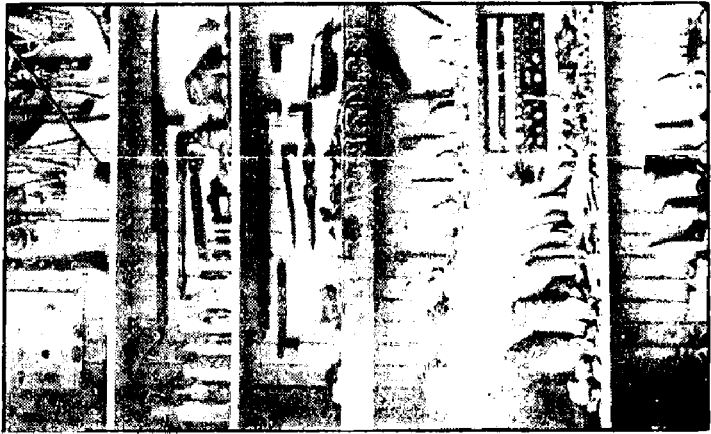
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Miss Pearl U. Davis, Stockton, Ill.



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Errata, Business Managers Say

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With this number we take the organ of the St. Louis society that starts out with a fine list and has most of the leading collectors of that city. It will pay every reader to become a member. Full particulars of the Secretary.

J. Denning of McKeesport, Pa., writes they have formed a Naturalist History and Art Club and wish to get in touch with all collectors and explorers for they would like to co-operate along their lines. Many of the members have large collections but are amateurs in the field. We are always glad to hear of such societies or clubs being formed and will be pleased to help in any way possible.

In this issue we mention the largest souvenir card collection and expect to shortly give illustration of F. Sterns who writes from Nassau, Bahamas.

We have many fine illustrations to use for future numbers that will

interest all kinds of collectors and you will find it worth the price alone.

We expect to double our list in the next three months by the way the replies come in. We have never had as many as there has been this year. That is why we run out of numbers before the next issue comes out and some get old ones on calls for samples rather than to have them wait.

St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society.

President: W. A. Sisson, 314 Pine St.
Secretary: C. Grandpierre, Exposition Station.

The last attempt of St. Louis Philatelists to organize themselves has been successful. Already about thirty members have expressed their desire to join and not only to become members, but also to work for the cause.

The main object of the society will be to facilitate trading, at first, through personal intercourse at meetings, then by a simplification system of exchanges and sales. Scientific discussions have not been provided for the present, on the other hand, there will be at every meeting, a discussion on one "philatelic problem".

The first discussions subject will be "Definition of words, variety, fine, good, fair, etc. condition". The secretary has been desired to enter into communication with other societies, with a view to obtaining a uniform American definition of these and other words of everyday use, similar to that adopted in Germany several years ago.

Any reader of the WEST who has any suggestion to make on the subject will please communicate with the secretary.

C. Grandpierre,
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CURIO DEPARTMENT

BY ROY FARREL GREENE, A S of C C

In the island of Java a plant is found which greatly interests botanists. The flower is an orchid, and is called the grammatophyllum. All the flowers of this plant open at once, as if by the stroke of a fairy wand, and they also wither all together. ■

Prof Poempelly of the Carnegie Institute at Pittsburg recently made important archaeological discoveries in the trans-Caspian district of Russia. The discoveriers were of such startling nature that the Russian government has taken a hand in the further excavations. Sometime during the month of December, last, Professor Poempelly unearthed a large store of ancient arms and munitions of war belonging to an almost forgotten age, and besides unearthed a vast system of irrigation that was in use by the race that peopled that district in the long ago. The imperial Russian archaeological Commission, under whose approval Prof. Poempelly was prosecuting the work, though at his own expense, sent two of its most expert members to the scene of the excavations as soon as the commission was appraised of the finds. They are assisting the American archaeologist in the classification of the objects so far unearthed, and in giving government aid in further excavations that are to be made.

The daughters of the American

Revolution are erecting a memorial hall in Washington, D. C., at the corner of Seventeenth and D streets, just south of the Corcoran Art Gallery. When completed the memorial hall will have cost four hundred thousand dollars, but, the society not wishing to go into debt, work will be stopped temporarily when the one hundred thousand now in hand has been expended. One of the very important features of the big building will be a historical museum that the D. A. R. will deposit a great collection of early American relics into.

There is a bird in South American, the Hoatzin, that when but a fledgling has claws on its wings, and consequently can climb long before it can fly. W. P. Pycrast, who has intimate knowledge of the hoatzin in its native haunts, writing of it says: In all other instances the young of birds reared in trees are hatched in a perfectly blind, naked, and helpless condition. Not so with the hoatzin. The young emerge from the shell endowed with a very lively disposition, wandering about the branches of the tree on which the nest is placed at their own sweet will. These wanderings are necessarily attended with considerable peril, but the risk of accidents is diminished by the presence of the large claws on the wings. Grasping the boughs with enormous feet, and aided by the claws and

beak, they are among the most expert of climbers at a very tender age. But the wing at this time differs in several other remarkable particulars from that of other birds, and even from that of the adult condition. Closely examined, it will be found that the hand is conspicuously longer than the forearm, and that the thumb is unusually long. Furthermore, the under surface of the thumb and first finger will be found to resemble those of the human finger, in that they terminate in a fleshy ball, obviously useful for grasping purposes. At this time, then, the wings serve the very unbirdlike function of fore legs and locomotion is quadrupedal rather than bipedal, and this remains the case until the power of flight is attained. There can be but little doubt but that the climbing phase in the life-history of this bird is a primitive character, carrying us back to the very dawn of a vain development.

According to a clipping sent to the curio editor, a certain citizen of Ferkeport, Long Island, N. Y., whose name is not revealed, has one of the most unique collections of guns in the word. It contains over 1,500 specimens. Among the many rare pieces are Chinese guns centuries old, with match fuses. Some of these weigh twenty-five pounds. A valuable air-gun in the collection shows that it was made at Antwerp in 1572. The antique lock is still in perfect condition. Another ancient weapon is one of German make, dating back to 1547. It winds up with a key, and a spring operates a hammer containing a mineral, (perhaps flint that gives forth sparks when brought into contact with a little revolving wheel. This is supposed to be one of the most primitive guns in existence. One of the highly prized specimens in

the collection is a Sharp rifle which is badly battered. It was taken from the Sioux Indians after the massacre of Custer and his men. There are also in the collection several weapons of rare interest, that saw service in the Civil War.

The museum at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., recieved not long ago from the Royal Museum of Decorative and Industrial Arts at Brussels, Belgium, a large gift of antiquities collected in Southern Spain. The collection represents the transition period between the ages of stone and of metal, and includes many stone and bronze implements and also pottery. About the same time as this gift was received the Museum at Yale was also enriched by the gift of a nice collection of prehistoric implements collected in the Valley of the Susquehanna river, and presented by Christopher Wren of Plymouth, Penn.

Dr. John P. Rote recently presented to the Scientific Society of San Antonio, Texas, the rattles of a monster rattlesnake, consisting of thirty joints and an end knob. According to authorities, this is probably the largest rattle heretofore found on any snake, and the specimen is considered one of the San Antonio Scientific Society's prizes.

Col. D. B. Dyer of Augusta, Ga., has presented his collection of Indian relics, valued at two hundred thousand dollars, to the city of Kansas City, Mo., to be incorporated in the public library there. The collection is considered one of the most valuable in the country, and it took thirty-five years to gather it. The number of articles is something over twelve thousand, comprising prehistoric remains from the American continent, a lot of pottery and Indian relics from Old Mexico, a collection made

by Dr. Irvin Bachmann, and the entire collection of the late Rear-Admiral L. A. Beardslee, U. S. N. Some of the famous Indians in history owned articles in the collection. There are relics from the General Custer massacre, Wounded Knee, the battle of Wichita, and of many chiefs, including Sitting Bull, Little Chief, Black Kettle, Dull Knife, Wild Horse, Chief Joseph and Captain Jack, chief of the Modocs.

In Kansas City, Mo., is one of the rarest and most complete private mineral collections in the United States, the property of Roland E. Bruner, whose rooms are on the second floor at 1108-1110 Walnut street. There are ten-thousand specimens in the collection, and they occupy seventeen large cases. Many of the specimens weigh as much as 150 pounds, and one cluster of quartz crystals weighs 480 pounds. It is the largest cluster in the United States, they say, is called "The Queen of Arkansas," and was exhibited in Little Rock for a number of years. It is impossible to single out the notable specimens, but suffice it to say that Mr. Bruner has a beautiful, large specimen of pitch blende, lovely rutile crystals from Japan, with the fine silken white and black thread, three cards of amethysts, a tray of pearls, garnets in schist from Alaska, rubies from Siam, turquoise from New Mexico, hiddenite, opals from Hungary and Brazil, black garnets, chalcotrichite from Spain, chrysocola from Judea, in the Holy Land, etc., etc. All students of science and lovers of geology have the free use of this collection, and Mr. Bruner has invited the students of the Kansas City schools to view the collection, when the instructor will accompany the class. Every collector and curio lover that visits Kansas City should re-

member the address and look up Bruner and his collection. He will be glad to see you.

Has Collected 16,000 Souv. Post Cards.

