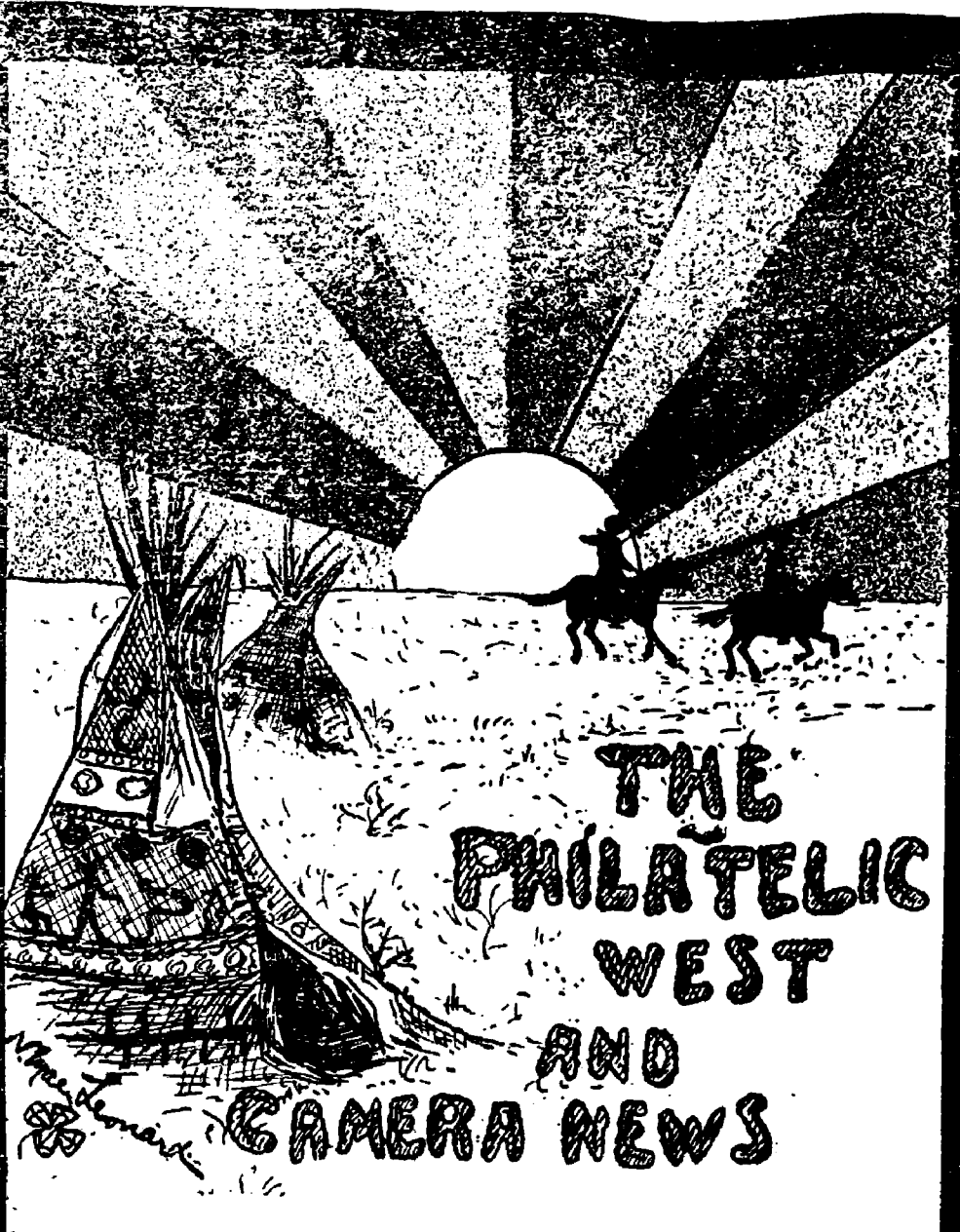


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Hayti.

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1893 7c red	.10	.04
1896 8c lilac	.06	.02
" 5c green	.04	.02
Argentine Rep. 1901 15c	.08	.03
Gold Coast 1898. 6d	.10	.04
New So. Wales 1902 2sh 6d		.25
New Zealand 1862 2sh 6d fiscal	.35	.15
Persia 1894 5k	.35	.15
Transvaal 1885 1sh	.15	.06
" 1902 1sh single watermark		.12

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5 Columbian Rep	10 Persia
10 Costa Rica	10 Peru unus'd
20 Denmark	10 Salvador
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" " " " 70c.....	08	03
" " " " 80c.....	05	02
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" " " " 1fr.....	05	02
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" " 1901 25c.....	30	12
" " " 50c.....	75	30
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" " " 10c.....	04	01
" " " 25c.....	05	02
" " " 50c.....	10	04
" " " 1b.....	20	07
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" " " 37½c.....	08	03
" " " 50c.....	08	03
" " " 1fr.....	18	09
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200 " ".....	28c	
300 " ".....	56c	
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1856 1/2, 1, 2 and 4 reales	1.06	48	
1871 1 and 2 reales	16	07	
1861 1/2 and 2 reales	66	29	
1864 1/2, 1, 2 and 4 reales, 1 peso	21	11	
1864 (Eagle) 1, 2 and 4 reales	96	39	
1866 13 and 25 ctvos	50	24	
1868 (Imp) 9, 12, 25, 50 ctvos	99	49	
1808 (perf) 6, 12, 25, 50 ctvos	1.78	78	
1872 (imp) 6, 12 and 25 ctvos	46	22	
1872 (perf) 12 and 25 ctvos	32	14	
74-83 5, 10, 20 and 25 ctvos	23	09	
4, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100 ctvos	60	24	
1879 1, 2, 5, 10 and 25 ctvos	59	26	
1882 1, 2, 5 and 10 ctvos	70	31	
1882 2, 3 and 6 ctvos	35	19	
1884 1 2 3 4 5 6 and 10 ctvos	32	13	
1884 1 2 3 4 5 6 10 12 20 25 50 c	68	28	
1884 1 and 2 pesos	37	17	
1885 1 2 3 4 5 6 10 12	71	49	
1886 1 2 3 4 5 6 and 10 ctvos	25	08	
1886 1 2 3 4 5 6 10 12 and 25 ctv	1.20	52	
1887 3 4 6 and 10 ctvos	18	07	
1887 3 4 6 10 20 25	2.08	71	
1890 1 2 3 5 and 10 ctvos	11	03	
1890 1 2 3 4 5 6 10 20 and 25 c	35	15	
1895 1 2 3 4 5 and 10 ctvos	19	05	
1895 1 2 3 4 5 6 10 12 15 20 50 c	86	29	
1895-96 (R M) 1 2 3 4 and 5 c	15	06	
1898 (Eagle and R M) 2 4 5 20c	20	09	
1898 (unwmkd) 1 2 3 4 5 12 15 20	51	19	
1899 1 2 3 5 10 15 20 ctvos	25	08	
1899 1 2 3 5 10 15 20 50 c 1 peso	80	29	
1903 1 2 3 4 5 10 ctvos	04	14	
1903 1 2 3 4 5 10 and 50 c	14	14	
1903 (Unused) 1 2 4 5 10	24	14	
1903 (Unused) 1 2 4 5 10 and 50	39	39	
1884-93 (official) 3 varieties	11	03	
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2968	" " 4 " " .40	.10	
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1513	[237] " " " " 25c	.10	
1478	[173] " " " " 25c	.05	
50	var. cut. sq. envelopes, cat \$3.00	.50	

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100	var.	.15	100	var.	.06
200	"	1.00	200	"	.15
300	" [fine]	2.50	300	"	.30
			500	"	.60
1000	var. stamps all over the world, cat. over \$25.00, only	2.50			

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App.	Album holding 600 stamps, fine linen paper ruled only	.05
1000	hinges only	.05
10,000	" " "	.35

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25	2c red 1890 issue left 2 capped	10
25	2c red " " and right "	15
1000	mixed U. S. and For. stamps	12
100	2c green 1887 issue	03
100	2c brown 1881	03
100	3c green 1870 issue	03
100	3c red 1861 2nd issue	15
100	2c Columbian	03
100	2c vermilion 1875 and 1879	20
100	1c blue 1873	05
25	3c blue 1869	12
1	pound U. S. and foreign stamps	28
1	pound all U. S. stamps	28
10	3c green 1870 embossed	10
10	3c red 1869 embossed	10
5	2c black 1867 embossed	25
1c	ultramarine 1870-71 embossed	18
1c	ultramarine 1870-71 without embossing	04
1	set used Columbian from 1 to 10	10
1	" Owaba	10
1	" Pan-American	10
1	" St. Louis	10
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22 o g.....	.09	98 o g.....	.02
23.....	.07	100 o g.....	.06
24.....	.04	101 o g.....	.13
25 o g.....	.05	125 o g.....	.02
26.....	.04	126 o g.....	.04
27.....	.04	Germany 61 80p.....	.03
28.....	.04	62 1 mk.....	.02
29.....	.03	63 2 mk.....	.05
31.....	.07	75 1 mk.....	.02
34.....	.05	77 3.....	.10
42 o g.....	.03	78 5.....	.18
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STRAY NOTES ON SHEETS OF STAMPS.

(By R. R. Thiele.)

As my notes under the above caption in Mr. Chapman's "Adhesive" met with a modicum of approbation, Mr. Brodstone has requested me to continue them in *The West*, since the "Adhesive" is unfortunately defunct—although I have not to this day received any notice of its suspension from Mr. Chapman. Nevertheless, since numerous letters have not elicited any response from Mr. Chapman, I must assume that the suspension is definite—to my regret as the "Adhesive" was always a bright little paper—and I have therefore consented to continue the series in *The West*, as long as my material holds out.

When I made note of the sheet arrangement of the stamps of Malta, as long ago as 1902, stamps of several different issues were current there. Naturally the sheet arrangements were not entirely uniform. The 1 farthing stamp of 1900 with view of La Valetta harbor was printed in sheets of 120, arranged in 2 panes of 60 each, the panes composed of six horizontal rows of ten each. The face value of a sheet was thus 2 shillings, 6 pence—the familiar "two and six," of the Britisher. The ½d., 1d., and 2½d. were of the 1885 issue, Queen's Head; these were printed in sheets of 240, arranged in four panes of 60 each, each pane in turn arranged in ten rows of six each. The sheets thus had the following face values:

½d. equal 10 sh.; 1d. equals 1 pound;
2½d. equals 2 pounds, 10 sh.

The 2d., 4d., and 1 shilling were of the same Queen's Head issue, but these were printed in sheets of 120, in two panes of 60, each pane arranged in ten rows of six. This gave face values as follows:

Sheet of 2d. equals 1 pound; sheet of 4d. equals 2 pounds; sheet of 1sh. equals 6 pounds.

The 4½d. was of the pictorial issue of 1899, but its sheet arrangement was the same as that of the last mentioned trio, so that the face value of the sheet was 2 pounds 5sh. The 5d. of the pictorial issue came in sheets of the same size: 120, two panes of 60 each; but because of its oblong shape each pane was arranged in six horizontal rows of ten, instead of ten horizontal rows of six each, as for the upright stamps. The 5 shillings was of the old issue, that of 1886, Queen's Head, but of larger size; it was printed in sheets of 120 each also, but the sheet was arranged in ten horizontal rows of twelve each. The 2 sh., 6d., and 10sh. of the pictorial set of 1899, were also in the large size, but these two were printed in sheets of 60 only, arranged in five horizontal rows of twelve each. The sheets of the last named stamps thus have the following face values:

Sheet of 5d. equals 2 pounds, 10 sh.;
sheet of 5sh. equals 30 pounds; sheet
of 2sh., 6d. equals 7 pounds, 10 sh.;
sheet of 10 sh. equals 30 pounds.

I wouldn't mind owning a few of these latter in unbroken sheets.

The new King Edward set, as far as I am aware, is printed in sheets of 240, four panes of 60, ten rows of 6—the usual *De la Rue* style.

The sheet arrangement of the stamps of British Central Africa was described by me in a former note (in the "Adhesive") as far as the older issues are concerned. It remains to bring the information up to date by adding the King Edward issues. The values from 1d to 1 sh. are printed in sheets of 120, two panes of 60, ten rows of 6.

The higher values above 1sh. are

printed in sheets of 60, arranged in five rows of 12, so that the sheets of both sizes come out even in Sterling currency. The last named arrangement: 60, 5x12 or 12x5, is becoming a regular thing for De la Rue's high values.

A similar case in point is found in the pictorials issued for British Guiana: the 2c and 10c of this set are printed in sheets of 60, arranged in 5 horizontal rows of 12; the 1c, 5c, and 15c, are printed in sheets of 60 also, but because of their oblong shape these are arranged in ten horizontal rows of 6. Of course sheets of 60 are not particularly adapted to dollar currency, but what is that to the De la Rue firm? The convenience of the public is a remote consideration to them. By the way, on the sheet of the 10 cents surcharged 2 cents, No. 7, is the error, GENTS.

As is well known the Servian issue with head of King Alexander, which was afterwards surcharged at Belgrad with the arms of Servia so as to enable it to be used under King Peter, was made in Paris. It is therefore quite natural that it should have been printed in sheets of 150, like the French stamps.

The Indian Native States present some outlandish sheet arrangements, owing to the curious currencies in use there. To be sure, not many American collectors take much interest in these stamps, but even those who do not may still be interested in hearing something about their sheet arrangements, for after all philately is cosmopolitan. I shall therefore, as occasion offers, mention such as are known.