Fredrick Stearns of Detroit is probably one of the largest miscellaneous collectors in the world. Others exceed him in specialties--pictures, rugs, shells or books. But he has made a collection of thirty thousand articles, illustrative of phases of Japanese life, from their cookery to their literature, which he presented to the Detroit Museum of Art. He made a collection of sixteen hundred musical instruments from all over the world, which he gave to the University of Michigan. He has also made, and given away, collections of shells, gems and scarabei. He has a collection of canes, and recently, while in Europe, he collected sixteen thousand picture postal cards, some hand painted by well known artists and some even made of wood and pyrographed.

These postal cards are in thirty-six albums and they form a history of not only art, but time, and especially the present time.

On these cards are the jokes of the day, or events of the day--the little Italian princess born yesterday, besides a picture of the gates of Ravenna, and the mountain cell of St. Eustachio; the picture of the Empress Eugenia on horseback in 1853; of Charles Dickens when Maclise painted him in his youth; a cake walk of Paris monkeys and a brilliant bulldog with the inscription "Dont' croak!" Some may say that it is a shabby lesson in cheap art. "It is far better," replies a woman who went to Europe for the first time in thirty years, "than anything we could buy there except some photographs, which, after being rolled up, were seldom unrolled."--Minneapolis Tribune.

Memories of Mauritius

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In a recent exchange with Prof. C. Abbott Davis we received a beautiful lot of sea shells from the Indian Ocean and adjacent countries. Among them were some cowries from the Isle of Mauritius

The name Mauritius always suggests an experience my father's oldest brother lived through on that island. Marcus Woodward was a sea captain trading between Boston and Shanghai, China. In those days the ships never touched the Isle of Mauritius as that was many hundreds of miles out of the regular course. But Capt. Woodward's vessel was caught in one of those terrible monsoons that sweep the Indian Ocean, drive far north of its course and wrecked in mid-ocean. Clinging to broken spars and pieces of the ship as long as their strength held out and when that failed the waves tossed them on to the shores of a strange island. When Capt. Woodward, the first mate and one of the crew regained consciousness they were lying on the shore and gazing down at them in wonder and awe were cannibals who had never seen a white man before and looked upon these men as gods. They were treated in the utmost kindness and lived as the natives did on the roots of plants and fish.

Fourteen months later a man lay dying in one of the berths of a ship. He called the captain to him and made him promise that if when he died they were in sight of land they would bury him there instead of in the sea. It would not have been possible had not a Divine providence intervened. Another monsoon drove this vessel far to the north and as soon as morning dawned the sailor on watch called out "Land ahoy!"

and several miles away was the faint outline of an island.

The body was lowered into one of the boats and with a few of the crew to man it pulled for the shore. The first object that met their wondering gaze was a pole stuck in the sand to which was attached a white shirt, after burying the body of the passenger whose request they had fulfilled they found Capt. Woodward and one of his crew. The first mate had died during their stay on the island.

It was a great day in Boston when the only two survivors of the wreck came down the plank to the wharf and out in a little suburb known as Stoneham were two happy women when the son and husband came up the old path to the door.

His daughter still lives in Malden, Mass., and has a rare collection of curios from the many lands her father visited, and in our own collection are a beautiful lacquer ware tea tray with cup and saucer from Japan, and an exquisite carving in ivory from China.

And so though we may never visit Mauritius the shells sent by Prof. Davis are valued not only for their beauty but for the association they bring with them.

In the pleasant drawing-room of Ald. John Pound, the new Lord Mayor of London at "Stammore," Highbury New Park, are to be seen a couple of well-preserved fragments of Roman pottery and an antique jug, absolutely intact and beautiful in design and decoration, which were unearthed some years ago in the course of excavations in the basement of the Lord Mayor's business house in Leadenhall Street—invaluable relics, there seems no doubt, of the Londinium of the Roman occupation.

Souvenir Cards

M . K E L L E R

Some stamp papers are getting alarmed at the ever increasing popularity of souvenir card collecting. It even goes so far as to keep stamp papers from giving space to articles or matter pertaining to Souvenir Post Cards. Indeed it's a wonder some publisher would allow a souvenir card advertisement.

Their reason for being so cautious must be that they fear stamp lovers or stamp fiends might forsake their old hobby for a new one, or take to both as has been the case time and again and will be until the fad has died utterly, which it is not so liable to do, judging from present popularity.

Whatever the stamp friends mean by their unjust warning remains to be learned: but they are on to themselves for they know that Cartophily has its attractions as well as Philately perhaps even more so.

Sometime ago we received a series of cards from New York, which might be of interest to stamp collectors.

These were manufactured in Paris and come in sets of 48 in each set. These might rouse the love for souvenir cards even in stamp men. they being so closely associated.

"La Poste Dans Tons Les Pays du Monde. Each bears a reproduction of the flag and a post stamp of the respective countries also illustrating the customs of the different foreign countries in regard to delivery of mail and the various classes of people, their style of dress, habits, etc., can readily be discerned from the 48 cards. These cards are highly colored and a source of interest to any one. Every stamp collector ought to possess a set of these.

Cartophily is apt to grow on one, once it is begun, and New sets are being constantly issued. tempting one on and on to purchase. exchange and accumulate more and more. Selige the photographer whose ad is seen in the WEST has a fine new set of Indian Souvenir cards. These are all photographed from life including the various noble red men: Tells Lie, Shot in the Eye, Broken Arm, Painted Horse, Little Wound, etc. These will be a fine deviation from the conventional style of Indian portraits. They are all very reasonable and collectors ought to avail themselves of this splendid opportunity.

One thing remains a fact, that is that no good card has as yet been seen from British Guiana. Those that came to my notice are poorly printed, real cheap stuff and inferior cuts.

But just because it is a card post-marked and mailed from British Guiana it may be worth the while to exchange for such. A pretty set of cards are some seen from Oregon, which come in sets of 10. These were sent by Averell, card dealer in Portland, Ore. One card shows Bridal Veil Falls, near Columbia River, Ore. Another shows Latonelle Falls, also of Columbia River, Ore. This is a wonderful Fall, flowing uninterrupted in one long narrow, straight, steady stream. This is a very picturesque card. Another fine view of Columbia River is Cape Horn. One card shows City Hall, Portland, Ore, Mt. Hood and Portland are seen together on one card showing a Panorama view. Portland, Oregon is seen, showing greater part of the City from birds eye view, and again on another card Mt. Hood is seen in Panorama view. Other romantic picturesque views are depicted as seen along the Columbia

River. The Rooster Rocks towering up gigantically resembling a rooster's tail, if anything but a rooster.

The Pillar of Hercules, also an immense rock, and deserves its name justly since it appears so massive looming high up into the air near the railroad track. Endless passengers have no doubt craned their necks in vain attempting to see the top of the Hercules, whether his hair stood on ends as they no doubt do, up in the breezy air. The Columbia River sturgeon is an immense fish as seen on one Oregon card. It is pictured being suspended from a derrick under which men are seen as reaching to only half the length of the surgeon. This set is finely produced in photogravure and prove a fine addition to any collection. A very grand, superb set of cards produced by Raphael Tuck and Sons, are "Wagner" Post card series, which are beautifully Chromographed in Bavaria. The Lohengrin set consists of 6 cards, showing Lohengrin freeing Godfrey of Brabant. The Princess Elsa accompanies Ortrude into the chamber. The other cards show Ortrude as she refuses Elsas entrance to the Abbey Lohengrin slaying, Telremund. Elsas Prayer and Lohengrin as he accompanies Elsa to the Bridal Chamber. This Drama or opera was written in 1847. It was first produced in 1850 at Weimar. Lohengrin was the knight of the Holy Grail, the famous legend. A most interesting set of views cards published by the Name-Couth Souvenir Card Club of St. Louis, a company consisting chiefly, we believe, of mail carriers in St. Louis postoffice. The set is entitled "The Ten Ages of a Letter in the World's Fair City. No. 1 shows the three boys of the postmaster at St. Louis, fine sturdy little men, depositing the letter in the

mail box. No. 2 shows the mailman taking the letters from the box, No. 3 shows two modes of transporting mail to the main office. One is the four wheeled mail collection wagon with driver on the seat and the carrier standing on the step behind, the other is the electric mail trolley-car extensively used in St. Louis. It resembles the usual trolley car, opening at either side with steps for the convenience of the mail collector. On No. 4 carriers and clerks are shown facing and assorting sacks of letters at the main office, preparatory to canceling them. A bewildering array of mailbags is around them. No. 5 shows an "International" electric canceling machine and on another view two of the machines in operation with clerks supervising the lightning like passage of letters through them. No. 6 shows the long rows of pigeonholes before which busy clerks are distributing the letters for City distribution to the various stations. On No. 7 we see a St. Louis and Suburban trolley mail car approaching a substation with the mail clerk standing in the open side door ready to dump out the mail bag. Much as is done on the railroads, No. 8 shows the carriers at the station busy sorting the mail for their routes. On a large parcel in one of the pigeon holes one car distinctly read the address of one of the large stamp firms of St. Louis (All the views are reproduced from photographs taken by one of the carriers). No. 9 shows the carriers with pouches loaded sky high leaving the office for delivery; two special delivery messenger-boys have crowded in by way of added ornament. On No. 10 a smiling young lady is descending the porch steps of her home to receive the letter held out to her by a handsome mail carrier. By the expres-

sion of her face the letter seems to be an expected one and pleasantly anticipated at that. The set is really interesting and may be recommended to collectors, over 4000 have been sold in six months.

Japanese Chinese and Korean Coinage

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The British Museum contains a fine and choice collection of the coins of these countries: but that, again as not helpful to ordinary collectors.

Some of the earliest examples of Chinese coins were struck B. C. 770, and it is not uncommon to meet with coins of the fifth and sixth centuries of the Christian year. Those of the tenth century are, it is said, often met with in China in circulation at the present day; indeed, there does not appear to have been any recall to coins, and the small brass coins with the square hole in the center, which are locally known as "cash," are handled in great numbers. A string of these pieces frequently contains coins, the ages of which vary fully a thousand years, and the majority met with in China today are from two to three hundred years old. Some of our readers may have seen brass pieces (such as those illustrated in Figs 1



and 2) made up in the form of swords containing several hundreds of coins.

The Chinese people often hoard their savings in this way.

The most ancient of Chinese coins are known as Pou coins: the inscriptions upon them are in seal character. The curious knife shaped coins of the State of Ch'I, which were issued at different intervals between B. C. 683-263, have the inscriptions on the blade of the knife-shaped pieces, and sometimes upon the handles as well. The chief characters translated read: "The precious coin of the State of Ch'I," and occasionally "The lucky coin of the State of Ch'I". Knife-shaped coins of Ming are also extant. Under the Hau dynasty (A. D. 25-225) coins were used, also under the Wu dynasty which extended from A. D. 222-252. These coins are large, and are quite plain upon their reverses, the obverses being inscribed. Coins of the Sung dynasty are remarkable, inasmuch as those pieces struck by the Emperor Hsiao Wu Tu (A. D. 454) were the first upon which the Emperor's name and titles appeared.

Passing over other early coinages, it should be noticed that many of the variations in the coins prior to A. D. 1020 referred to the towns where they were struck. In the year 947 the brass "cash" of Lo Hau were said to contain a considerable portion of gold because the Emperor Lo Han Tung became attached to some Christian missionary, and in consequence melted down for coinage purposes many Buddhist images of China struck during recent years (A. D. 1875 and onwards) are inscribed in Chinese characters with the legend: "The currency of these the Kuang Hsu period." The whole of these coins are struck in brass.

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Old Samplers

By VIRGINIA BAKER

There is a quaint charm about old samplers which is quite indescribable. Even people indifferent to "collections" in general pause with interest before a display of these relics of bygone feminine industry. Such hours of patient toil as are represented by those tiny stitches! Such food for reflections as is to be found in those finely wrought moral precepts and pious verses! And what a light is thrown upon the vanished past by the fantastic designs that adorn the yellow canvas!

When we consider the tender age at which some long dead sampler workers labored with silk and needle we marvel at the excellence of the workmanship, beside which any product of our modern Kindergarten appears a mere bagatelle. The little maiden of a century or two ago began to do her "stunt" of stitches when, perhaps, only three years old (at the most she was but four or five under the supervision of the "marn," if she attended a "dame school," or possibly, directed by some older girl, whose skill warranted the teacher's intrusting beginners to her care. In those oldtime "dame schools" the school mistress did not do the work while the children listlessly watched her, as is too often the case in the educational institutions of today. The pupil had to do the task assigned, and do it well, or suffer the penalty of having her knuckles snapped with a brass thimble, or the palms of her hands smartly rapped by a wooden or whalebone "busk." Nor had she the comforting assurance that, with the close of the school session, her trials would end. On the contrary she well knew that she need expect no sympathy from mother or

father. Parents, in "auld lang syne," expected their offspring to obey their pastors and masters' literally, and a "punishment at school was apt to be followed by added correction in the home. Small wonder is it that the little Prudences, Patties, and Pollies, rarely skipped a stitch or curved a line that should have been straight.

Samplers varied in size and quality according to the means and capacity of the worker. Some are tiny squares, displaying merely the plainest style of lettering, others are marvels of quaintness and beauty. I have before me, as I write a beautiful specimen of needle work. It measures twentyfive inches in length and twentysix inches in breadth, and around all four sides runs a border, five inches wide, composed of flowers, leaves, vines and fruit, exquisitely wrought in silks whose hues are as bright, today, as they were a century ago. At the top, and in the center of the border, is a weeping willow tree drooping over an urn crowned tomb. The body of the sampler is devoted to a family record of births, marriages, and deaths, every letter of which represents the most patient toil. The canvas of this sampler is made of closely woven wool of a pale creamy tint.

A pattern much in vogue in the latter part of the 18th century displayed a central design of a brick mansion, with tall chimneys, many windows, and a long flight of steps. On either side of this mansion rose tall pillars, crowned by an arch above which appeared an elaborately decorated heart upheld by a pair of white doves. Sprays of roses drooped gracefully over the arch and about them hovered birds, presumably crows or black birds, since they were wrought with silk of ebon hue. Sur-

mounting the heart a motto was generally to be seen, a favorite one being "Honour And Renown Will The Virtuous Crown." Vases of blooming flowers flanked the pillars, while peacocks spread their plumage on the railings of the door steps. Gentlemen with silk stockings and knee breeches, ladies with full skirts and parasols, and children curtesying and bowing to their elders occupied the space below the steps, and in the lower corners appeared stiff legged sheep standing on each others backs and attended by ringletted shepherdesses and shepherds wearing queus and ruffled shirt bosoms. What other space remained was devoted to the name and age of the young sampler worker. Not infrequently a short acrostic was wrought laboriously in tiny letters. The following is a sample of the style of verse deemed suitable for the double purpose of decoration and instruction in the year 1739.

J esting vain and idle talk avoid,
 O ver all thy ways let truth preside:
 A midst thy blooming and morning
 days,
 N ever forget thy maker to praise,
 N oble if that blessed grace within,
 A bounding goodness ascribe to him.
 M eek unadorned with tinsel lace
 A ttach to virtue and possess with
 grace
 X alt thy maker's praise
 W isdom and truth ever be thy guide,
 E ngage thy mind and humble thy
 pride,
 L enity mercy possess thy mind
 L ast in speaking, first to be kind.

As no two acrostics could be alike, their composition must have taxed the ingenuity of the dame school marms, especially when, as in the case of Joanna Maxwell, a word beginning with the letter X had to be

provided.

One of the most curious of all the oldtime samplers portrayed the fall of man. The canvas was accurately divided in the centre by an elaborate border of many tints. Above this appeared a scene in the Garden of Eden. A tall tree weighted with fruit towered skyward. Beneath its boughs stood Adam and Eve, gazing into vacancy with beady black silk eyes. A thin serpent of abnormal length coiled about the trunk of the tree of knowledge held in his open mouth an apple which he invitingly suspended above Eve's outstretched hand. On either side birds and animals surveyed tempter and tempted with anxious interest.

A very different picture occupied the lower half of the sampler. Our first parents, driven from Eden, were there to be seen standing before a substantial brick house with green blinds, dormer windows, and ornate chimneys. Adam with white silk stockings, ruffles at breast and wrists cocked hat, and swallow tailed coat seemed the personification of prosperous worldliness, while Eves's silken gown, voluminous hoops, laces, ringlets, and dainty poodle dog, but too plainly demonstrated that she had, indeed, become a victim of the "poms and vanities" of life. And the serpent stretched on the ground appeared to exult at the evidence of the mischief he had wrought so cunningly.

Space forbids further description of other designs used by the young needle woman of the sampler period. But a few words in relation to the preservation of old samplers may not be amiss. The best way to keep them in good condition is to frame or "passe partout" them. Press the sampler with a warm iron, then baste smoothly on a piece of card board.

Sprinkle with moth powder and frame. Even a small collection makes an attractive and interesting decoration for a "den" or library and how much it teaches of the inner life of the women and children of the long vanished centuries!

Notes on Flint and Chert Implements

Mandan and Arikara Make

BY E. R. STEINBRUECK

On my travels up and down the Missouri River from my dwelling place the city of Mandan in North Dakota I have never been able to detect a flint or chert quarry or even a boulder of flint and still on my investigations, armed with pick, hoe and shovel I have unearthed flint implements as well as all kinds and shapes of grey chert. There is a certain kind of lime stone, not in quarries but in larger or smaller rocks scattered over the prairies which often has been used. Knives of a long narrow shape, from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide and from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 inches long have been found quite frequently besides oval triangular or roundish form. They are either flint or grey chert. The same may be said of the arrow heads of the Mandans are similar to the Arikara or Rikara points. Sometimes they are long and slim. at other times we find them in triangular form, the notches chipped out afterwards I have one in possession at present with one notch only chipped out. The difference between the Mandan and the Arikara arrowheads is at the bottom.

While the Mandans used to cut a straight base, the Arikara invariably made them with a curve. This is a sure sign of either make. At the old Mandan villages here about from Cannon Ball river to Knife river,

where I found so far twentyone on the Westside and five on the East side of the Missouri river are both kinds intermixed. That proves that the Arikara lived with the Mandans a good deal, associated with them, as in fact they were on friendly terms in general, or that the Arikara often took possession of Mandan villages, after being abandoned by their former occupants. A strange occurrence is the find of a yellow and of a pinkish chert, this kind of material never been found throughout this country. An authority on these matters has informed me of the fact, that the pinkish chert has been imported from Southern Missouri. There are not only perfect specimens of this pinkish and of the yellow chert, but frequent chips, which indicate the manufacture of the implements right here at the villages. Besides this strange chert we find also obsidian chips and implements, as arrowheads scrapers or small knives. The other day found up the river, about thirty miles north of Mandan a broken spearhead of large size, made of a white chert. This was a great surprise to me, because my friend J. M. Brooks of Golden City Mo., had exchanged relics with me and has sent me Little Osage Indian white flint implements, frequently found in this vicinity.