The stamps of Cochin or Cochin-Anchal (not to get it mixed with Cochin-China), are arranged to suit the currency, which is not always the case in India. Each sheet is arranged to have

a face value of 24 puttans. Thus the 3 pies stamp is arranged in sheets of 80, ten horizontal rows of 8. The $\frac{1}{2}$ puttan stamp comes in sheets of 48; eight rows of 6; the 1 puttan in sheets of 24, four rows of 6; the 2 puttans in sheets of 12, arranged in twelve horizontal pairs, (24 puttans equal 20 annas Imperial currency). This arrangement holds good both for the small and for the large stamps, but the re-engraved 1 puttan of 1896 forms an exception, as this was printed in sheets of 36, six rows of 6. The large stamps were printed on the remaining stock of the water-marked paper intended for the small stamps; of course the watermarks do not fit, as they were intended one to a stamp in the sheets of the smaller stamps.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ anna stamp of Las Bela was at first printed in sheets of 20, five rows of 4; later the sheets were enlarged to consist of 25 stamps in five rows of 5. This is true of the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna on blue. This same value on gray, issued 1901, and the 1 anna red of that date are printed in sheets of 16, 4x4, so as to make the face value of the sheet $\frac{1}{2}$ rupee and 1 rupee respectively. No. 10 in the sheet of the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna is lettered BFLA in error.

(To be continued:)



DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY.

By L. G. Dorpat, Box 37, Wayside, Wis

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229.—Where is "Julen" Situated and How Many Stamps has that Country Issued?—"Julen" is situated one week before New Year! It is no country at all; it is the Danish name for Christmas. Denmark has issued a stamp inscribed "Julen" at the top and "1904" at the bottom. It is not a postage stamp though it was sold at the stamp windows of the postoffices. The object of the stamp is to raise funds for a sanitarium for tuberculosis patients (consumption). The portrait on the stamp is that of the late Queen Louise, the so-called "grandmother of Europe." It is said that seven million of these stamps which were sold at 2 vere a piece, were sold, netting above all costs the sum of 135,800 kronas. There have been other similar charity stamps, and Sweden has issued one at about the same time or shortly after the Danish stamp appeared. Russia also comes forth with charity stamps, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the orphans of soldiers. These Russian charity stamps are postage stamps too besides being charity stamps. There are four values of these, 3, 5, 7 and 10 kopeks; this face value represents their value as postage stamps, but they are sold at a plus of 3 kopeks which go into the orphan fund. The British Commemoration Charity

stamp 1897, issued for the Prince of Wales Hospital Fund is probably known best of all similar stamps.

230.—What is meant by "Specialist" and "Specialism" in Stamp Collecting?—The meaning of these terms differs considerably accordingly as they are used by different writers. Some, especially our younger friends, evidently mean by "specialist" any one who does not collect the stamps of all countries but devotes his endeavors to the stamps of one or a few countries only. "Specialism" in this connection would mean about as much as limitation or particularism. Other writers—and I think they are more correct in the use of the terms—understand by "specialist" any one who devotes his energies preeminently to one country or group of countries, going into every detail and minute of the stamps selected with much more precision and thoroughness than could be, if all stamps of the whole world were equally treated. In this connection "specialism" would be synonymous with thoroughness, minuteness and pains-taking exactness. It is to the specialist in the latter sense that we owe most in regard to philatelic knowledge and information, because he takes notice of everything and all things pertaining to the stamps of his selection.

231.—Who Knows Anything of a Canada 3c. 1888, Vermillion Surcharged "1 cent 1" in purple?

232.—Are there any "Pre-cancelled" Stamps Issued in Canada?—Yes, I recently got a 1 cent "King's Head" surcharged MONTREAL QUEBEC with two heavy lines between the two words. The whole surcharge is upside down on the stamp. I would like to know in what cities of the Dominion are such stamps used; when were the first issued; what are the official documents

relative to their issue; and what values have been so treated? A full list of all types, varieties, etc., would be very desirable. It may be noticed that pre-cancelled stamps are not yet abolished in the United States. Only recently I got a pre-cancelled 1 cent from Milwaukee, which was sent out about Feb. 1, 1905. From a list on page 38, No. 736 in McKeel's Weekly St. U. it appears that other cities too are still using pre-cancelled stamps.

233.—What is the Cause of the Penny, 1900 Gr. Britain Turning Blue?

—The exact cause I can not tell. It must be some chemical action produced by gases in the air, chemicals in the paper on which the stamp was stuck, or in the water in which it was soaked or possibly by sun light. All mixed colors, as green, orange, violet and brown are more or less subject to changes caused by one or the other of the above-named agents. Changes are due to chemical decomposition, oxidation or de-oxidation, and both, mineral as well as vegetable, colors are affected. Fugitive colors, that is colors which change easily, are selected on purpose to make the fraudulent cleaning of stamps after they have once been used impossible, or at least very difficult. The saliva of the human mouth is capable of chemical action and it is possible that the moistening of a stamp by the tongue may affect the color of the stamp. The color of the paper on which stamps are printed may also be affected both by chemical action (including "yellowing" from exposure to sun and air) and by the solution and diffusion of stamp color in the soaking water. For instance, a bluish white paper, when soaked in water with quite a number of our common U. S. 2c stamps, will change to a violet or even rose tint. In common

stamps this is not of much importance, but when a collector deals with stamps worth dollars, perhaps hundreds of dollars, where the tint of the paper may designate a special and valuable variety, it is quite an object to be careful in this respect.

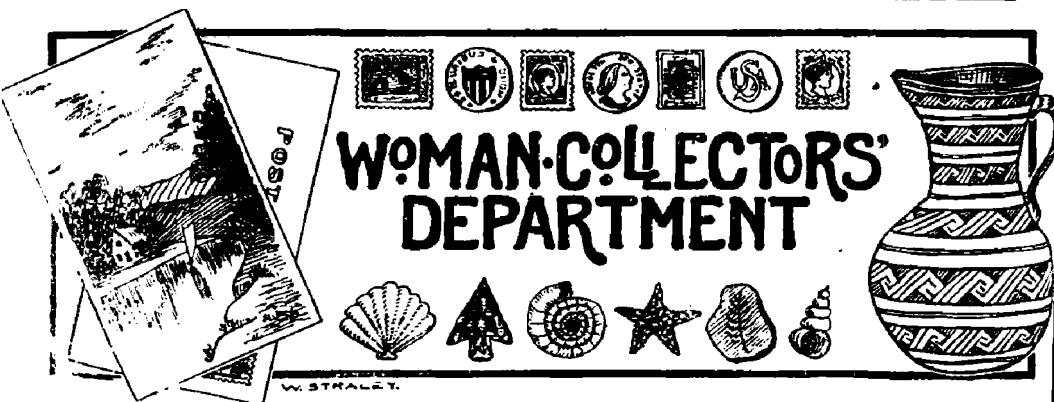
234.—Are Nevada State Tax Stamps and Ireland Petty Sessions Stamp worth Anything?—Certainly. Yvert et Tellier quote the 5c Nevada, 1865 at 60 centimes (12c. U. S.), and the 6d Ireland Petty Sessions, 1862, at 20 centimes (4c U. S.), rose or green, 75 centimes (15c. U. S.), blue. All bona-fide "stamps" have some value, small as it may be. (The Boyd's Express City Post Paid stamps is not known to me. It may be a valuable find, and it may not. The description given is not sufficient).

235.—Which of the United States have Issued State Stamps?—Alabama, California, Louisiana, Nevada and Oregon. The \$2.00 Nevada Poll Tax stamp is not priced in Yvert & Tellier's catalogue and I have no other revenue catalogue at hand.

NOTE.—I would respectfully ask our subscribers to make their questions as definite and exact as possible, that I may know precisely what they wish to know. When asking about a stamp, the stamp ought to be either well described or rather to be sent along for identification; in the latter case return postage and registration fee should accompany the stamp. To judge the value of a stamp that I do not see is a very difficult, hazardous proceeding and my estimate must be understood as not referring to that special copy of the stamp that is (perhaps vaguely) described to me, but rather to any average good copy according to the catalogue quotations. In an actual sale the price may be far above or below such an hazardous esti-

mation. I am always glad to serve our readers though as best I can, and, as far as I know, not one stamp was ever lost that has been entrusted to me.

Valuable stamps should always be registered. There is no fee required for my services, but the 2c postage should not be forgotten.



A few months ago your editor wrote something on the mourning stamp subject for this paper, founded upon newspaper comments. The newspapers are still airing the subject as is shown by the following from the Philadelphia Press. "A fashionably dressed woman caused some amusement at the Hotel Imperial (New York) last evening by asking for a dozen "mourning" postage stamps to place upon letters she had just written. When the clerk had explained that none were to be had, she remarked that "America is slow."

An extremely interesting group of relics is the crown, sword and Bible of the first Catholic king of Spain. These relics are preserved religiously at Madrid. The defeat of the Moors in Spain and the ascendance of Catholic monarchs were naturally epoch making events. The king who won the victory was Ferdinand and the Queen Isabella. The victory among other things insured the spreading of the Roman Catholic faith as well as the rule of the crown and sword. The grouping of these relics represent a very unique portion of history.

A good story is going the rounds in Pennsylvania at the expense of two brilliant women collectors whom we shall name Mrs. James and Mrs. Rolse from delicacy. The two women had been friends at college during their girlhood days, all their interests being mutual. Years, however, had separated them in interests as well as in body, until when chance brought them together again it was difficult to realize that they were the same persons who had been almost one in former years. Mrs. James had become a famous archeologist and genealogist while Mrs. Rolse was known far and wide as a most enthusiastic philatelist. The gradual transformation of character that had led to such differences would be interesting and amusing to follow. But as Mr. Kipling would say that is quite another story. For two hours they talked at cross purposes, each being full of her particular hobby. At last Mrs. Rolse came from her study, saying to the relative at the hall door, (I never was so suprised in my life! I never saw such a change. Too bad, too bad! Mary James is the last person whom (Continued last page Camera News.)

THE LONDON STAMP EXHIBITION. A Record for Attendance and Enthusiasm.

The Junior Philatelic Society, its President, Mr. Fred J. Melville, and its Secretary, Mr. Herbert F. Johnson, have every reason to congratulate themselves on the success of their recent exhibition of stamps in Exeter Hall, Strand. We gather from the newspapers that over 10,000 people visited the Exhibition during the two days, and certainly the crowd was thick from the opening to the close of the display.

Exeter Hall is right in the heart of Philatelic London, a few doors from the shops of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Bright & Son. Thirty or forty other dealers—perhaps more—carry on their business within a penny bus ride from the hall. So that, spacious as the hall is, with an ordinary capacity for 1,500 to 2,000 people, it was none too large for the crowds which swarmed to see the Junior Philatelic Society's Exhibition, which had been so extensively advertised.

People came from all parts of the country and were accommodated in several of the biggest hotels. They came in singles, in pairs and strips. One party from a Provincial town numbered forty-five. The hall was full downstairs when the President escorted the genial Major Evans on to the platform to formally open the Exhibition at half past three on Friday afternoon, February 3rd. On the platform also were Mr. Edward J. Nankivell, Mr. Charles J. Phillips, and Mr. Herbert F. Johnson. Mr. Melville introduced Major Evans in less than a score of words, and then Major Evans gave an elegant and pleasing little opening discourse. He divided the inhabitants of the world into two classes, stamp collectors and non-stamp collectors. The one class he congratulat-

ed, the other he commiserated. Very particularly did he congratulate the Junior Philatelic Society on the Exhibition, the success of which even then seemed more than assured.

The Exhibition itself comprised a very fine and complete collection of the stamps of Great Britain. This included the entire collection of specimens cut from the imprimatur sheets at Somerset House, kindly lent by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue. Every variety seemed equally represented, but owing to the crowd on the first day at the opening, it was not possible to put the finishing touches on the Exhibition till the following morning.

One stamp was shown for the first time. It was the penny red-brown 1847, imperforate lettered B only. It appears from Wright & Creeke's book that plate 77 of this stamp was found to be slightly deficient. The first stamp in the second row which should have been lettered B A was lettered B only, the other letter space being left vacant. This was quickly discovered, the mistake corrected, and the plate re-registered as plate 77B. From that time to this no specimen of the stamp has been known to stamp collectors. It was shown at the Junior's Exhibition for the first time. The copy is used on a piece of original which should greatly enhance its value. But so far as the greatest authorities know the specimen is unique.

Mr. Hayman Cummings' magnificent collection of college stamps was shown, and attracted a lot of attention. The owner was himself at the Exhibition throughout the two days.

Among the well known philatelists, who were present we noted the Baron de Worms, Major Evans, R. B. Yardley, E. J. Nankivell, H. L'Estrange Ewen, C. J. Phillips, H. L. Hayman, H. A. Slade, W.

V. Morten, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Frenz-
 zel, W. Linn, F. Ransom, Douglas Ed-
 ins, Mrs. Conns, C. Whitfield King, H.
 Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. D. Field, G. W.
 Lawn, Annie Day, P. L. Pemberton, Ber-
 tram W. H. Poole, Wm. Darwin, John
 D. Handy, Percy C. Bishop, Sydney
 Bishop, L. Savourin, G. H. Holland, H.
 Clark, A. H. L. Gues, R. Hatfield, Cap-
 tain Dingwall, Dr. Wigmore, J. Douglas
 Ragg, Mrs. Ragg, Miss A. Adams, C.
 Duane Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Ross
 Shields, Edwin Healey, C. J. Patinan,
 W. A. Bois, W. G. Inkpin, J. Feeney and
 others, whom we were not so fortunate
 as to recognize, or to number among our
 acquaintances.