These strange cherts tell us the story tesifying that the Mandans gradually moved up or were driven up the Missouri River, either by the hostile Sioux or by the scarcity of game, till finally they were extinguished at Fort Clarke by the Black death. As a distinct tribe they are extinct. There are but a few families living with their former allies the Arikara at Fort Berthold Reserevation, N. D., with whom they are getting intermarried, to finally disappear entirely.

There is one lone Mandan living at Standing Rock Sioux Agency, married to a Sioux squaw. He said he was captured a baby by the Sioux on the South bank of Cannon Ball river. The present Mandans or Arikara do not manufacture or use the old implements and generally even do not know the use of many of the old bone implements found there at the old village sites, 100 years and older. They are using for a generation nearly the tools of the pale faces, obtained in trade or otherwise. About bone implements I will give a few notes and descriptions later on Frank Howland's home in Little Rock Arkansas. See cut in last number.

Carte Mobile Trip Around The World.

M . K E L L E R

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Another view is that of the Western Terminal Station. It is located on a triangle at the intersection of three streets. A familiar feature of the scene are the trolley cars with overhead wires, running on the streets, just like over there. The station itself is rather a ramshackle building, long and low, with no great pretensions to architectural beauty, but it serves an enormous traffic as Havre is one of the chief ports of France. Still another view is that of the Bourse Exchange and Footbridge and another card shows Paris Street of Le Havre showing it to be a busy active City, by the crowds seen on the streets and trolley cars. Now we come to the noted City Marseilles, the third largest City of France and one of its principal seaports. It is also the Capital of the Dept. Bonche-de Rhone. One Card shows a view of the fine large harbor "the prominade" one of the chief prominades.

Card No. 2 shows the fine large

Museum of fine arts, and another shows the Palais de Justice. Fourth view is that of "The Palais de Longehamp" It is a massive stone structure, forming a monumental termination to the great Durance aqueduct. It consists of two wings. This city was noted in 1792 for the march of its volunteers to Paris with the "Marseillaise." We will now leave France from this great seaport and go to Spain the mountainous country. We see our first new view in Barcelona, which shows one of its busy Streets. Barcelona is also a noted seaport and one of the larger cities of Spain—if not the largest. One card shows the Column of Columbus. It is a fine Column of bronze some 197 feet high, upon which is placed a statue of Columbus rising from a stone pedestal, surrounded by marble statues. Another shows the Cathedral, which dates back from the 4th Century. It is a fine old structure, built in Gothic and Romanesque style of architecture. Next comes Catalonia the mountainous district of Northern Spain. We visit San Felin de Guixols on one card on which is seen a street scene of interest. Next cards before us bring us to Madrid, the capital of Spain and of the province of Madrid. The large famous church of San Francisco loom up before us with its gigantic dome 164 feet in height. This church is famous for its fine profuse decorations in sculpture and painting by modern masters. The Museo del Prado or royal Museum seen on one card is said to rank among the finest of the world. Paintings of the Artist Murillo and Velasquez are to be seen also the royal armory, a unique collection of banners, arms, trappings etc., are here, the greater proportion of which have been used by some of the most famous personages in Spanish history.

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Old Almanacs

C h a s. S. R y b o f f

In reading the "Curio Department" of the WEST (edited by Roy F. Greene A. S. of C. C. for November, 1) notice an account of two old Almanacs, dated 1805 and 1810, owned by Mr. T. W. Lostutler of Emporia, Kansas. I thought at once of an old one in my possession, and hunted it up. It is dated 1786, thus being 19 years older than his oldest one. Mine is called "The North-American Calendar" or "the Rhode-Island Almanack," for the year of our Lord Christ 1786: Being the second after Bissextile or Leap Year, and the Tenth of American Independence. Calculated for the Meridian of Providence, Lat. 41. 51' N and Long. 71. 16' W. and states (But will serve for any of the adjacent states.

It is by Copernicus Partridge A. M. and is printed at Providence by Bennett Wheeler and sold at his office, opposite the market. It has the following practical inspiration on the front or cover page.

"This vast and solid Earth, that blazing Sun,
Those Skies through which it rolls
must all have End,
Day buries Day, Month, Month; and
Year the Year.
—Being in various Systems fluctuates
still
Between Creation and wasting Decay:
It ever did: Perhaps and ever will.
New Worlds are still emerging from
the deep.
The old descending in new Forms to
rise.

The inside cover has the Eclipses of the year 1786, the Vulgar Notes, and the bearings of several remarkable places from Rhode Island Light House, given in degrees. The next page gives a table of the weight and Value of coins, in ounces, drams,

and grains, also pounds, shillings and pence. The remarkable thing about this table being the names of the different kinds of money, there being a "Five Moldore Piece" a double Johannes, or Jacobus, a Doubloon, or 4 Pistole piece. Guineas, halves etc., etc., it also states at the bottom of the table that "By a law of this State, a deduction of two pence Halfpenny is to be made for every Grain short of weight." The next item is a record of the "Friend's yearly meetings," and after it a short article "On Public Prejudices."

The next page is taken up with a table of interest at 6 per cent, on shillings, pounds, and tens of pounds, for days, weeks, months and years. The calendar part starts on the next page, and occupies twelve pages. It is greatly similar to the Almanacs of today—giving the moon's changes at the top, the first column being the days of the month, the next, the days of the week—then in a wide column, opposite the days, are items of interest, such as the birth dates of great men, weather predictions, religious days, etc., I also notice under Jan. 19th "Good Sleding." March 22nd "The Rich Man is not always the happiest." April 21st "April Showers bring May Flowers" May 3rd "Rhode Island Election." May 11th "Connecticut Election," and on Sept. 6th "Commencement at Providence" Sept. 13th "Commencement at New Haven" and several other commencement dates, showing that in old times they had their commencements in the fall, at the beginning of the school year, instead of in the spring as they do now. All through these calendar pages are little items that are of great interest now, over a century after. In the back is a page written by the Author to the Reader, giving a short history

of himself and his ancestors, and his motto— "His Vice alone disturbs the human Breast, Peace dies with Guilt: be virtuous and be blest."

his creed— "Virtue alone is Happiness below."

his religion— "To deal justly, love Mercy, and walk humbly with God: and in all things, to do to others as I would have them do to me, in similar circumstances."

Where do we see an author of an Almanac in these days, make such a profession as that.

The balance of the pages are taken up with Court Calendars for the Superior and inferior courts of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, with poetry etc. The last four pages giving the distances from one town to another all over the then known country.

There are several jokes in the almanac and I can't resist writing one, it is a verse "On a man eating rotten cheese."

"Jack eating rotten cheese did say,—
Like Sampson, I my thousands slay;
I vow, quoth Roger, so you do,
And with the self same Weapon too."

The Almanac contains 24 pages, is slightly yellowed by age, but it is in excellent condition, not a page being torn, and the edges are only very slightly worn.

It has been handed down in our family, from one generation to another and has always been well taken care of, by each of its successive owners—until now I am the proud possessor—I have taken away the very last limit of your patience I expect, but I thought maybe this description would be of interest to some of the readers of the WEST.

Yours for the love of our Hobbies,

Chas. S. Rybolt, M. P. A., 165.

C. S. P. A. 754.

MAY BE A COIN OF TARSUS.

Wilkesbarre, Pa. —There was shipped by express from Berwick to the the British museum what is believed to be a gold piece of Tarsus, made in 700 B. C., and now valued at \$2,500. It is sent by a collector whose name is withheld to the director general of the museum for identification and is to be returned after being in his custody ten days. The coin is between the size of a quarter and half dollar. On one side is a figure, staff in hand, sealed. On a throne on the reverse side are two cows. If it proves to be a gold piece of Tarsus it will be the only one known to be in existence.— Daily Paper.

A magnificent collection of old tradesman's cards is owned by the Hon. Gerald Ponsonby. Mr. J. E. Hodgkin, F. S. A., has also a large collection. The Banks collection in the British Museum is well known.

The late Lady Dilke was a great connoisseur of old books, particularly Elzevirs, Aldines, and early works of the Paris and Lyons presses, which she treasured with all the enthusiasm of a collector.

The Musee Guimet, which has just celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, grew out of a private collection of objects of Oriental art formed at Lyon by M. Emie Guimet a wealthy silk manufacturer, who afterwards determined to enlarge its scope so as to make it illustrative of the different religions, not only of the ancient, but also of the modern world. Later, the Museum was transferred bodily to Paris and made a Government institution, to which a school of Oriental languages is attached.

Louisiana Purchase Exposition Coins and Medals

BY ZERRE

Official Medal



Approximately ninety thousand of the official medals of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition were minted and sold. The concessionaire was Mr. Chas. S. Muir of Washington, D. C. The medals were struck on a regular coining press in the mint exhibit of the government building. The operation of a coining press is always attractive and proved the most popular of the many interesting things exhibited in the Government Building.