The crowd was very heavy in the aft-
 ernoon by the time the orchestra com-
 menced its selections which were of the
 most delightful order. The company
 present applauded every selection from
 the tasteful program of music. The tea
 room which could be entered direct from
 the Exhibition, was filled to overflow-
 ing again and again.

But the event of the evening was the
 lantern lecture by Mr. Fred J. Melville,
 entitled "His Majesty's Mails." The
 lecturer received a splendid ovation when
 he mounted the platform and faced the
 enormous audience which filled the whole
 of the ground floor and the balcony.
 Every corner of the great hall was occu-
 pied, and out in the corridors were
 crowds of people who were so unfortun-
 ate as to have been detained at busi-
 ness and could neither secure access
 downstairs or upstairs.

And the lecture itself was a delight
 that is rarely granted to stamp collect-
 ors. Mr. Melville brought the house
 down time after time with his admirable
 anecdotes of the post office work. Ev-
 ery phase of the work of the post office
 was illustrated by beautiful slides, and

the facts and figures were all driven
 home at the point of an anecdote. Mr.
 Melville who has a most youthful ap-
 pearance is certainly a "hit" as a lectur-
 er to say nothing of his organizing ca-
 pabilities, which were mainly responsi-
 ble for the success of the Exhibition.

After the lecture, the crowd became
 very difficult to move about amongst.
 New visitors still arrived and others
 remained. But at twenty-five minutes
 to ten when the orchestra played "God
 save the King", the visitors quietly re-
 moved their hats and departed.

The next day, Saturday, the Exhibi-
 tion presented a more finished appear-
 ance. Many of the cases which could
 not be carried across the hall the previ-
 ous day owing to the pressure of the
 crowd, were now placed in position, and
 shortly after eleven the display was in
 perfect order.

For the first time the collection of the
 gold and silver medallists were shown.
 These medals and prizes were offered to
 youths under nineteen whose collections
 displayed the most careful arrangement
 and the best knowledge of stamps. In
 the following list the first figure repre-
 sents the order of merit, and the second
 the age of the competitor. The awards,
 were:

Gold Medal. 1.—L. W. Crouch, Ayles-
 bury, (under 19.)

Silver Medal, 2.—T. Finch, Exeter,
 (11½); 3. Geraldine Guinness, Bow,
 (16).

Prizes. 4.—Claire Bonham Carter,
 London, S. W., (14); 5. P. Wigmore,
 London, N. W., (10); 6. P. A. Jones,
 Brixton, S. W., (18); 7. L. Quinton,
 Finchley, (under 19); 8. J. K. Rud-
 dock, Glasgow, (16½); 9. F. Hughes,
 West Hampstead, (17); 10. R. Spencer,
 Newmarket, (17); and 11. J. A. Hus-
 selbee, Rotherham, (17).

The hall was again full all day on Saturday from the opening at eleven, till the close at 9:30 p. m. The crush at the previous evening led people to take their seats for the second evening's lecture as early as four o'clock—three and a half hours before the beginning of the lecture, which was on the Saturday entitled, "Postage Stamps with Stories." In this lecture Mr. Melville showed some exquisitely coloured lantern slides of stamps—particularly of those stamps with curious and humorous stories. These he made most interesting, and no doubt many converts to the ranks of collectors owe their conversion to Mr. Melville's lecture which has been given all over England. Mr. J. T. Herbert Baily, the editor of "The Connoisseur," was in the chair at this lecture, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Melville was carried by acclamation.

During the two days of the Exhibition the application for membership of this enterprising society was enormous. Actual figures are not yet available, but there is sure to be an interesting and entirely novel meeting at the Wheat-sheaf Institute on Saturday, February 18th, when all the sheets of application forms will be read to the meeting.

Mr. Melville and Mr. Johnson were likened by several wags to the revivalists Torrey and Alexander, and it was suggested that they visit the United States and conduct a similar booming campaign over there. While I understand that it is not unlikely that Mr.

Melville and Mr. Johnson may try to spend their summer vacation in America during the "Convention" season, they certainly do not intend to interfere with American collectors who can no doubt conduct Exhibitions for themselves.

As regards the members of the stamp trade—everyone seemed delighted. Business at the dealers stalls was very brisk. All the time most of the stalls were quite surrounded with buyers.

The stall holders were, Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co., Ipswich; Margoschis Bros., Birmingham; Lawn & Barlow, Bros., Birmingham; Lawn & Barlow, London; David Field, London; C. Nissen & Co., London; P. L. Pemberton & Co. London; Wm. Brown, Salisbury; Bright & Son, London; Edwin Healey & Co., London; "The Connoisseur," London; Mr. W. S. Lincoln, London; and "The Captain," London.

So satisfied were the members of the stamp trade that they are, we learn, giving a dinner in honor of the President and Secretary, as well as other officers of the Junior Philatelic Society. This is to be held in Criterion Restaurant on Monday, February 20th.

The annual subscription to the Junior Philatelic Society is only 1s. 6d. (or 40 cents in U. S. stamps), and the Hon. Secretary is Mr. H. F. Johnson, 11 Drigton Rd., Clapham, London.



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

Auslaendische Fachzeitungen sind hoeslichst gebeten ein Tauschexemplar egelmassig an den Unterzeichneten zu seuden.

Tous les journaux philateliqnes sont pries d'envoyer un exemplaire en echange a l'adresse sous-donnee.

Deseames recibir esemplares de cambio de las publicaciones filateliccas estranjers a la adresa ensiguida.

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

I do not recall many philatelic happenings of late years which have stirred up so much bad feeling as the reputed thefts of French Colonial stamps, especially the Somali Coast inverted centers. Insinuations and charges fill the European papers. In No. 160 of *Le Postillon*, the editor, M. Montader, makes the following statement:

"The Swiss firm which has advertised the Somali Coast inverted centers and has even offered them wholesale by means of autograph circulars to a goodly number of other firms, which in turn have themselves advertised them, is the house of Kirchhofer at Morges. The advertisement offered them at 52 francs for the four stamps which is dear since one could find them elsewhere at 22 francs. But whether 22 or 52 francs makes no difference, these stamps as I have said, being not stamps, but printers' waste." etc. etc.

The Kirchhofer firm has no intentions of being thus branded as the purveyor of stolen stamps and M. Jaquier, the well-known Swiss philatelist, who is one of the members of the firm, circulates with the last number of the

"Schweizer Brief-marken-Zeitung," an open letter to the French society (of which M. Montader is a member), in which he indignantly protests against such insinuations and stands up for the authenticity of the stamps in question; he also resigns his membership in the French Society because of the affair. I have no doubt that his firm bought the stamps in good faith, though that, of course, has nothing to do with the question of their real standing. In the meanwhile the French Colonial Ministry has made an inquiry into the affair which resulted like most such investigations; it is officially reported that all but 382 francs worth of these stamps were recovered. This makes M. Montader laugh, when he considers that for months past they have been scattered broadcast amongst dealers and collectors, and that some dealers have invested small fortunes in them. The whole affair is not very creditable to French philately and it is to be hoped that steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence of such affairs.

No. 52, of "*El Filatelico Espanol*," contains a continuation of the article on the Spanish fiscal stamps for policies, contracts, etc., giving details of the issues from 1868 to 1874. In connection with the issue of 1870 the author relates how the Government of that time in 1868, requested the Academy of History to render an opinion on two points: First, on the kind of symbolical figure, which would best represent Spain; second, on the representation of the national coat-of-arms, to be used on coins and stamps. The Academy suggested as the best symbol of Spain, a female figure found on some medals of the Roman Emperor Hadrian (a Spaniard by birth). This is the origin of the symbolical head

of the postage stamps of 1870 and later of the allegorical figure on the postal set of 1873. As in 1868 the government was merely a provisional one, the Academy was doubtful what kind of a crown to suggest; the mural crown was not deemed appropriate, as it is a strictly republican emblem, but it was nevertheless adopted by the government (see the 1870 postage set and the small $\frac{1}{4}$ c of 1873). At the same time the national coat-of-arms was altered at the suggestion of the Academy, whose reason the author quotes at length. In the old arms (see the official stamps of 1854 and 1855), the castle of Castile and the lion of Leon were twice repeated, the pomegranate of Granada, being added at the base of the shield and the whole being charged in the center with the personal arms of the Bourbon as the reigning family. The provisional government retained the arms of Castile and Leon as well as those of Granada, in three of the quarters, but instead of repeating the two former it added the red bars of Aragon and the chains of Navarre; the latter figure is also described as a game of morro. These arms are found on the 1873 set of postage stamps. Under the reign of Amadeo (a prince of the house of Savoy), the arms were charged with the white cross on a red field of Savoy; this is shown on the "Sello" fiscals of 1872 and 1873, but not on any postage stamps. With the second republic the cross disappeared (see the postage set of 1873). When the Bourbons again came to the throne in the person of Alfonso XII, the new coat-of-arms was retained, but now charged with the lilies of the Bourbons (see the official stamp of 1896 and most of the fiscals since then). Not all of this is given by the author, but you

will see that heraldry is a not unimportant adjunct of philately.

For the sake of beginning its volume with the year our esteemed contemporary from the Netherlands, the "Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde" closes its volume XXI with No. 8, and begins Volume XXII, with the January number. It also introduces divers innovations in its makeup, among others a review department.

The same number brings the first picture I have seen of a charity stamp issued about Christmas and New Year, 1904-5 for the benefit of the Swedish National Society for the consumptive. It represents a female figure holding a nude child amidst a rich ornamentation of branches; a curved ribbon bears the inscription "En Gåva Till Svenska Nationala Foreningen Mot Tuberkulos," and in the upper right corner there is the monogram, "SNF." No value is expressed; the use of the label was just like the one already reported from Denmark. A similar stamp for the benefit of the unemployed was issued in Norway, our colleague reports, but details are not yet at hand. This kind of thing seems to become popular; of course, it isn't philately; though very laudable.

From No. 84 of "Madrid Filatelico" I quote the following piece of news about a new Spanish stamp:

"A new stamp, already engraved, will shortly be placed in circulation. It is a supplementary stamp of 15 centimes, which, placed upon letters with the usual prepayment, gives them an urgent character. The letters thus franked are transported in a special pouch and delivered from the railway stations where there will be a postal official to attend

to their distribution by means of bicycle tandems. The stamp is oblong, like the special delivery stamp of the United States; it bears a horse in the center with two caryatids at the sides and the inscriptions, "Correspondencia urgente," "Correos." Its color is red on white.

I do not quite see the connection between the horse and the bicycle delivery, but the artist no doubt saw greater artistic possibilities in the horse than in the wheel—This, by the way in another American innovation which is making the rounds of the various countries: Canada, New Zealand, Mauritius, Italy, Spain are countries which I now recall as having adopted the American special delivery stamp; are there others?

The "Bertauliches Korrespondenz Blatt" in No. 1, of Volume XV, warns against new and very dangerous forgeries of the following Turkish stamps; 5 piastres, red of 1876-77; 25 piastres, brown-violet of the same issue; 5 paras, lilac and 25 piastres, black of 1884-86; 25 piastres, brown of 1886; 25 piastres, carmine of 1888. The 25 piastres are all from the same die. The easiest way of telling them is by the triangular point over "Om, of Ottoman;" on the original the two lines join over the O, on the forgery they join over the M and jointly continue as far as the O. On the 5 paras forgery the R of Paras is much too wide.

"Szokula Briefmarken-Verkehr," in No. 49, plays an unworthy trick on its readers. It illustrates four designs for the new Belgian issue which is now in course of preparation; this would be commendable enterprise, were it not that the designs illustrated are old Belgian essays of about forty years ago. They are found in Moen's catalogue

and in the handbook of the Schroeder collection of essays. This is what you might call philatelic yellow journalism.

Our readers have by this time probably read in the various weeklies of the Servian sensation: the discovery in the coronation stamps of the death-mask of King Alexander and their withdrawal supposedly on this account. It was rumored that M. Mouchon, the celebrated engraver, who engraved these stamps had been bribed by Ex-Queen Natalie to play this trick on the Servian government. Of course, this was rather a silly charge, but M. Mouchon felt so aggrieved about it that he wrote an indignant letter to the Servian Minister at Paris requesting him to deny the rumor. In reply the Servian Minister wrote to the editor of "Le Temps," the great Parisian newspaper, requesting him to publish the following, which in turn is reproduced by M. Maury at the request of M. Mouchon in No. 202 of "Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste."....."The plates of the jubilee stamps in question were made at the Government Printing Office at Paris, after the design of M. E. Mouchon. The Royal Government was so well satisfied with them that it decorated the engraver, at the same time expressing its thanks to the Government of the Republic for its amiable aid in the matter. These stamps will be retired at the end of the year for the simplest reason in the world, to-wit: that they were only intended for the year 1904, the centenary of the Servian revolution under Karageorge, the ancestor of H. M. King Peter. The cliches for the new stamps, which will be placed in circulation the 1st of January, have been made in France.

MIL R. VESNITCIL"

This ought to be conclusive evidence; nevertheless the reputed death-mask stands out on the stamp with startling distinctness once you know where to look for it. It reminds one of the once popular "hidden face" pictures. In the meanwhile the new issue has already appeared; I need not describe it here further than to say that it was engraved by M. Tasset.