The greater portion of the medals were struck in a brass colored bronze and sold for 25c. This composition proved unsatisfactory for the reason that it quickly tarnished and was, during the latter months of the Exposition, replaced by a more satisfactory and copper colored metal. The medal in both of the 25c metals were sold gold plated for 50c. Among collectors there was a popular demand for the product in silver reported to be about .600 fine, the medal in silver was first sold at \$1.00 and later for \$1.25. One is reported struck in solid gold and used for gift purposes. The product was practically confined to daily demand, there being no remainder of any except a few in the copper bronze medal,

which passed to the hands of a dealer.

Mr Muir reports that while his concession was profitable, yet disappointing from original expectation. The expensive methods of production and the percentage paid the Exposition made not profits but nominal.

A "Coin" That Is Not A Coin.

What is undoubtedly the handsomest medal attributable to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition found cause for its origin in a novel scheme of a Saint Louis concern under the name of Louisiana Purchase Souvenir Coin Company. The company issued a medal calling it a "Souvenir Coin of Admission" and by their literature offered the "Coin" at 50c. The purchaser to be entitled to guess on the total paid admissions of the Exposition, the one guessing nearest the correct number would receive a grand prize of \$50,000 in gold,. It was further represented that the company would conduct offices at the Exposition entrances where the coin could be exchanged for an admission ticket. This company launched its scheme at about the same time the Souvenir Coin Dept. of the L. P. E. became active and the independent concern was readily believed a part of the Exposition and found no difficulty in obtaining wide publicity and credit for thousands of dollars worth of advertising. In some instances advertisements were paid for with the "Coin" at 50c each. This company failed in its attempt for recognition or concession privileges from the Exposition and its operations became so annoying to the Exposition Souvenir Coin Dept., that an official statement was made by the Exposition Company and sent to the general press stating this concern had no relation whatever with the L. P. E. About the same time the question



"Souvenir Coin of Admission."

was presented to the secret service division of the Treasury—if a piece of metal other than money could be stamped and called a "coin," that there was nothing in the statutes prohibiting this was evident from the fact that it was reported no action could be taken.

The medals in round shape had been produced in considerable number when it was discovered that the head of Louis IX on the obverse was in similitude to the head of Isabella in the Columbian Quarter. It is not known if the "similitude" had anything to do with the change in the shape of the "coin" but the later products were all octagonal. The octagonal shaped ones are in brilliant gold colored metal and have been pronounced by connoisseurs one of the handsomest medals ever struck. All of these coins were numbered consecutively in the round form less than 25,000 were struck, except a very few in experimental metals all were struck in gold colored metal but not uniformly brilliant like the octagonal products. The octagonal "Coins" were numbered above 25,000. While a large order was placed for the "coin" in the octagonal shape but a portion of it was produced and not one delivered to the company placing the order. The company had ceased to exist and seemed to be without a "follow up" address during the first weeks of the Exposition.

So far as known there is no remainder of this issue in the round form all having been distributed at 50c each. A few of the octagonal ones reached the hands of the souvenir dealers during the closing days of the Exposition and were quickly sold. What remained in the hands of the maker were purchased by a dealer. This issued which is worth a place in any cabinet is perhaps the only late day evidence of a "Coin" not being a coin.

Important Find of Roman Coins.

Mr. E. Wooler, of Darlington, an ardent antiquarian, has just come into the possession of another collection of ancient Roman coins, which have been found on the site of the "camp" at Piercebridge (the Roman "Magis"). The coins, twelve in number, and in wonderful preservation, were forwarded to the curator of the British Museum for examination. His report establishes this one of the most important "finds" of coins ever made in the district. Taking them in order of date the coins include:—A dupondius of Tiberium, A. D. 14-27. (The coins of this reign are exceedingly rare, the issue having been called in by the Tiberius, as a public expression of the odium in which his disgraceful reign was held by both the Senate and the people. (Next is a dupondius of Hadrianus, A. D. 117-138; a dupondius of Antoninus Pius A. D. 138-161; a sestertius of Marcus Aurelius, A. D. 161-180; a sestertius of Severus Alexander, A. D. 222-235; a sestertius of Gordianus III, A. D. 238-244; a sestertius of Philipus, A. D. 244-249; a base denarius and a sestertius of Gallienus, A. D. 263-268; a base denarius of Postumus A. D. 258-267; a base denarius of Victorianus, A. D. 265-267; and a follis of Constantinus II, a Caesar, struck at Treves about A. D. 330.

MINERALOGY

EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive, Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept. —Forest Gaines!

Apropos of the work done by the U. S. Geological Survey in our own locality, a description of some of the work undertaken by the Survey will not come amiss. In our own locality, a survey for a huge irrigating ditch, has been laid out from the Yellowstone river across to the Missouri. The excavating for the ditch will probably begin this year. The U. S. Geological Survey also has charge of all the preliminary surveys on the other projected irrigation ditches, reservoirs, tunnels, etc., in Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, Colorado, Utah, and other western states.

The Survey has plotted the geological formation of many thousands of square miles of the U. S., thus showing the prospector, by the nature of the surrounding strata, the probability of finding certain minerals in any particular section. This work is now being carried forward as rapidly as possible.

Recently published reports show us the importance of the U. S. in the more useful metals. The U. S. leads in iron, silver, copper, lead and coal. Great Britain is first in gold and tin. These approximations of course include all the British colonies. The coal of Great Britain however, while less in quantity than that of the U. S. is sold for considerable more. The nickel mines of Canada, also give promise of leading the world's production as soon as they are properly developed. One half the copper of the world is supplied by the U. S. As regards zinc, Germany leads with,

the U. S. a close second.

Also in the work of plotting the forestry reserves the Geological Survey has done valuable work. In fact, at all times, this department, endeavors to keep abreast of recent scientific discovery, as is shown by the fact that it has lately undertaken an examination of all minerals supposed to contain the new element, radium. For this purpose it has solicited the sending of specimens from all parts of the country. In our islands and other possessions, the Survey is also doing valuable work, in developing the mineral resources.

A recent number of the "Mineral Collector," contained a complete catalogue of the great collection of meteorites, areolites, etc., in the collection of Prof. Henry A. Ward, which now reposes in the American Museum of Natural History, in New York City. Prof. Ward has devoted a great part of his life work to the amassing of this collection, which includes fragments, at least, of practically all known falls. The collection has also cost Prof. Ward a very large sum of money, as well as the time spent in gathering it. This collection, as to the number of separate falls, is probably the largest now extant, and possesses a great interest to the ordinary observer, as well as the mineralogist. For, as is well known, meteors, have from time immemorial, been supposed by many persons, to be invested with mystic properties. Prof. Ward is to be congratulated on the excellent catalogue he has made. The catalogue also contains a comparison of the prices of the foreign dealers in meteorites, with that Prof. Ward's prices are very much lower on the majority of the falls.

We have recently received from a

correspondent at Escondido, California, a good specimen of the gemstone recently discovered by Geo. F. Kunz, and named in his honor, kunzite. The mineral is a pink variety of spodumene, and the find was made at Pala, Cal., by a young prospector, Mr. Fred Sickler, who now owns the claim. Kunzite is now being much used in jewelry, as it has a variety of light emanations, when cut in a certain form and is therefore very beautiful. It is also said to show a certain amount of radio-activity. While the find was made by Mr. Sickler the importance of the mineral as a new variety was noted by Prof. Kunz, to whom specimens were referred a short time after the discovery. The section of California in question, is proving to be productive indeed, in the matter of gem minerals.



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There have been several complaints made we hope to publish next number, if nothing is heard. Winch Bros., of Colchester England asks regards Scott Vice president International Socy located at

Rhodesia has \$35 of their goods and they can get no reply.

G Sherman wishes to know regards A C Tanner, of Ogden, Utah and Hancock or Marshall Stamp Co., of Chicago

Sales Managers Report

I wish to impress upon the minds of my brother members that all have the right and privelege to use the Sales Department either as buyers or sellers. Thanking the members that have answered my call for books, I will say that they would find better results if the stamps sent were of a better class and in better condition. Good stamps always sell, poor stamps very seldom however cheaply priced.

Write to me and I'll send you a circuit of the stamps you collect.

Fraternally yours, Emil Spinony.

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Fellow-Members:

I am pleased to report a number of new members and glad to note the interest our members are taking in the society. Most all members have paid their dues and those who have not are requested to do so at once. We will discontinue sending the official organ and suspend your membership if no answer is received. Remember all memberships expire either January or July first. We hope all former U. P. S. and M. C. P. A. members will pay their dues, join our society and take part in our benefits. If you are a stamp-collector, you ought to join anyhow. 50c pays in full up to January 1906. The members of the Stamp, paper money, and coin collectors' association are requested to write J. H. DuBose, if they are willing to consolidate with us and this measure will be taken up at once, if they so wish. I am told by Mr. Cass that substitution occurred on Sales circuit No. 34 and the case is now in the hands of Fraud Investigator Wendt. The new membership-book is rapidly progressing and we desire cuts of all members for same. Also we wish dealers to advertise and members to insert notices of sale, want, and exchange. The membership committee is making its rules and formulating a campaign for new members. Mr. Laycock reports good progress of the Anglo-American Stamp exchange [The British M P A] The K. O. P. G. is being eagerly sought for by many members and this branch will award degrees for securing members and for other helpful work. With all this progress going on, you will see we are doing well and am glad to close with the statement that over 25 members have subscribed already to attend our convention at Niagara Falls.