M. Maury brings the first illustrations of the new Roumanian issue. There are two types, one for the values from 1 to 25 bani; the other for those from 40 bani up. They both show King Charles in $\frac{3}{4}$ view to the left, the low values in a circle, the higher ones in a rectangle; the ornamentation is rather of the "new-art" order, but the total effect is rather pleasing nevertheless. They are to appear in the near future.

"Le Collectionneur," also illustrates the new issue for French Guiana, just out. The values from 1 to 15c are oblong and represent an animal new to the philatelic zoo; an ant eater, decidedly a queer looking creature. The values from 20 to 75c represent two natives engaged in washing gold—by far the chief industry of the colony although still confined to placer mining. (Query: Which of my readers knows another stamp design on which a miner's cradle is shown?) The franc values show a view of the celebrated coconut palm grove at Cayenne, which is locally reputed as one of the wonders of the world. The stamps have been engraved on wood by M. Puyplat, after designs by the late M. Paul Merwart; the printing is done at the Government establishment.

With No. 1, of Volume VI our esteemed colleague, Mr. Auf der Heide, has changed the unhandy shape of his bright paper, "De Postzegelgids," to the handier magazine form. We wish it continued success in its new form.

Still another picture set as reported by "La Revue Postale," in its No. 91:

"The Tunisian Government proposes to issue new stamps of a more artistic character than the present labels. The painter, Dumoulin, who accompanied President Loubet on his voyage to Algiers has been charged with the preparation of new designs. He proposes four historical types recalling the past of Tunis: Carthage, Rome, the Arabian Conquest and the French Protectorate."

The idea isn't half bad; let us hope the execution will be satisfactory.

"El Coleccionista," the bright, little paper published at Bogota, Columbia, brings the portrait of St. Antonio Rincon, which has already appeared in our own columns. We learn from certain official documents in No. 8, that the lithographic stones of the following issues manufactured at the lithographic establishment of Eugenio Pardo at Bogota have been destroyed:

Boyaca, issued in March and October, 1903.

Tolima, issued in August, 1903.

Cundinamarca, issued in February and March, 1904.

The destruction of the stones took place immediately after each printing.

Why Husbands Should Be Allowed to Ride Harmless Hobbies.

It seems that there is nothing so wretched as a man with nothing to do.

Any woman who has her husband on her hands from one cause or another knows what a miserable being he is unless he has something to occupy his time. Some or most men who have a profession can make his work his hobby, but to most men a hobby is almost a necessity.

A woman can always do needle work and some really enjoy it, while some look on it as a duty. At any rate it is a thing that can be taken up at leisure. A woman with a house and children to care for can always find something to do, but as for a man when his daily duties are ended or he is for some cause or other around the house, what shall he do?

A man with a hobby is a happy person; he has congenial enjoyment, and he is cheerful. He suffers only when he takes it more seriously than the work he does for a living.

There are, of course, many, many, hobbies, some useful, some useless, some expensive and some dangerous, but, take it all round there is hardly a wife who would not far rather that her husband should have any hobby at all than none. If she has any choice in the matter she would choose the useful, but whatever be her choice let it be in accordance with that of her husband even if she may at first think it to be child's play, she may not always class it as such.

Photography one would call a harmless hobby, but it is not a general favorite among most housewives. First, it entails what she considers, a terrible waste of water. Then there are stains on the handkerchiefs, clothes and floor

and the bedroom turned into a "dark room," and the door locked when she wishes to retire.

Mountaineering, motoring, point-to-point racing and big game hunting are dangerous hobbies, but only a limited class can indulge in them, or there would be more widows than there are. The commonest form of hobbies is after all collecting in some form or another, men of hobbies collect many different things among which the most prominent ones are the collecting of, stamps, coins, shells, minerals and pre-historic relics, etc. Probably the most common, and most interesting of all, is the collecting of stamps. In this we have embodied the study of history, geography, and a dozen more studies combined. Altho not so valuable is the substance of which stamps are composed as that of coins, yet this pursuit is indulged in not only by the middle class but by kings, nobles and men of the highest rank. It is certainly a great hobby, probably because of its fitting one's purse more than other hobbies.

In closing I will make this statement with which I think all good housewives will agree. Anything is better than to have a man mooning about with his hands in his pockets and a pipe in his mouth, snapping at the children and criticising his wife's housekeeping methods, or to be in the bar room filling his system with that which will ruin him in the end.

—Louis E. Ewing.

Principal Changes in Foreign Monetary Systems, During 1904.

Colombia—By a law passed October 25, 1903, Colombia adopted the gold standard and prescribed as the monetary unit a gold dollar weighing 1.672 grams, 0.900 fine. Its value, therefore, coincides with that of the United States gold dollar. The law prohibits any increase in the issue of paper money. No actual change in the currency of the country has as yet taken place. The premium on gold over the paper money fluctuated last year between 8,000 and 25,000 per cent.

German East Africa.—An imperial decree of February 28, 1904, prescribes a new monetary system for the protectorate, to become effective on proclamation of the governor. It establishes, as the unit of value, the silver rupee of 100 hellers. The silver coins to be struck are the two, one, one-half, and one-quarter rupee, worth in United States money (dollar coining value) \$0.888, \$0.444, \$0.222, and \$0.111. The bronze coins are to be one, and one-half heller pieces, worth respectively \$0.004, and \$0.002.

Panama—By decree dated June 28, 1904, Panama adopted the gold standard prescribing as the unit of value a gold coin of exactly the same weight and fineness of the United States gold dollar, and to be called a balboa. The gold coins to be issued are 1, 2½, 5, 10, and 20 balboa pieces, and the silver peso or half-balboa piece, containing 347.22 fine grains, and worth fifty cents in United States money. The United States gold dollar and its multiples are made legal tender at par with the balboa and its multiples. The coinage is to be executed at the mints of the United States.

The denomination, weight, diameter and equivalent value of the silver coins

will be the following:

Peso—A coin which shall weigh twenty-five (25) grams, which shall have a diameter of thirty-seven millimeters, and which shall be equivalent to fifty-one-hundredths (51-100) of a balboa.

Half peso—A coin which shall weigh twelve and one-half grams (12½ gr.), which shall have a diameter of thirty (30) millimeters, and which shall be equivalent to twenty-five one-hundredths (25-100) of a balboa.

One-fifth peso—A coin which shall weigh five grams (5 gr.), which shall have a diameter of twenty-four millimeters, and which shall be equivalent to ten one-hundredths (10-100) of a balboa.

One-tenth peso.—A coin which shall weigh two and one-half (2½) grams, which shall have a diameter of eighteen (18) millimeters, and shall be equivalent to five one-hundredths (5-100) of a balboa.

One-twentieth peso.—A coin which shall weigh one and one-quarter grams (1¼ gr.), which shall have a diameter of ten (10) millimeters, and which shall be equivalent to two and one-half one-hundredths (2.5-100) of a balboa.

The stamp of the Panama coins, to which this law refers, shall be the following:

For the obverse the bust of Vasco Nunes de Balboa, discoverer of the Panama coast on the Pacific Ocean, in profile, looking to the right, with a headband on which are engraved the words "Dios," "Ley," "Libertad;" around the head at the edge of the coin the phrase "Republica de Panama;" on the base of the bust the word "Balboa" in capital letters but of smaller size than the other inscriptions.

On the lower part of the coin, below the bust, the year of coining in figures. Upon the reverse, the coat of arms of

the Republic of Panama in the centre.

Around the upper part the value of the coin in words.

Around the lower part, to the right, the weight of the coin in grams; on the left the proportion of alloy in thousandths fine.

Paraguay.—A law was promulgated in October, 1903 fixing the value of gold, silver, and paper currency in Paraguay and making the gold and silver money of the Argentine Republic legal tender in Paraguay. By this law the United States \$20 gold pieces and English pounds are made equivalent to \$20.40 and \$5, respectively, in Paraguayan gold. The silver piece of 25 grams, 0.900 fine, is made equivalent to 94 cents Paraguayan gold.

Pending changes—Italy is about ready formally to resume gold payments and place her currency upon a convertible basis. Her paper currency has been practically at par for some time.

The Argentine Republic has been accumulating gold for resumption purposes for several years, and the recent message of President Roca to Congress reports the amount in the conversion fund at \$44,000,000. The outstanding Government notes are less by \$2,000,000 than in 1898.

Interrogated as to the date on which Chili would resume gold payments, the Minister of Finance on June 12, stated that the date had been postponed to January 1, 1907.

On November 27, 1902, the Siamese mint was closed to the free coinage of silver and the Government began a policy which looks to the establishment of a fixed relation between the "tical" and the pound sterling. The reform is not yet fully consummated.

Straits Settlements.—The British Currency Committee which made an investi-

gation into the monetary situation in the Straits Settlements reported in favor of adopting the gold standard with a special silver coinage of dollars to be issued on government account and maintained as a token coin at a fixed relation to gold. The British and Mexican dollars heretofore in circulation have been demonetized.

At this writing the Government of Mexico is understood to be about to take the final step for placing its monetary system on a gold basis. It will follow the same general plan pursued successfully by India, and more recently by the respective governments of the Philippine Islands, the Straits Settlements and Siam. The essential feature of this plan is that while the currency of these countries continues to be silver, its coinage is upon government account only, and the amount of the issues is carefully regulated. The effect is that the commercial value of the coin parts company from its bullion value and is held to a fixed relation with gold by governmental action.

FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES.

(By Oscar T. Hartmann.)

Few early dates of foreign revenue issues: Austria, 1850; Columbia, 1858; Buenos Ayres, 1865; Brazil, 1869; Denmark, 1862; Cape of Good Hope, 1854; Great Britain, 1855; New South Wales, 1865; Netherland, 1829.

Of course there have been revenues before, but here are a few instances where the form of a postage stamp was adopted.

Argentina, has issued since 1891 about 1100 different revenue stamps for all kind of uses: Cigarettes, Central Military, Library, Beer, Consular Documents, Commerce, Sanitary, Medicine,

Cards, Patents, Assurances, Hats, Tobacco, Health Office, Testaments, Notary, Hides.

For a reason unknown to me, you find that the firm, Ch. de Cazanove, (champagne) has applied with a rubber stamp on 4 one cent or two cent documentary (as the case may be), covering the greatest part of the 4 stamps. This means that you have to get 4 to make the cancellation nearly perfect. There is no doubt about them, because I have seen them on bottles. Why did they use documentaries instead of proprietaries?

The stamp is a double lined frame with following reading inside: "Ch. de Cazanove, Frank et ?...Cazanove, Successeurs 12 Oct. 1901, a' Avize (Marne)." Brazil and its provinces, and towns, Brazil, proper, about 500. Alagoas, 17; Amazonas, 22; Bahia, 25; Curitiba, 17; Espirito Santo, 6; Maranhao, 13; Minas Geraes, 17; Para, 33; Parana, 20; Pernambuco, 28; Rio Grande do Norte and do Sul and some others.

This is geography when it comes to locate them.

Whenever you take a fancy to foreign revenue collecting have only a blank album in every instance, because it is the only practicable way, on account of so many different shapes and sizes, you find in revenues. There is no question about it that you find some of the finest designs possible, also some of the queerest.

There are some revenues which you will never get entire in used condition. You can get the ends separately, but in no other way. There are the telegraph stamps of Soudan, India and Ceylon. Turkey, justice in 3 pieces. Different issues of Mexico; the German Stock Exchange; France, various issues; Austria, school tax; Santa Fe, (Argentine). So

do not throw away revenues where you have only a piece until you find out what is what.

If you want to find out what "Burelee Band or Moiree" means get a common Queensland, 1873. 1d. violet.

THE ARTS OF THE NARRAGANSETT INDIANS.

(By Virginia Baker.)

Mr. C. Abbott Davis in an article contributed to the "West," issue of October 1904, gives some interesting facts relative to the soap stone pots and sandstone pestles of Rhode Island. The Narragansett Indians, and the allied tribe of Wampanoags, were skilled in several arts, as the large collections of aboriginal relics at Roger Williams' Park and at Brown University, and the smaller collections scattered over various sections of Rhode Island amply testify. Much may be learned by a careful study of these collections, but it is to the writings of the early local chroniclers that we must turn for information regarding the handicraft of which no specimens are procurable at the present time.

In "A Key Into the Languages of America," written by Roger Williams, the founder of "Providence Plantations," the student of Rhode Island aboriginal history finds facts not obtainable elsewhere. Roger Williams, from his first arrival in New England, was the friend of the red men. He traveled and lived much among them. They trusted and loved him. Consequently, he had unusual opportunities for studying their mode of life, and these opportunities he utilized to the utmost. In his preface to his little book, he quaintly remarks, "A little key may open a box, wherein lies a bunch of keys," and, verily he spoke the truth. One who makes a study of his "little

key," may, by its means, group, not only one bunch, but scores of bunches of keys, that will unlock a veritable treasure house of knowledge concerning the natives of the country bordering on Naragansett Bay. And the "key," in conjunction with the collections of various relics will afford him such an insight into the past that he will be enabled to cull up a very graphic, mental picture of Rhode Island aboriginal life with a very slight effort of the imagination.

Roger Williams in the chapter of the "key" entitled "Of the Family and Business of the House," gives some interesting facts regarding the homes of the Indians. The vocabulary supplies the words, Wetu, house; wetnomuck, at home; nekiek, my house; ke'kick, your house; wekick, at his house; Puttuck-akaun, we find, signified a round house and puttuckakaunese, a little round house. A long house with two fires was termed nees gutton; a long house with three fires, shwisheutton. The mats of the house were called abackquosiuash, the hangings, mannotaubana; and the long poles which formed the framework, wuttapuissuck. It is interesting to learn that the men usually cut and set the poles, while the women attended to covering the framework and arranging the mats and hangings. The outer covering of the wetu was composed, in summer of birch or chestnut bark, and the hangings were richly embroidered and made, says Williams, "as faire a show as hangings were with us."

The houses were, generally, merely closed with hanging mats. Yet, in some instances, the Indians procured "English boards and nails" and constructed doors with bolts for fastenings. Others contented themselves with fashioning doors of birch or chestnut bark which could

be secured by cords. These bark doors were fastened on the inside whenever the owner wished to leave town, and he was consequently obliged to make his exit by means of the chimney, or opening at the top of the house.

Beside the mats and hangings the furnishings of the house consisted only of houserold utensils and baskets and bags of various sizes. The baskets, were woven of grasses, rushes, willow etc., the bags, or sacks, were made of hemp, and were large enough to hold five or six bushels.

The house of a sachem (sachimma-acommock) or as Winslow gives the word (sachimo comaco) differed materially from the abode of ordinary persons. It was larger, and the mats were of superior quality. King Philip's wigwam, on Mount Hope Neck, was located half a mile distant from the village of his people, and it is probable that it was customary for the sachems to dwell somewhat apart from the rank and file of their followers.

While the houses were so constructed as to be easily taken down and removed from one field to another, permanent villages were frequently built in certain localities. Roger Williams says, regarding these villages:

"In the Narragansett country (which is the chief people in the land) a man shall come to many townes, some bigger, some lesser, it may be a dozen in 20 miles travel."

The population of these towns must have been considerable, for it was an ordinary thing for more than one family to occupy a house. A small house often accommodated two families, who lived "comfortably and lovingly," while larger dwellings sheltered "great and more families in proportion."

(To be continued.)

A TRIP TO A PHILIPPINE VOLCANO

Sixty kilometres, or about thirty miles, due south of Manila, is one of the most active and vicious volcanoes in the world. Scientific men have said that the damage done by volcanoes is not in proportion to their height, but that the lower ones often do the most damage. Vesuvius and Mont Pelee are both about 3,000 feet in height and have both made a great deal of trouble for people living in their neighborhood.

Taal Volcano, our neighbor, is less than 500 feet in height, and is located on a small island in the middle of a lake fourteen miles long by ten wide. History records many destructive eruptions of Taal, often occurring at intervals of about six years; but the volcano is never entirely idle. A column of steam is constantly rising from the crater, and on clear mornings this can be seen from Manila, rising over a range of low mountains in Cavite Province. Last June these clouds of steam could be seen very plainly, every morning, continuing until the sky became cloudy, towards noon, thereby cutting off the view. At that time, people living in the neighborhood of the volcano expected an eruption, but beyond throwing out a little lava and a great deal of steam, accompanied by rumblings and explosions, and changing the interior arrangement of the crater, nothing happened, and in three or four weeks every thing had quieted down.

A week before last Christmas I arrived at Ambulong, the little town on the shore of the lake that surrounds the volcano, and the next day engaged a banca, with six men to row, and accompanied by two Americans, set out for the volcano. After a sail of about eight miles we landed on the beach to

the south of the mountain, and prepared to camp. Half an hour's climb brought us to the brink of the crater, having passed over lava, ashes and volcanic dust on the way up, till reaching the steepest part of the cone, when we had a quite a warm job to cover the last few hundred feet, as there was no shade of any kind, and the sun beat down on us and the heat radiated up from the lava till we were more than warm. Arrived at the top, we got a view of the entire floor of the crater. Although the mountain is only a few hundred feet high, the crater is almost a mile in diameter, and the floor is about on a level with the lake that surrounds the island. Inside the crater are three lakes, one in the center of boiling hot water of a bright sulphur, yellow color, that fills a crater that one of my companions said was the active crater when he visited the place a few months before; another lake, right at our feet as we stood on the south rim of the crater, was of red water, of the color of iron rust, and on the far side of the crater was a long lake of green water. On the extreme south of the main crater was a hole about a hundred feet in diameter, out of which a column of steam was rising, with a churning and chugging sound, and occasionally a dull booming explosion away down deep underground, and every few seconds a stream of jet black mud, boiling hot, was squirted up, often to a height of five hundred feet, and as it went up, a popping noise, like fire-crackers, came from the stream of mud. Sometimes the mud would hiss like a rocket as it went up; and, as the jet fell back, a cloud of dazzling white steam would disengage from the mud, and float off over the rim.

I took a camera along and got a bad-

ly light-struck picture of the crater showing a jet of mud and the cloud of steam, but the picture is a very poor one. Photographers have not succeeded in getting a good picture of Taal; perhaps a painter could do better.

Formerly a company worked the deposits of sulphur inside the crater, and the road that they built is still there, except where it has been washed into gullies. I followed this path as it zig-zagged down to the floor of the crater, and then crossed over to the edge of the active crater, but did not stay long, as the ground was warm, not to say hot, and my shoes were thin; not to mention jets of sulphury steam that came out of the little chinks in the rocks all around. I gathered up a few specimens of sulphur, and then found that it was a whole lot easier to get down into the crater than to get out again. It was certainly a warm job climbing up out of that crater, and I was tempted to throw away the specimens and lighten cargo long before getting to the top.

The next day after visiting the rim again and getting a most beautiful view of the volcano by moonlight, we started back. The water of the lake has a distinct taste of sulphur. They say that when the lake is smooth the towers of an old church, and the ruins of the old Spanish city of Taal may be seen deep in the waters of the lake, where they sank many years ago, during an earthquake and an eruption of the volcano. However this may be, there is a ruined city on the shore of the lake, that is also known by the name of Taal, and another city of the same name has been built at a little safer distance, no doubt profiting by the experience of the older towns.

It is several years since Taal has been active, to the extent of throwing

out rocks, but people living in the neighborhood say that it may go off at any day. Although the volcano is over thirty miles in a straight line from Manila, its eruptions have been violent enough to throw stones weighing half a pound each to such a height that they fall in the streets of Manila, and the clouds of dust and cinders have obscured the sun, making lights necessary in the daytime, even at greater distances.

PHILATELY OF THE GODS.

ARTHUR WHEELINGTON WHEELER.

(Continued.)

There in this magnificent room surrounded by the beautiful art seen only in Godland. I ate of the palatable food of the Gods. For a few hours I felt like the "Darling of the Gods;" and had I not overheard a jest (made by one of the Gods) concerning myself I believe that I would have thought that I was this person.

It was not until the feast was over and the glasses were used freely that I learned the main purpose of my presence upon Mount Olympus. It was when Bacchus was ruling supreme that Jupiter told me, on the side, that I had successfully passed my examination of the morning, and I now would become his private secretary. He also said that it was not the correctness in the answers of the questions which had been given me but the originality.

For said he publicly: "My fellow gods and I well knew the correct answers to the questions given you. But we desired to test your originality which you have creditably shown us."

He also added: "Young man! such originality as thine, in all my domain, nay even in all Mount Olympus.

I have not seen." I was a little surprised at these statements; and in fact I have found that since that moment I have had to wear a whole size larger hat, strange at it may seem.

After having entered upon my new duties as private secretary I was given the power to come to earth in disguise, the only restriction that was made was that I was to report each evening at 9 o'clock.

In this new position my duties were few. I was to search out any philatelic question that the gods might desire to know. Frequently I would visit philatelic clubs on earth when I could get a permit to remain out after 9 o'clock. I never out of something to do here and I enjoyed everything I did. There is one thing now that seems strange to me concerning my stay at this place. I never thought of my friends or associates at home until one day when I did not return. How long in this country I stayed I do not know. I never in this place saw a calendar nor do I remember the date of my departure from earth.

During this time there came a sudden desire to me to return home. I made my desire known to my superiors, which information they received from me without surprise. My desire was gratified by them; and now I was to go home.

A queer feeling came over me as I thought of going home, and I began to regain my earthly feelings and thoughts. After a series of ceremonies had been gone through with I was rewarded with numerous gifts for my services among which was a set of the finest issue of the stamps of Mount Olympus.

After this had taken place I was taken back to my old den in the same manner I was taken away from it,

only my homeward trip was exempt from events. My only recollections of my trip home are when in the same position I was in when taken away I seemingly came to life. The only thing I could not understand was that when I went down stairs that morning, I had not been missed by the family. My story was laughed at. I was told that I had a 'pipe dream.' In fact for sometime I was most curiously made the center of humor. The only reply the more wise would make to my story was this: "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

In conclusion let me say: My brother, watch thyself, and be temperate, lest the wrath of the Gods be upon thee.

NOTES FOR U. S. COLLECTORS.

E. R. ALDRICH.

In 1866 a set of the Philadelphia Sanitary Fair was offered in an advertisement in the Stamp Collectors Record for twenty-five cents and the stamps of the Soldiers' Fairs at Stamford, Conn., Albany, N. Y., (three varieties) and Springfield, Mass., could be had at three cents each.



If this should reach the eye of Bro. Bishop who in 1883 published the East Anglian Philatelist he will please accept apologies for changing the monetary position of his little verse published in No. 1 and quoting it thus changed:

"One cent stamp for a newspaper
Two cent stamp for a sealed letter
Lick, friend, lick, lick with care
In the right corner—not elsewhere
Unless you want to make the post-
master cuss and swear.



The philatelic prophet does not al-

ways correctly prognosticate as the following extract from the Philatelic Mercury of April 25, 1886, shows: "Those of our readers who have not yet secured copies of the U. S. 'special delivery' stamp we should advise to do so at once, as most of our U. S. correspondents anticipate their withdrawal from use. We extract the following from a correspondent's letter: Few special delivery stamps are used, as considerable dissatisfaction is felt at the working of the system. I expect they will be obsolete in the near future and a 12c stamp issued. Very many persons forget to add the ordinary 2c postage label and the letter is either returned causing delay or not delivered. Therefore these stamps (used) are scarce."



From Trifet's Monthly Stamp Circular of June, 1876, I clip "the engraver of the centennial envelope is Henry Mitchell the well known stone and metal seal engraver of Boston, whose reputation and standing is such that no criticism published in this or any other philatelic publication can ruin the man."



I have just captured a St. Paul precancelled 13c reading up. For several months I have known of it reading down but have never before been able to locate the up variety.



Through the courtesy of one of the grand lodge officers of the K. P's, I have received an unique pair of eight Chicago precancelleds which he recently received on mail. In addition to the regular verticle surcharge there is an addition on placed diagonally.

A MYTH OF THE MISSOURI.

BY GEORGE J. REMSBURG.

A story having been started some time ago to the effect that a huge sea-serpent, or some other equally hideous creature, inhabits the Missouri river between Atchison and Leavenworth, I find people along the river bluffs who readily give credence to the yarn, and even recall that at some time in their careers they have caught a glimpse of this self-same aquatic monster sporting itself along the salicious shores of the Big Muddy.

Can it be that an old superstitious tradition or myth of the Indians who once lived in this vicinity, has been revived and accepted as a sacred truth by their pale-faced successors along the Missouri bluffs?

The Kansa or Konza Indians who once lived on the Missouri in this region firmly believed that dreadful monsters with enormous heads dwelt beneath the bluffs and in the river. Nese Mi-a-lu-cka, as the Indians called them, were supposed to entice to their lair, any solitary traveler or unwary Indian. The victim became demented and lived thereafter as a Minguaga or Catamite. The mialucka was either subterranean or subaquatic in its habits. The ancient mialucka was a benefactor to the Indians. He taught them how to make bows and arrows and to use them, after to which he took some wet clay and moulded first a buffalo calf, and then three buffalo bulls, which he commanded the Indians to shoot at. The Omaha and Ponka Indians, near relatives of the Kansa, believed in Similar Monsters which inhabited the Missouri. They had extremely long bodies and enormous heads, with horns on the latter. One of their traditions relates how an orphan killed an Wakandaga, as they called them, with seven heads.

Our Illustrations

We present this month the portrait of Mr. W. H. Bruce, a Hartford (Conn.) dealer and collector, who has been closely identified with stamp interests for over 30 years. Mr. Bruce's boyhood and school days were passed in Boston, his home on Columbus Avenue in that city, witnessing many a gathering of youthful collectors of 25 years ago. In 1883 he engaged in the insurance business in Hartford and has since resided there.

He has made and sold many fine collections, including an almost complete one of the now scarce Sidney Views, which at the time passed in the possession of Gorwin of New York.

He was a frequent contributor to Philatelic journals of two decades ago, and in the 70's edited the Stamp Collector's Chronicle. He is one of the early members of the both Canadian and American Philatelic Associations, among whom he has a large number of patrons.

See his ad in the WEST.

ALLEN H. WRIGHT,

of San Diego, Cal., was born in Rome, New York, in 1873.

Was graduated at Rome Free Academy in 1891 and Albany State Normal College in 1893. In 1900 he toured Europe, partly for pleasure and partly as a newspaper correspondent. While there he secured many

fine things in unused postal stationery as he passed through the various countries. He also got many coins to add to his collection. Has been a collector of nearly everything in the course of his life, but autographs and philatelic things, generally, are his specialties at present. His autograph collection includes about a thousand specimens, letters and cards, and his philatelic groups will include something like 6,000 entires, postals, adhesives and all. He also has a fancy for curios of all sorts and frequently adds something to his collection of that kind. By profession he is a newspaper man.