Fraternally Yours, F. A. Mueller, Secy-Treas.

NEW MEMBERS.

John R Lave, 4831 Catherine St., Westmount, Quebec, Canada.....	Proposed by Mills
R. Van Benschoten, Hudson, N Y.....	Munger
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Resigned—No. 56 R W Geauque, 96 Wall St, New York City [In good standing]	
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Correction—Miss Hanway was proposed by Solomon instead of Munger.
 Delinquents—22, 24, 40, 55, 58, 59, 65, 67, 68, 69, 71, 14, 43, 45, 54, 53, 50.

NOTICE—Members of The Stamp Collectors Association,

Inasmuch as several members have written me asking where the society was, where were the reports and wishing to consolidate with us, I humbly beg to request all members of said society to write me whether they think it advisable to unite or not. We would gladly accept you among us and fill out your unexpired memberships and we would ask all members to write F. A. Mueller about this.

Treasurers Report

From January 5th to February 5th, 1905.

Receipts.	Applications and dues.....	\$7.45	
	Bal. of U. P. S. treasury.....	.56	
	On hand January 5.....	2.95	
			<hr/> \$10.96
Disbursements.	December Report.....	\$2.00	
	Secretary's postage.....	1.25	
		<hr/> \$3.25	
	Balance on hand February 5, 1905	7.71	
			<hr/> \$10.96

Prize Drawings

The winners of the membership contest were the following.

- Scott's catalogue by John A. Solomon
- Subscription to MeKeel's Weekly by H. Mills
- Due-bill by H W Shelton
- Animal stamp packet by H A Buchholz
- Portrait stamp-packet by L V Cass
- Subscription to "La Cote Reelle" by H D Munger
- Subscription to "Philatelic Advertiser" by J R Oakden
- Subscription to "Neave's Collector" by L Crandell

These are to be discontinued and a new plan of recompensation for getting new members will be formed. Send for blanks and try to get new members.

PERSONAL.

Fraud investigatar Wendt will be glad to attend to your poor accounts and other affairs of members. Kindly send 5c for postage when submitting case.

Librarian Dubois writes that we have about 1500 stamp papers in our library and he will make a detailed report soon. We also request all members to send old stamp magazines for our library.

This month the new officers are published above. We hope they will serve our association as faithfully as their predecessors have.

The exchange department is doing lots of business these cold winter days. meanwhile the Sales superintendent is not asleep and many circuits are going the rounds. Two cases of fraud are now being investigated in connection with the circuits. Expulsion will follow all such occurrences.

All members of the stamp, paper money and coin collectors Associatson are re requested to write to its president, J H Dubose Huguenot Ga., stating whether they wish to consolidate with the M P A or not. Likewise members of the the seemingly dead Stamp Collectors Association are requested to give their views to our secretary. "In Unity lies Strength," is our belief and aim.

Our membership book is rapidly progressing and will appear by April 1st. Get your notices inserted and attend to your advertisements. Rates given by applying to Munger.

Write to any officer and get some application blanks. Everyone wants to get at least one new member before the rule book is issued. Try your own locality and see if you cannot get us some members. The membership committee is doing good work and numbers are joining. Also the general managers are working indetristiously for us. New York State and vicinity members are (especially wanted to join and attend our convention at Niagara Falls next August. The committee on arrangements are actively engaged in making this an enjoyable affair to all who attend.

Send us 50c at once. Every reliable stamp collector should join the M. P. A.

THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Organized September, 1898 as the League
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 gomery Co., Pa
- 145 A C Roussel to P O Box 993 Mont-
 real Que

Resigned

- 150 G W Cornish, 309 Miss Lucy H
 Murray

I very much regret to report the fol-
 lowing dropped for non-payment of
 dues, all of whom have been duly noti-
 fied to remit.

- 3 G H Wilson
 4 Wm Wilson
 149 A E Labelle
 151 Jas Sutherland
 258 A R Talbot
 269 G D Robins
 271 J E M Frederick
 307 G Pierce
 310 A D Blair, Jr
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Your faithfully,
 F B Archer, Sec'y Treas.

Boston, Mass., Feb 3, 1905

To the Trustees of Canadian Philatelic
 Society.

Gentlemen: The auditors appointed to
 examine the Insurance Fund acct of
 the association have attended to their

duties and report as follows: Balance
 on hand Jan. 1, 1904 69.36
 Amts placed to
 credit of fund.

1st quar.	\$10.07	Chk. to trustees	9.40		
2nd "	8.72	" "	8.45		
3rd "	8.67	" "	12.31		
4th "	6.45	Stamps lost or removed.	3.75		
	33.91		33.91		

Deposit in Old Colony Trust Co., to
 credit Ins. Fund:

Nov 10 1904 \$78.86
 " 25 " 8.45

\$87.21

Less paid Smith acct losses 2.59

Balance in bank today 84.62

The check for \$12.31 has not been re-
 ceived from Montreal for deposit at
 this date but with this added amount,
 belonging to Ins. fund Jan 1. 1905 is

In Bank.....\$84.62
 Check not yet deposited..... 12.31

\$96.93

On hand Jan 1, 1904 69.36 } dep
 Checks..... 9.40 } together

\$8.45
 12.51

99.52
 Less paid Smith 2.59

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Respectfully submitted,
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larger number number of active mem-
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and everyone of the following 133 per-
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lecting and has joined the UNION
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 real Que

Resigned

- 150 G W Cornish, 309 Miss Lucy H
 Murray

I very much regret to report the fol-
 lowing dropped for non-payment of
 dues, all of whom have been duly not-
 ified to remit.

- 3 G H Wilson
 4 Wm Wilson
 149 A E Labelle
 151 Jas Sutherland
 258 A R Talbot
 269 G D Robins
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Your faithfully,
 F B Archer, Sec'y Treas.

Boston, Mass., Feb 3, 1905

To the Trustees of Canadian Philatelic
 Society.

Gentlemen: The auditors appointed to
 examine the Insurance Fund acct of
 the association have attended to their

duties and report as follows: Balance
 on hand Jan. 1, 1904 69.36
 Amts placed to
 credit of fund.

1st quar.	\$10.07	Chk. to trustees	9.40
2nd "	8.72	" "	8.45
3rd "	8.67	" "	12.31
4th "	6.45	Stamps lost or removed.	3.75
	33.91		33.91

Deposit in Old Colony Trust Co., to
 credit Ins. Fund:

Nov 10 1904	\$78.86
" 25 "	8.45

\$87.21

Less paid Smith acct losses 2.59

Balance in bank today 84.62

The check for \$12.31 has not been re-
 ceived from Montreal for deposit at
 this date but with this added amount,
 belonging to Ins. fund Jan 1. 1905 is

In Bank.....	\$84.62
Check not yet deposited.....	12.31

\$96.93

On hand Jan 1, 1904	69.36	} dep
Checks.....	9.40	} together

\$8.45

12.51

99.52

Less paid Smith 2.59

\$96.93

Respectfully submitted,
 Chas. H. Fowle } Auditors.
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largest society in the world in the total
number of members enrolled, has a
larger number number of active mem-
bers than any of its contemporaries;
in fact we carry the names of no in-
active collectors on our list, and each
and everyone of the following 133 per-
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lecting and has joined the UNION
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MEMMBERS

86,88, 90 91, 93, 94, 96, 97, 100, 102, 103, 111 and 114.

Owing to the fact that the publisher of The Focus has decided to discontinue the Souvenir Card Department of his paper it will no longer be an official organ of the UNION. You will receive in its stead The WEST and if already a subscriber, your subscription will be extended one year. This explains the reason for the non-receipt of The Focus by you; but you will have no further cause for complaint, as the WEST is published regularly, is reliable, and is the largest and best Card Collectors medium in the country.

Interstate Philatelic Association.

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Fellow members—

I wish to thank you all for having elected me President of the I. P. A. for the ensuing year. I shall do everything in my power to fill the office in such a manner that the interests and influence of the society will extend far beyond its present scope.

Much more enthusiasm is being displayed in philately at the present time, in the Pacific Northwest, than for quite a number of years past. Old collectors who had drifted away are again actively collecting, and many new collections are being started. Let us all work together and increase the enthusiasm during the present year.

There are three things each member should try to do during 1905.

1st. Secure at least two new members for our Society.

2nd. Start at least two new collectors and start them right. You will find it a pleasure to do this.

3rd. Take a more active interest in your collection than you have in the past.

During the Lewis & Clark Exposition when you are in Portland, be sure that you do not leave before visiting all the resident members. We are always pleased to have a fellow collector pay us a visit and talk about stamps.

Hoping to see you all at the next convention, I am,

Fraternally yours,
 H. C. Griesel, President

The I. P. A. is a thriving society founded at Portland, Ore some eight years ago and since Dec. 1903 to all collectors in the U S and Canada who can furnish two good references one of whom is already a member. Dues are 25c per annum, and application fee 25c. The WEST free to each member. A \$4.00 Columbian will be donated by the Secy-Treas to the member filing the greatest number of new applications by the time of the new applications by the time of the next annual convention this fall or coming winter.

The Eighth Annual Convention was called to order on Dec. 28 by President Precedemer and ballots counted resulting in the election of officers named above, the WEST as official organ and Portland for the convention seat for 1905.