LOUIS E. EWING,

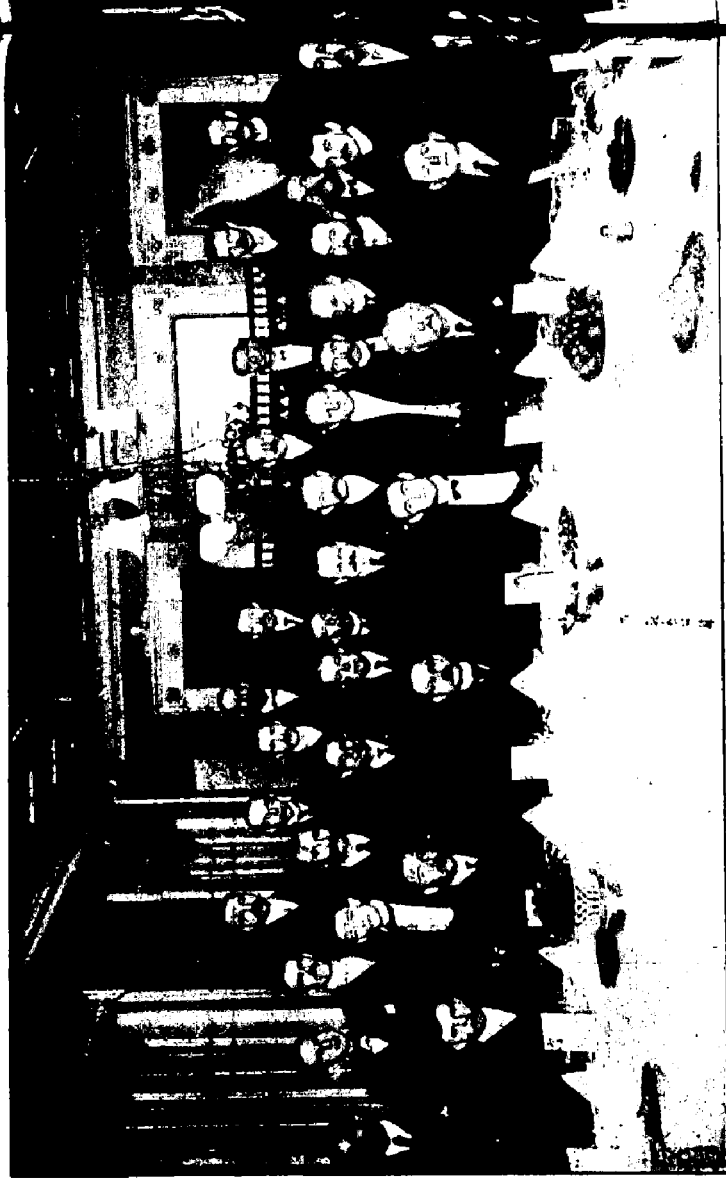
of Bluffton, Indiana, was born Oct. 27, 1884 and received a fair education in the common and high schools.

At the age of twelve years became interested in stamps and has been an enthusiastic collector up to the present time and has a good sized collection.

He also has a collection of coins, stones, shells and prehistoric relics, although he does not collect to any extent along these lines. Has a collection of old U. S. and foreign coins which he wishes to exchange with some reliable collector for stamps.

JOHN A. SOLOMON,

East Greenwich, R. I., was born in



The New England Philatelic Association celebrating its 10th anniversary dinner at Boston.



A Philippine Volcano



Two members of Semper Fidelis Souvenir Card Club of Chicago.



Allen Wright San Diego Cal.

Indian Relics from collection of L. S. Marshall



Mass.



Louis E. Ewing, Bluffton, Indiana.



H. O. Reim, Milwaukee



John Solomon, F. Greenwich R I



W. H. Bruce, Hartford, Conn.



Providence, R. I. in 1886. He first collected stamps, when a small boy, but caught the real stamp fever about five years ago, and now has a collection of over 4,000 varieties.

He has also a nice collection of precancels and some Indian relics. He is very active in philatelic societies, and is Vice President of The Metropolitan Philatelic Association.

He is always pleased to hear from other collectors. Look up his ad in the WEST.

HENRY O. REIM,

was born in La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 1, 1884. He and his brother, A. E. Reim, and another named E. P. Plumel, went into the stamp business in 1897 under the name of "The Columbian Stamp Co.," but after being in the said company for a few months, they closed up on account of financial circumstances. Mr. Reim is now Asst. Mgr. of Reim Stamp and Pup. Co., of Milwaukee, Wis., and have branch offices in all principal cities. Mr. Reim was never much of a stamp collector, that is to have a collection for himself, but likes to handle stamps quite a good deal. See their ad. in this issue.

WANTED— WEST for Dec. '04 Jan. and March '05 issues. Will give two months subscription for each number sent WEST, Superior, Nebr.

Changed printers with this issue, with next issue will double our list. Has been some delay made by the change, but hope to catch up by the next number, which will use many more illustrations. We wish to get all our readers' ideas how we can

help them. What is your idea how to make the best collector's paper? Glad to hear from all readers, if only a postal card.

The Auction Sale of Wheeler of Rock Falls, Ill., date changed to May 15th.

New printer is cause of delay and over 50 pages of ads and reading matter shy, especially Camera Dep mixed, and the Canadian Socy left out. Why I have not heard.

Cut of N. E. P. A. loaned us by Mekeel's Weekly News.

Those readers who use U. S. Post Cards which have been printed on address side, better not use, for under new postal law is 4c due on each card.

All readers who will help form Fiscal or Revenue soc'y be pleased to hear from at once.

At the London Auction Sales

For first edition of the James VI Basilikon Doron \$770 was given at the sale of the John Scott library and \$545 for John Knox's Liturgy.

For a tin half penny of James II \$15 was given.

At a sale of valuable postage stamps recently, a New South Wales "Sydney View 3d green unused" realized \$65, a Great Britain "Cross" 10s \$75, and a Great Britain "Cross" pound stamp \$80.

For a series of original papers relating to Mary Queen of Scots, including autograph letter of King Henri II of France and birth and marriage certificates of the Dauphin, \$1772 was given at London.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

BY ROY FARREL GREENE, AS OF C C

Very few nature lovers, indeed very few ornithologists and zoologists, collectors of birds and bird's eggs, have ever had the privilege of glimpsing the nest of a bald eagle. By this I mean comparatively speaking. While, of course, there are hundreds and perhaps even thousands of professional bird and egg collectors who have been privileged to study the bald eagle in its haunts and observe its method of nesting, a very small percent of the whole body of collectors in this country have been thus fortunately situated. A California correspondent writing to me not long ago told me of a bald eagle's nest that he had observed in one of the redwood forests of that state. He said that the nest, viewed from the ground, it being considerably over 100 feet high, (he thought nearer 200 feet), seemed to have sticks in it as large as ordinary fence rails. A framework was built of these heavy timbers, lapped at the corners like nothing so much as a rail fence and seemingly well fastened together, and on this foundation was built a solid platform of heavy sticks and brush, making a complete nest. The nests are used year after year by the same pair of birds unless they are disturbed or driven away by hunters. From this description it would seem that a clutch of bald-eagle eggs wouldn't be very easy for the egg collector to get, even when he'd located the nest.

The king of mollusks is said to live in the Indian and South Pacific oceans. He attains a weight of 500 pounds, and the shell is of the bivalve kind, and the shape about the same as our common fresh water mussel. The gigantic *Tridacna* is the largest mollusk known to have lived on the earth since the Silurian Age. It is found on the bottom of the shallow parts of the ocean and the larger individuals have no longer the power to move about. They lie on one side, and all about them the corals build up until King *Tridacna* is sometimes in a well-like hole in the coral formation.

Four interesting Civil war letters written by General U. S. Grant in the campaign in the Shenandoah Valley, were sold at an auction sale in New York City last month. Each letter is on a letter sheet with the heading: "Headquarters of the Army of the United States, City Point, Va." One is addressed to Major General W. S. Hancock; another to "A. Lincoln, President." The letters all of which bore the signature of: "U. S. Grant, Lieutenant General," sold respectively for \$10, \$17, \$12 and \$17.

About the oddest fancy in which a collector has indulged is that of Mrs. Bertie Delafield, prominent socially in New York City. She seems bent on getting together all the eye-glasses in the country that have a history. She

already has hundreds of them, with a history accompanying each pair. Many of the spectacles came from Maine, where it is said the old-fashioned kinds, with extension bows and side-lights, were worn longer than anywhere else in the Union. They are bound in horn, pewter, lead, silver, gold, tortoise shell and even rubber—the last named dating from a period when the word had no special significance as applied to the eyes. Prominent in the collection is a pince-nez, said to have been worn by Empress Eugenie. Mrs. Delafield has also a monocle believed to have been the property of Lord Beaconsfield, and, whereas its history is not guaranteed, it is easy to believe the dashing "Dizzy" would wear one of these things, even when premier, says the New York Press. The prettiest specimen in the collection is a lorgnette that belonged to Mme. de Maintenon.

The home of Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Zimmerman of Syracuse, New York, was entered by four juvenile vandals while the doctor and his family were absent on a European trip, early last month and Dr. Zimmerman's very valuable collection of bric-a-brac, rare books, curios, armor, coins, etc., was almost ruined. Many valuable coins were stolen by the youthful thieves, but not satisfied with taking what they wanted, or thought they wanted, they destroyed oil paintings, tore up clothing, broke furniture and wrought havoc in general, in addition to shattering costly vases, tearing up priceless books, breaking ancient armor and generally wrecking the contents of the house. It is estimated that the damage amounted to between \$12,000 and \$15,000, of which about \$6,000 was to the curio collection. The house being closed during the family's absence

abroad, it was easy for the vandals to secure entrance without trouble, and it seems that they made the house their rendezvous for drunken orgies at night for several weeks before the police discovered what was going on. The four guilty boys were arrested and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, but this will be small reparation for the injury done Dr. Zimmerman's priceless collection. Of course, many of the old coins were recovered, but the armor, the vases, bric-a-brac and old books destroyed can not be restored. Dr. Zimmerman's collection of ancient coins, Greek and Roman, was one of the finest in the country, and he is considered one of the leading numismatists of the United States.

Prof. John C. Merriam of the Geological department of Leland Stanford University, lately made public the results of discoveries that are expected to revolutionize the theories regarding the origin and descent of Ichthyosaurs and Fischaurians. The significance of Prof. Merriam's discussions of changes in bone structure found in ichthyosaur fossils may be better understood when it is known that the bone changes are coincident with the ichthyosaur's development from a land moving form to a reptile or animal fitted for aquatic life.

A manuscript copy of Edgar Allen Poe's poem, "Ulalume," all in the poet's own handwriting, was recently disposed of at auction for \$1,000. In the same sale a number of other relics of the gifted writer, mostly letters, were disposed of at prices ranging from \$20 to \$160.

The new United States senator from the state of Connecticut, Hon. M. G. Bulkeley is a well known curio collector.

Mr. Bulkely is a man of great wealth and curio collecting is with him a diversion and a hobby. His residence in Hartford is a veritable museum, containing the rarest examples of unique and costly impedimenta to be found in New England. Mr. Bulkely is a former governor of Connecticut.

THE KEY TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE GRAND CANYON.

(By Estella A. Brokaw.)

An open letter to George Wharton James:

I have just read with great pleasure, your book, "In and Around the Grand Canyon." You certainly make a good suggestion, when you say:

"That the Grand Canyon presents to the geologist a fascinating and unequalled field, there can be no question, and he who seeks to penetrate nature's primitive forces will be wise if, ere he travels farther, he solves the problems here offered for solution." All through your book I was intensely interested in your descriptions of this wonderful piece of nature's handiwork; but nowhere could I find any trace of a knowledge on your part of a discovery, made many years ago, which throws a flood of light on every mystery of the Grand Canyon, and it is to call your attention to this discovery that I now write to you.

Something over thirty years ago it dawned on the mind of Isaac Newton Vail, "that the earth once had a system of Saturn-like rings, which, in its progressive collapse, became the chief and all competent agent in strata building, causing all the tropical eras, glacial conditions, and legendary floods the world ever saw;" and years of study and research since that time have enabled Professor Vail to accumulate a

vast mass of proof, positively demonstrating the correctness of his theory.

It is evident that when the earth was a molten, fiery mass, every bit of matter that could be melted or vaporized by inveterate heat must have been sent aloft. So far physicists agree. The generally accepted idea among geologists is that, as soon as the earth became cool enough for any of the waters to remain upon it, all the water that had gone aloft came back, and that since the close of Archaean time only such forces have been at work altering the earth as we now see in action about us. This was pure assumption, for if any serious thought and study had been given to that point it would readily have been seen that in such a case there could have been but one "era" instead of the many distinctly marked in the crust of the earth.

Starting at the point of agreement—that this earth was once a whirling, fiery mass—we see that all matter thrown from it must have formed about it an envelope of vapors—aqueous, mineral, and metallic. It was a physical impossibility for this measureless mass of aqueous vapors and mineral and metallic distillation to remain about the earth without revolving with it. During the unknown time when the inveterate heat kept the vapors from falling back to the earth they were thrown into bands and belts about its equator, as we see on the planet Saturn today. The force of gravitation being at work then as now, the materials forming the earth's envelope assorted themselves in the rings in obedience to that law; the heaviest or least vaporizable mineral and metallic matter in the innermost ring, the next somewhat lighter, and so on to the outermost of all, which must have been mor-

aqueous in proportion than any of the others. As a ring fell, in obedience to nature's mechanical laws, it could only do so by declining into the earth's atmosphere about the equator, falling from there toward the poles in its efforts to reach the earth. This would form a canopy of vapors over the earth with openings at the poles. Finally, the canopy would part at the equator and the two parts revolve for unknown time toward the poles, to fall at last as floods of rain in medial latitudes and measureless down-rushes of snow about the arctic and antarctic circles. When we remember that these tempests of rain and avalanches of snow consisted, not of water alone, but of vast masses of mineral and metallic matter; of stones and boulders of every size; of gold nuggets and little pebbles; we can begin to comprehend how the earth became what we find it now; we can understand the cause of the vast masses of crushed and broken bones of the gigantic earlier animals now being dug up all over the face of the globe.

While each ring was spread out as a canopy there was an unknown age of quiet action among the forces already at work upon the surface of the globe. When each canopy finally broke from its moorings and fell as a tremendous cataclysm upon the helpless earth, it closed the preceding era and marked the beginning of the next. Toward the last the line between the one "age" and another necessarily became less distinctly marked, and the marks made became more and more localized. This for two reasons: the earth was nearing maturity and so was stronger to bear the catastrophe—the deeper waters, higher mountains and many protected places would be little altered; then, too, the

outer rings were lighter and more nearly all water.

Though I have given but the merest outline of this great discovery, you can readily perceive its bearing on the solution of the problem met with in the study of the Grand Canyon. For instance, in one place you say: "And as one listens to the teachings of geologists in regard to the formation of the canyon, the millions of millions of years that undoubtedly elapsed since its foundations were laid, the millions that have rolled away to allow ten thousand feet of non-conformable strata to be deposited, elevated, tilted, washed away; the depression of the Canyon surface again for the depositing of Devonian, Lower Carboniferous, Upper Carboniferous, Permian, Triassic, Jurassic, Cretaceous; the formation of the vast Eocene lake and its total disappearance; the opening of the earth's crust and the venting from its angry stomach the foul lavas that blacken portions of its area—the mind reels and whirls and grows dizzy in a vain attempt to comprehend the magnitude of such periods of time, and when reason can assert itself it is to feel the truth of the Hebrew Apostle's words: 'One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, a thousand years as one day.'" Now it seems to me that a simple contemplation of an immensity of time would never have suggested such a thought; it seems that it would rather have suggested that the Lord was a very slow worker, who took an immense time to get anything done. I fail to see how it could suggest the opposite idea, that the work of a thousand years could be done in a single day. Is it not far more reasonable to suppose that the thought must first have come into the mind of a person who understood the

modes of nature—the ways of the Lord—and who saw that during the long ages of canopy quietude slow changes were wrought, which in a thousand years became visible differences in the landmarks of nature; and who also saw that, in the time of cataclysm and disaster that marked the ending of each canopy, in the times when floods “vast beyond conception raged in ten thousand valleys,” the Lord worked quickly, and changes were made in the face of nature in a day, in an hour, greater than had been made by a thousand years of the previous quiet work—such work as we see going on today. In the mind of a person contemplating these facts the thought would naturally arise: It makes no difference to our Lord; when he wills, he works a thousand years for a certain result; when he chooses, he works but a single day; and lo, all about us is changed! We can imagine such a person putting this thought into the words: “One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, a thousand years as one day.”

This knowledge is not only useful in solving geological problems, but gives us light on mythology as well. Professor Vail has clearly shown that vast remnants of the earth's amular system still hung in the skies for ages after the advent of persons upon the earth, and when we follow out this line of thought we find the key to all mythology and the explanation of the genesis of all religions. Do you remember what you saw when looking at a certain place in the Colorado river? “Immediately at the foot of the side canyon the scene changes. It is as if a deep trench had been cut directly across the bed of the great river, into which it tumbles, and whirls and rages and roars in wild fury. What a change from

the placidity above! A mass of turbulent, seething, hissing rapids fills up the gorge. The giants are here, but no longer moving easily and noiselessly along. In the massive boulders that help fill up the channel the imagination easily sees titanic faces and hands and arms. Yonder is a frightful monster, seizing a tremendous wave as it comes out of the trench. With incredible fury and fierce rapidity he hurls it upon his foe on the other side of the river. Immediately a score of waves are thus picked up and hurled, some in one direction, some in another. Now and again these waves meet in the air, destroy each other, and fall back, impotent for evil, into the wild mass. Yonder is a defeated giant buried beneath a cataract of waters. Down he goes, his appealing face clearly visible and his hands and arms stretching out for help. It is fascinating, thrilling, horrible, for though one knows it is all imagination, it seems so real that one feels he is looking upon the battle place of the giants, fighting in deadly combat for the control of this great waterway.” With that scene in mind, try to put yourself into the place of a primitive person who looked up into a sky of tossing billows and surging waves, ten thousand times as grand and suggestive as the scene you so vividly describe. Look up into that vast waste of waters beside which the mighty Colorado, would seem but a gurgling brook and you will no longer wonder that primitive persons saw Titans and giants, gods and goddesses, angels and demons. On that boundless and ever-changing battlefield, “Michael and his Angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,” in a thousand shapes and characters.

When you say: “And as in the phys-

ical so in the mental world. We need the daring souls who will face the work a-day common world with new and startling thoughts, who will soar into the heavens and through the canyon depths on the wings of imagination and bring us back the flowers and food found in their flight." You give a remarkably accurate description of Isaac Newton Vail. In imagination he has literally soared into the heavens and penetrated to the canyon's lowest depths. From these journeys he has brought us back food so abundant that we can feast our minds upon it for all the years of our lives, with no apparent diminution of the supply; food so rich and varied that in all the years of feasting upon it we can know no satiety or monotony of taste. The reason for this is not far to seek, for when we look about us we learn that Professor Vail has simply introduced us to nature's own storehouse, and the God of nature is our host.

Well, may you exclaim: "Yes, we are glad and thankful that the daring ploughman is to be found who ruthlessly and cruelly, it seems to us, drives his ploughshare over the field whose harvest we are now reaping. And he makes it barren and bare! But the new seed is sown by the Almighty Father of us all, and soon a new, a richer, and a fuller harvest comes to us, and we discover,—nearly always too late, though,—when the ploughman has gone to his eternal rest—that he was our bravest and our best friend." Yes, our field must be made barren, but Professor Vail does not leave it so. For every prejudice rooted out he plants a glorious truth; for every "missing link" given up he shows us the strong band by which each era is joined to that which followed; in place of every vague

belief we must cast aside he gives us a clear understanding of nature's modes:

Here stand our friends, "our bravest and our best." Shall we hold out eager hands for the key he offers us, or shall we wilfully thrust it aside and allow a future generation to wonder at our blindness, and smile over our folly in clinging to imaginary "missing links" and such utterly unscientific phrases as "until, for some reason or other, a new era set in," when we might so readily have known the truth?

WASHINGTON NOTES.

(C. M.)

The following extracts from an act signed on February 23, will show that medalists can have a new line of specimens to look out for:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be prepared bronze medals of honor, with suitable emblematic devices, which shall be bestowed upon any person who shall hereafter, by extreme daring, endanger their own lives in saving, or endeavoring to save, lives from any wreck, disaster or grave accident, or in preventing or endeavoring to prevent such wreck, disaster, or grave accident, upon any railroad within the United States engaged in interstate commerce: * * *

Sec. 2. That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to issue to any person to whom a medal of honor may be awarded under the provisions of this Act a rosette or knot, to be worn in lieu of the medal, and a ribbon to be worn with the medal; said rosette or knot and ribbon to be each of a pattern to be prescribed by

the President of the United States: *

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The Panamanian republic had coin to the amount of \$928,000 struck at the Philadelphia mint last month.

The Document of the month is an illustrated history of the Declaration of Independence, with fascimiles and portraits. It is published by the State Department, in a limited edition; but may possibly be procured through a Member of Congress.

The provisions in the postal bill for a cheaper rate of fourth class matter and for a special rate for the delivery of packages on rural free delivery routes were struck out by the House of Representatives in conference, but the provision for a refund where excessive postage has been paid was passed and is law.

A NEW FAD.

Of making collections of various things there is no end and probably never will be so long as the desire exists to gather together in one aggregation all attainable objects of a given kind: pictures, engraving guns, stamps, coins, shoes, buttons, and others too numerous to mention, all more or less instructive, interesting and amusing.

I now venture to propose another which I believe to be new and one which I have found and I believe others who may take it up will find most fascinating and instructive, that of collecting cigar bands, those little ornamental slips which are fastened around cigars and which add so much to their appearance when seen in their symmetrical rows in the cigar box.

How many such bands exist, both here and in foreign countries I do

not believe any one knows or can tell, their number must be in the thousands, but for variety of form, design and ornamentation, there is nothing that can compare with them, not even the time honored postage stamp. I have now about five hundred in my collection and the number is constantly growing, and I take the keenest delight in gathering and arranging them in my album.

I write this to call the attention of others to this line of collecting in the hope that it may be taken up by them and that they may receive as much pleasure and satisfaction in so doing as I have.

I shall be pleased to correspond on this subject and to exchange or purchase bands from any desiring to do so.

E. R. Knowles.

120 Liberty St., New York, N. Y.

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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.

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From South Africa, lately came the report of the finding of the largest diamond ever discovered. As a consequence, the neighborhood of Pretoria has been in wild excitement. The diamond weighs 3,032 carats and is said to be a pure white gem of good quality. A dispatch from Johannesburg,, Transvaal, places its value at from \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000. Thus the newly found stone is seen to exceed in size and value the most famous diamonds hitherto discovered. And now a few words about some of these famous diamonds of the past, and their present whereabouts.

The Koh-i-noor, one of the most widely known of these stones weighed in the rough, only 794 carats, and was reduced by cutting to 186 carats. It now belongs to the royal jewels of England and its value is about \$600,000.

The Great Mogul, another of the famous gems of history, has mysteriously disappeared and its present whereabouts are a great mystery. The Great Mogul weighed 793 carats in the rough, and 279 when cut. Its value is placed at \$2,300,000.

The Regent or Pitt stone, which now

reposes in the Louvre at Paris, originally weighed 410 carats but has been cut down to 136. This work took two years and cost \$10,000. The fragments and dust brought \$40,000.

The Orloff is now in possession of the Czar of Russia. Its weight is 195 carats and the stone is cut in the rose form. It was purchased by the Empress Catherine in 1772 at a price of \$450,000 in cash, an annuity of \$4,000 and a Russian title.

The largest diamond hitherto discovered is the Braganza, owned by the royal house of Portugal. This stone has never been cut and weighs in the rough 1,680 carats. There has however, been a doubt raised as to the latter being a genuine diamond, as its composition has never been proved.

A few other famous diamonds are as follows: the Stewart gen, weighing 288 carats in the rough; the French Blue, weighing 115 carats and valued at \$150,000; the Victoria of 180 carats; and the De Beers of 225 carats.

The South African diamonds are found in a conglomerate of quartz, earth, sand and a feruginous oxide. Occasionally the gems are met with in a clay, under this conglomerate. The South African trade in diamonds is said to be practically controlled by the De Beers company. This discovery will undoubtedly, however, add an impetus to the business.

Diamonds are popularly supposed to be white. Yet gems of almost every color have been found; green, red, blue, black, pink, orange, etc. Besides the South African deposits diamonds have also been found in Brazil, Borneo, India, Sumatra, Australia, the Ural Mountains, and instances have been known of the

occasional finding of stones in the United States. We are indebted to the International Encyclopaedia for some of the statistics on famous diamonds of the world.

One of the largest and finest private collections of minerals in the United States is that of Mr. Roland E. Bruner of Kansas City. Mr. Bruner has his collection displayed in a fine private museum at 1108-1110 Walnut Street, on the second floor. The minerals occupy seventeen fine, large, glass cases, and Mr. Bruner gives free use of the museum to students of science and mineralogy, also the public school children when accompanied by an instructor.

There are over ten thousand specimens in the collection and their relative value is placed at \$75,000. Over half of the specimens have been added in the last four or five years, but the whole lot has cost Mr. Bruner a great amount of time and money. Many of the specimens are rarities and are becoming scarcer every year, as the locality of species after species is worked out.

Mr. Bruner has given more attention to the quality, rather than the quantity of his specimens, so that nearly every species is representative of its kind. As a general collection the minerals have few equals and are a credit to the owner. Mr. Bruner has an especially good lot of Missouri minerals, including some very fine lead and zinc ores, calcites, dolomites, and others. One specimen of 150 pounds weight, contains Galena, iron pyrites, sphalerite, dolomite, and shale.

Some magnificent quartz crystals are also on view. One cluster of 480 pounds is the largest in the United States. It is called the Queen of Arkansas, and was exhibited in Little Rock for a number of years.

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This organization dates from January 1st, 1905, and was made for the purpose of determining upon a suitable emblem for stamp collectors, similar to those worn by members of fraternal organizations, and for the proper distribution of same.

The button, pin or charm will be supplied in three grades, to suit the purchaser, and for the period of one year the emblem can be purchased of the association at cost. Each purchaser of the emblem becomes an honorary member of the association and no other expense is attached.