The following reports of the Secretary Treasurer were read and approved
 Secretary's report, abridged:

Membership last convention	34
Dropped for non-payment of dues	4
Resigned	3
Remainder	27
New members	13
Total membership	40
Delinquent	14

In good standing 26

No prize was awarded for new members as no one succeeded in getting a majority of new applicants.

Treasurer's report:

Dr. On hand last convention	\$1 41
Dues and applications	7 70
Rec'd on insurance fund	91

Total to be acc't for	\$10 02
Cr. Expense of official organ	3 35
Printing application and membership blanks	2 45
Postage to members	2 57
Balance in Treasury	65

\$10.02

It was reported that the Exchange Department had done very little during 1904 as the superintendent of this department had resigned early in the season and broke up business for this season so that we were unable to get it moving again.

The secretary also suggested that he being too far away to properly keep up with current doings of the Association some competent member in or about Portland should be elected in his place but his election was allowed to stand.

It was then suggested that, inasmuch as this is the year of the Lewis & Clark Fair in this city and that many collectors will be in attendance from all over the country, some local headquarters and exhibit should be selected and established for the mutual good of ourselves and visiting philatelists.

This suggestion the society promised to look into.

The new Sales Supt. Mr. Coswell, wishes all members to participate fully

in his dept., and asks me to say that he expects "something doing" in his dept. this season, that is, of course if members support him as they should. Our fellow member, Dr. J. C. Perry now in Panama and previously stationed in the Philippines has sent in some fine stamps from these countries for sales through this department and all members applying will be granted a look at them. If any of you have a few good duplicates write Mr. Coswell and he will send you books to mount them in.

The following new members have applied to be accepted, and if no objection is raised within a reasonable time they will be declared elected.

157. Edward H Ott, 127 Cook Ave. Sta. B, Portland; proposed by E Coswell

158. F E Mongold, 940 Corbett St, Portland; proposed by Edwin Coswell

159. Archie Dean Warren, 613 So M St, Tacoma, Washington; proposed by Lewis Johnson

160. F E Bradford, Pleasant Hill, Oregon; proposed by H Clay Fox, Jr.

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165. H Herbert Hayes, 407 3d St., Portland, Ore; proposed by Coswell

166. Chas Kurz, 871 Commercial St, Portland, Ore; proposed by Coswell

167. Chas Kirchner, 235 Lincoln St, Portland, Ore; proposed by Coswell

168. Reed Rumelin, 899 Savier St, Portland, Ore; proposed by Coswell

Members who have not already paid up their dues for 1904 and 1905 please remit at once and new membership cards will be issued. Delinquents will not receive any more journals.

Yours for the I. P. A.

Frank L. Applegate,

Secy-Treas.

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NEW MEMBERS.

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 Fellow Members:

This is a good time to join a philatelic Assn. As this society has the WEST for official organ you are no loser by doing so as the paper is alone worth a years dues. W. P. Kelley, Secy-Treas 3222 Perry Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

American Society of Curio Collectors

President—Roy Farrell Greene, Arkansas City, Kas.

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Official organ—The WEST.

Cost of membership.—Initiation fee, 25 cents annual dues, 50c. Members receive a copy of the official organ each month.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

All members of the American Society of curio collectors who have not paid their dues for 1905, will please send fifty cents to the new Secy-Treas. Mrs. F. May Tuttle, Osage, Ia. and receive a membership card expiring Jan. 1, 1906. If dues have been or are sent to Mr. Brodstone or to myself the secretary will be advised and she will issue new membership cards. It became necessary for your president to choose a new secretary-Treasurer owing to Mr. Warner's inattention to the duties of the office and, I believe, his removal from his old address without having left a new address. He seems to have taken with him all the things belonging to the secretary's office, including the society record, and Mrs. Tuttle, who agreed to take up the duties of the secretary-treasurer has, with the help given her by

Mr. Brodstone and myself, had to make out a new roster of members. Members who paid 1905 dues to Mr. Warner and were issued cards for this year please advise the secretary and send the cards to her to be changed to the new series and returned to you.

Owing to neglect on the part of the secretary, Mr. Warner, the affairs of the A. S. of C. C. seemed to be so badly tangled it was necessary to almost reorganize the society this year. If members will cooperate in this work of getting things straightened out the society will soon be able financially to issue a year book and likely a regular society quarterly. Delinquents will please forward dues.

Roy F. Greene

Members of the A. S. of C. C. :—

It is my purpose each month to send a short message to you through the columns of our official organ, to tell you how matters are moving and also give you interesting personals regarding each other in order that we may become better acquainted with each other. I am very glad to present as an application for membership Mr. J. O. Berkley of Omaha, Neb. He is an alumnus of the Nebraska State University has been on several scientific expeditions and has contributed quite largely to the magnificent collection to his Alma Mater. His office is with Fleming Brothers, but at present he is caring for his father in Walula, Ia. Mr. Benton Holcomb of Simsburg, Conn. sends in his resignation which we are very loath to accept and hope he may reconsider it and come into our ranks again. A late Pasadena, Calif. paper has this to say of our talented Mrs. Brokaw and her husband; "Mr. and Mrs. Brokaw are officers in the company which is said to be revolutionizing placer mining by the use of a suction pump which does three times the work of the centrifugal pump used in the past." Mr. Bauer of New York comes loyally to the front in our crises and asks for blanks for the good of the A. S. of C. C. as does also Mr. Metzger of the same state, other members are sending cordial greetings that would warm the heart of any secretary.

Yours for service,

F. May Tuttle

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Camera Notes



Editor, F. J. CLUTE, San Francisco

Timing Your Exposures

By WALTER MARSDEN
New York

I would not like to admit just how long I stumbled ahead as an amateur photographer, without knowing what a really good negative looked like or what the result of right exposure would be when the plate was put in the developer. I finally ran across a hint in one of the magazines that set me to thinking. I will tell my brother readers of the WEST just how I went about a few experiments and they can go and do likewise if they see fit to do so. I can assure them that they will never regret having done so if they are now groping in the dark as I was at that time, they will thank me for the help that will result.

To start with you must buy a dozen of the slowest brand of plates that your dealer has. He will tell you about how much longer time they must be exposed. My dealer told me to give the ones he sold me, four times longer time than I did the Cramer Crown's that I had been using. Load up your holders and start out. The idea in using the slow plates is that you may distinguish the difference in timing as well as the results which follow. Select a subject like a house or a clump of trees, and make three exposures on it from the same position. Figure out what you think the right time will be and give an exposure of that duration. Make an exposure giving half the time and then make one giv-

ing just double. Have your plates numbered with a pencil when you place them in the holder. Keep a memorandum of each exposure so that when you come to examine the negatives after they are dry you can refer to your memorandum book and tell just what exposure you gave. Now, if you have been working from the shadow side of the house, go around to the other or brightly illuminated side and repeat the performance of making three exposures of exactly the same length. When this is done walk back so that the house or clump of trees are at a good distance, say 100 yards, with a clear open foreground, and then repeat the exposures, giving the same time as on the other two series. Next move around to another distant view point where there is something in the foreground to give you good shadows and expose your last three plates. When you come to develop these twelve plates, do it systematically and use a fresh, normal developer. Develop them in the same rotation in which they were exposed and watch closely their behavior in the developer. One or more of the twelve should be perfect negatives. You are not working to produce good negatives from each exposure but rather to have a lesson in the results obtained by over and under exposure and the effect of such on subjects of different character.

When these negatives are dry they will form most interesting subjects for study. You will find that the exposure that gave you the best result

on the shadow side of the house would be much too long for the brightly lighted aspect. You will find that the exposure made from a distance with open foreground had to be much shorter than the one in which dark foreground objects were introduced. You will also find that the density of the sky part of the negatives is different as the foreground is contrasty or weak, even with the same exposure. All in all, you will find in your series of experimental negatives, an explanation for many things which have been somewhat of a mystery to you. You will learn much concerning the necessity of variation in the line for different subjects when all conditions are the same except the relative position of the light. You will find that while there is not much difference in the quality of a negative when given double time, on a contrast subject, the exposure made on a distant object with an open foreground before it, must be made just about right. And not only all this, you will gain experience in the behavior of under and over exposed plates in the developer. It is a lack of the knowledge which makes it so useless for a beginner to try and modify his developer. The old hand can tell at an early stage, almost before the image starts to come, how the developer should be changed but the beginner lacks the knowledge and applies the remedy only after it is too late.

Your Face on a Postal

BY "BRAD"

And why not? We have historical, commemorative, humorous and various other cards. They all fill their places and someone gladly adds them to their collection at last.

There is an adage, "All the world loves a Lover," and I think all the collecting world loves a collector (the

rest pities him.)

Very often among our exchange friends are some whom we esteem and yet we can never hope to meet.

Sometimes an exchange of photos is made and here is where "your face on a card" comes in. Would it not be nice to have one part of our collection devoted to photos of our collecting friends, or an album filled with these photos post cards?

Suppose you are a member of some souvenir card club, would you not like to know the faces of the officers as well as their names?

These cards are easily made at home if one is an amateur photographer.

The developing photo post cards will make a nice photo and it is well worth trying.

I had the photographer make me a negative and then made an oval cut out or mask from opaque paper, making it large enough to cover the card. They are printed and developed according to directions for that particular brand of paper but all are easily worked and give good results. I first tried making them last summer and the results were very gratifying. I mailed several and received numerous inquiries as to how they were made etc. I used the photo developing postcard and the regular U. S. post card with a sensitizing solution.

If one likes a view may be printed on the card along with the portrait. While in Washington, D. C., recently, I noticed a studio on Pennsylvania Ave., where your portrait and a view of the Capitol or other building were made on cards at three for 25 cents. Collectors wishing cards with their own portrait and not being amateurs could have their local photographer make them at reasonable prices. I hope that this idea may find a "weak spot" in some other collectors and we may have a few (if not so pretty) very original cards.

A Valuable Hint.

Have you ever tried a cold potato cut in half and rubbed on the back of a print as a photo mountant? I have used it for a long time and find its advantages many, especially in mounting glossy prints. Most mountants are too moist and spoil the gloss of a print almost entirely, also discolor a card mount where it rolls out at the edge, if one is not very careful in squeezing them on. The potato formula has none of the traits in cooking the starch in the potato is converted into a very good starch paste and the way prints stick when mounted in this simple way is surprising. It doesn't injure the gloss of a squeegeed print in the least, and aside from its value photographically, it will be found useful for sealing letters and for all small work where a good starch paste could be used. Another advantage is that it is available at almost any time in every home.—The Round Robin.

Mounting Prints.

In mounting prints I use a clean handkerchief between the face of the print and the roller squeegee. If prints are being mounted wet, I also wet the handkerchief and tightly wring it out. It is put over the print when the latter has been placed in position, and, removing the print is squeegeed down. This projects the face of the print and edges. When mounting bromide prints wet, I first give them an alum bath for five minutes, wash them for four to five minutes, and then mount them as above described, using the wet handkerchief. Camera and Dark Room.

A Hint on Developing Paper.

While using developing papers, it often happens that some part of a

print comes out too black, or overexposed, while the remainder of the print is properly exposed.

This can be avoided, by plunging the print into clean water, or blotting it on clean blotting paper and then with a brush, dipped into a 10 per cent solution of bromide of potash, paint over the overprinted parts. Return to the developer is preferred. Wherever the bromide of potash is applied it checks the development; therefore care must be taken not to apply so much as to cause it to run where it is not desired. By occasionally resorting to this little dodge you may remain on more friendly terms with some of your relatives who condescend to pose before the camera; or you may be able to grow a few fleecy clouds on a bald headed sky.—Western Camera Notes.

Mat Your Prints.

A white margin around bromide and other prints adds much to their beauty, and can be obtained by placing a mask cut from thin opaque paper between the negative and the sensitive are. As an alternative, strips of similar paper may be gummed to the glass side of the negative, from which they may be removed without injury to the film.

Ground Glass Substitute.

Instead of ground glass, a film made as follows answers for focusing screens and also for studio windows. Dissolve one part of white wax in ten parts of turpentine in a hot sandbath and add two parts of a mixture (of equal parts) of varnish and drier applied with a brush and rubbed down with a tuft of cotton wool. This gives a permanent matt surface, which can, when desired, be removed with soda solution.



Answers

Queries should be addressed to Fayette J. Clute, 16 Mar-rye Terrace, San Francisco, California.

C. A. G. Blue and green tones on lantern slides.—Blue coloured slides may be obtained by prolonged toning in the sulphocyanide of ammonium gold toning bath, as employed for prints. A green colour may be secured by immersing the slide in the following bath:

Oxalate of iron 2 grains
Ferri-cyanide of potassium 15 grains
Water 32 ounces

in which it will turn a dark blue; then place for a short time in a solution of—

Chromate of potassium 5 grains
Water 16 ounces

When dry, it will be of a green colour.

A. P. T: To print Clouds in En-largements—Select the cloud nega-tive. Expose the foreground in the usual way, the dense sky preventing the light from affecting the print in that part. When the exposure is finished, cover the lens with a yellow glass cap, so that you can see the image without the light having any power. Then cover the land-scape, almost up to the horizon, with a sheet of red or black paper. Put the cloud negative in position and cover the enlargement with a large sheet of card. Uncap the lens and give a rather short exposure, unless you want very deep clouds. During the entire duration of exposure, alterna-tively move the card board slowly, first downwards, until past the hori-zen, and then upwards, until the sky is completely covered. In this way there will be no visible join between clouds and view.

H. A. P: To Renovate Bromide Paper: There are various ways of renovating dry plates and bromide paper that have become fogged either through age or exposure to light. All these methods necessitate a con-siderably longer exposure than usual —about eight times the normal being necessary, as a rule. The following is a representative formula in which the plates or paper to be treated should be immersed for about ten minutes followed up by a thorough washing in clean water:

Potassium bromide 1 oz.
Potassium iodide 1 dr.
Water (warm) 2 oz.

When dissolved, add hydrochloric acid 2 ounces, potassium bichromate 1 ounce. Dissolve thoroughly, and dilute with water to a total bulk of 8 ounces.

C. W. B.—Aid Fixing Bath:—A formula for an aid fixing bath con-taining chrome alum, to act as har-dening bath as well, to contain 1 lb. of hypo is as follows:

Hypo 1 lb
Water 8 oz.
Poassium metbisulphite 4 oz.
Chrome alum 2 oz.

L. F. C:—Waxing Paper Nega-tives:—The best way of waxing the paper is to place a piece of paraffin wax on the back of the negative, and to spread it with a warm flat iron. It is doubtful if there is any marked advantage in the use of the wax, as occasionally there are spots in the pa-per which will not become translu-cent with the result that irregulari-ties occur that are not visible in the unwaxed paper.

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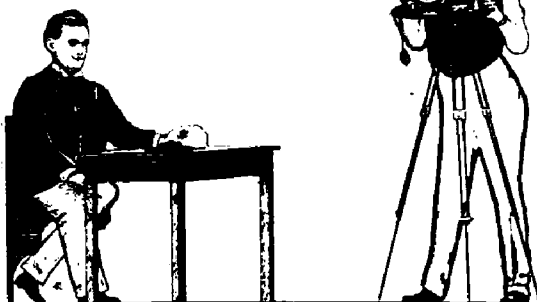
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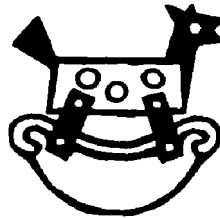
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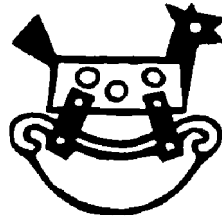
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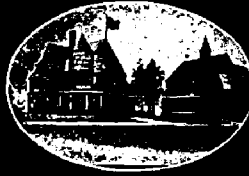
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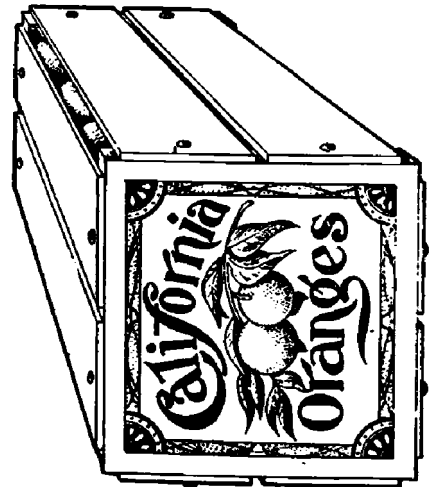
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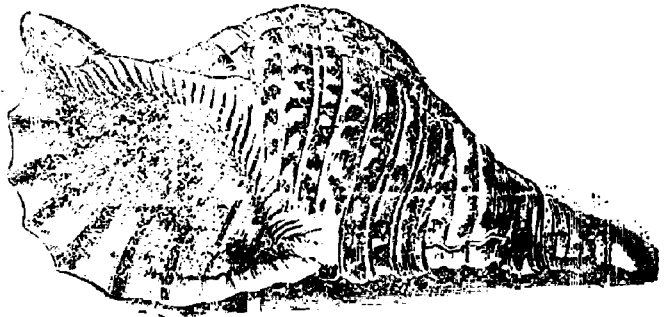
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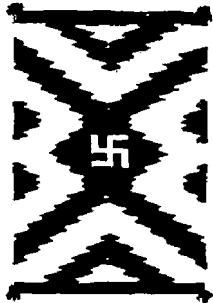
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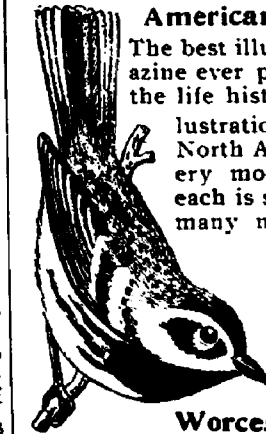
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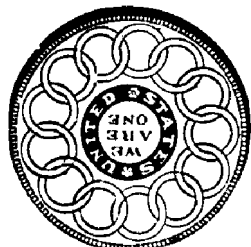
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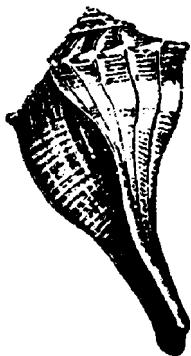
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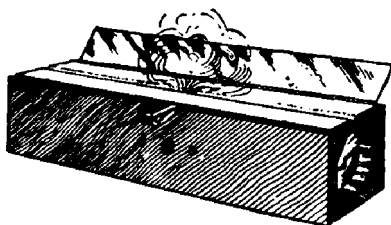
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