All interested philatelists are hereby requested to submit a drawing suitable for the emblem of the association, same to be in black ink on white paper, and in a three inch square or circle. The name of the designer to be written in ink on the reverse. The designs to be emblematic of stamp collecting only, and without letters.

The design submitted will, at the end of thirty days from date; be passed upon by the executive staff, and the design that is considered to be the most appropriate will be selected as the standard emblem.

A suitable prize, of a value of \$15. will be awarded to the designer of the emblem selected.

The design will be submitted to a reliable manufacturing concern, who will submit prices for three grades of the emblem, in sterling silver, solid

and gold plate. The cost price will then be published in the official organ (Philatelic West & Camera News), subscription books opened and a general membership solicited.

It is desired that this organization have the hearty support of all reliable stamp collectors, as the question of a proper emblem has been agitated for some time, and like the stamp album it is an invitation that will undoubtedly meet with general approval.

Secretaries of stamp societies are requested to correspond with the secretary-treasurer of this association regarding the distribution of the emblem. You are requested to send in a drawing for this design. Do it now! Address all communications to the sect'y-treas.

WALTER F. SLUSSER,
Port Casey, Washington.

PICTURE POSTCARD IN ENGLAND

The Story of a Great Business, Its Present and Future.

Although, since the days of James Russell Lowell, who wrote "Never prophesy unless you know," the phrase has done good duty, the same words can be turned with a vengeance against those prophets who a few years ago declared that the picture postcard would die a natural death.

Never was prophecy so utterly falsified, and thanks to the energy and artistic taste of Messrs. Wrench, the "craze" has assumed gigantic proportions. When a dozen picture postcards are placed side by side they make a considerable show, but what must one think of the stupendous collection of 20,000,000? Yet twenty millions is but part of the stock of the Wrench series of cards, a million

coming in every week and millions going out.

In views alone there are over 12,000 kinds in black and white, and the name of the beautiful colour designs is legion. Think what labour and business instinct this entails. The designs have to be thought out, executed, cards printed, checked one by one, many coloured by hand and despatched.

At Wrench's place in London this high turnover is attended by a stream of ceaseless activity, and, as showing how the cards sell "like hot cakes," an instance may be given of one man in a small way of business at a popular seaside resort, who took 50,000 last October, and who has just telegraphed for more.

The result is that the firm have been compelled to take premises twice as large as their present ones in order to cope with the high orders that roll in.

"The whole secret of the thing can be summed up in these words," said the manager: "Good stuff."

"There are many Continental firms who publish picture postcards, but they are doing no good. They give cheap and inferior cards. The public will have good cards, and so long as good cards are produced they will sell.

"I have made arrangements for all our cards to be printed in England, and I have just sent a wire to our printers for half a million of bromide cards of actresses. On the first of January we had a delivery of 25,000 of these cards, and in less than a fortnight they were all cleared out.

"Here is what is to be a very fine series."

And the manager showed me several beautiful landscape views in oils. They are by well-known artists, and

will appear under a special title by the three-colour process.

All the cards sell at a penny, but people do not mind what they pay for a good thing.

Of the coloured views — artistic creations—so much in favour just now, three millions are due from the printers within the next two months, and so great is the demand that they will rest in the despatch room only for a time sufficient to check and forward them.

Of the various series the demand keeps on getting bigger and bigger. A popular development is the picture postcard valentine in the "Gnome" series, but if any one series tops another, it is perhaps the Bromide series of actresses. That is to be a big business, and the demand seems unending. Agents have been appointed in all parts of the kingdom, so that newsagents, stationers, and others can be supplied without loss of time.

And the secret of it all is "good stuff," but the sight at 2, 3 and 4, Arthur-street, New Oxford-street, W. of 20,000,000 cards one never to be forgotten.

THE WORLD'S MONEY

The Making of United States Currency.

BY RAY MURRAY

The American people in general favor the crisp new greenbacks, to either the shining silver or glittering gold. This increased demand for paper money has added very much to the work on Uncle Sam's shoulders. The life of a paper note, and especially those of small denomination as the one, two, five and ten dollar bills are shorter than the average person would imagine—barely two years, in fact, and this explains how it is possible for hundreds of printing presses

at Washington, to be busy day and night, the year around, turning out fresh notes or greenbacks without any danger of violating the postal law, which says that the United States may not issue over \$346,000,000 of this kind of money.

The engraving of the plates from which the currency is printed is a very delicate operation. Drawings showing just how the paper money will look when completed are submitted to the officials of the treasury department in order that they may make any corrections in the design. When the design is approved of the work is divided among several expert engravers, who receive a salary of from \$2,000 to \$6,000 per year, and yet not one among the entire force of workmen would be able to carve out of the metal a complete, new design, for a new bill. Each man has his specialty, one engraves the portraits, another makes the letters of the various words of the subscriptions and so on through the entire list.

It will doubtless surprise many people to learn that all our paper money is printed on old-fashioned hand-presses, not very different from the machines of the Italian inventors of centuries ago. Each press has two operators, the plate printer, and his feminine assistant, whose duty it is to place the blank sheets of paper in the press. The printers are paid by the piece and some of them turn out as high as twelve hundred sheets of new money in a day.

The money is then taken to a room where the thermometer registers one hundred and fifty degrees to dry. After the drying is complete huge bundles of the sheets of money pass to the hall of expert examiners, where the blemished money is cast aside to be destroyed.

(Continued.)

THE UNION SOUVENIR CARD EX- CHANGE.

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Address all communications to the
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Application blanks free upon request.

Complete Membership Lists.

Were issued last month; if you did
not receive one write at once to the
Secretary.

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Mr. Arthur L. Shaver, our Eastern
Representative, and an enthusiastic card
collector, has organized for the benefit
of all members an auxiliary to be
known as The Union Exchange. It will
be a Bureau of Information, with free
membership to all Union members. Fur-
ther news, pertaining to same, will be
published from time to time and Mr.
Shaver will be pleased to give you full
particulars and would also like to re-
ceive a personal letter from each one
of you giving news and suggestions of
value to Philocartists.

New Members.

136. H. Theodore Walker, 50 Grant St.,
East Weymouth, Mass.

137. Louis Bisson, 110 Rue de Grenelle,
Paris, France.

138. J. T. Hamel, P. O. Box 30, Rober-
val, Lake St. John, Quebec.

139. W. H. Maercklein, 3107 Cedar St.,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

140. H. C. Bundy, Box 833, Aberdeen,
Washington.

141. R. Yamagishi, care of Heller Bros.
Yokohama, Japan.

142. Lionel E. Mintz, Ithaca, New
York.

143. Oscar Riedener, Neue Folsenstrasse
35, St. Gallen, Switz.

144. L. A. Nicolet, 20 North Main St.,
Fall River, Mass.

145. T. Tazawa, 123 Bluff, Yokohama,
Japan.

146. Louise H. Everhardy, 510 Seneca
St., Leavenworth, Kans.

147. Mame Everhardy, 510 Seneca St.,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

148. Frank Ake, 406 Willow Avenue,
Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Change of Address.

11. H. W. Lintz, from Hebron, Ark.,
to Pike, Ark.

27. C. C. Brink, from Box 88, High-
land Park Station, Des Moines,
Iowa, to 12 West Market St.,
Iowa City, Ia.

97. F. J. Radetzky, from 1428 South
St., Beaumont, Texas, to Box
174, Jacksonville, Texas.

Resignations.

We have none; all our members are
active post card collectors; we give them
satisfaction; and they do not resign; or
intend to do so.

The Union.

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society in the world; and we are grow-
ing every day. If not a member, join
today. It costs you only 25 cents, if
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you receive Membership Certificate,
Complete List of Members, Five Souve-
nir Cards, and your name and address in
our Official Organ, and on our member-
ship lists. Join now.

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149. T. M. Morrow, 499 Spring St., St.

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150. M. I. Lamb, 41 McLeod St., Calcutta, India.
151. P. L. Messer, 1015 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md.
152. H. Berman, 12 Vienna St., Rochester, N. Y.
153. H. S. Dickey, Newton, Kansas.
154. Ray Gooding, Crete, Nebraska.
155. M. C. Richardson, Box 33, Little River, Kansas.
156. H. Tanley, 1008 Lanvale St., Baltimore, Md.
157. Ira S. Fisher, Mahomet, Illinois.
158. W. H. Zuehlke, Appleton, Wisconsin.
159. E. E. Sheahan, 647 Weidler, St., Portland, Oregon.
160. A. Wright, 1139 10th St., San Diego, California.
161. A. R. Yard, Lock box 27, Woodstown, N. J.
162. J. R. Dick, Firth, Nebr., R. R. 1.



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T Mapes, Indiana Harbor, Ind.

G H Kelley, So Butte. Mont., care Union Depot.

G Blocky, Aidelside, South Australia, 54 Pirie St.

L Raymond, Diller, Nebr.

Several more complaints on Tanner of Ogden, Utah, or Larmie, Wyo.

H E Fowler, Chicago, 188 E Madison St., asks any to write him in regard to W M Helms, Jr., Steubenville, O., if you have unsatisfactory dealings.

Mapes of Ind. complains of Werner of N Y City who has been mentioned. also Abrams Arnold of Willard St., Providence, R.I.

Edgar of Ia., complains of Mudigause of Ceylon, Asia, and T. Canfield, Montreal, Canada.

H Wolf of Oregon, complains of Greisen, Custer, S. Dak., who Hubel of Detroit also complained of last yr.

Stilwell, dealer says Greisen is bad one.

Brindle of O complains of Stuzin, Bronx, N Y., and B Fehlig, Ypsilant, Mich.

S Montgomery of Ga., complains of press man Baldwin of Chicago can get no reply.

Remember to send 4c postage with each complaint.

American Society of Curio Collectors

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Our president deserves the longest credit mark of any member for his work of the past quarter. He completed and sent to your secretary the first of March a revised roster of nearly 60 names in typewritten manuscript,—a task stupendous in itself without the added burden of la grippe with which he was suffering at the time. We now have a starting point from which to work and shall begin at once to write to each delinquent a personal letter. We are beginning in the center of the members as we have no record of what those collect who have joined since the last year book was published, and before we can publish another this information must be forthcoming. If you will send us the desired information the work will be accomplished in much quicker time, as there are no demurs to

the application of J. O. Berkley of Waterloo, Iowa, he is considered a member. The other applications did not come to us personally so we shall leave it to Mr. Brodstone to decide their eligibility. Two applications have been received by the secretary the past month. Rev. J. M. Carroll, 714 Speight St., Waco, Tex. He is corresponding secretary of the Texas Baptist Education Commission and collects birds and birds' eggs, and wishes to exchange. His ex. notice will be found in the exchange column. Mr. J. J. Retlinger made application also this month. His age is 43, occupation, private hack driver, address, Hastings, Minn. He collects Indian relics, minerals, fossils and will exchange Mississippi pearl jewelry for Indian relics. We are indebted to him for a nice photograph of his collection. Mr. J. B. Lewis of Petaluma, Calif., also remembered us in the same way. Aaron Da Costa Gomez whose name was wrongly given as Ada in a former issue renews his interest in the A. S. of C. C. His age is 62, occupation, insurance. Collects antique and shells. Will exchange Central American shells for N. A. land shells. Mr. T. O. Young renews his membership for two years by furnishing the society with some of his neat stationery. The following are a few items from the secretary's account book for the first quarter:

EXPENSES.

Postage.....	\$2.44
Membership cards.....	1.75
Application blanks.....	4.00
Express.....	.96
Paid to West (cash or credit)..	1.20
Cash on hand Mar. 13th.,	2.06
	<u>\$12.41</u>

RECEIPTS.

Dues received by secretary in

cash or reported by Green and
 Brodstone..... 11.79
 By stationery from secretary... 1.00
 By Stationery from Young..... .50
 \$13.29

Since Feb. 13 the publisher of West and the secretary have been settling accounts by credit instead of remitting and the balance so far is .33 to our credit. It may be of interest to those members who are alive to all that concerns the interests of our society to know what part of their dues goes to the official organ, 12c out of every 50c is either sent or credited to West.

Fraternally,
 F. MAY TUTTLE.

RENEWALS.

407. J P Kelley, 55 So Spring St., Concord, N H., occupation, printer and badge maker. Collects illus war envelopes, entire U. S. envelopes, U. S. stamps, specialty, continental money, old books. Wishes to exchange.

420. Mae Alexander, Milroy, Penn. Collects minerals and shells, wishes to exchange.

354. W E Tharp, Stuart, Ia., asst. U. S. Department Agriculturist. Collects Indian relics.

496. D E Host, Bowerston, Ohio, collects Indian relics.

359. Henry Grossman, St. Augustine, Fla., age 40, collects war relics, autographs, paper money, rare books and papers. Buys instead of exchanging.

363. A E Bartlett, Exeter, N H., RFD 1, age 34, occupation, farmer, collects coins, shells, paper money, stamps, fossils, minerals, post cards. Will exchange minerals, stamps, post cards for shells and Indian relics.

444. Fred A Fair, Box 95, Boulder, Colo., age 27, occupation, mining engineer, general collector, specialty,

lithological; will exchange minerals, fossils, rocks, pigeons, etc., for any thing else.

475. Resignation, R E Kendall, Le Roy, Penn.

173 M W Cole, Kingston, Ill.

370 John A Beals, Pittsburg, Pa. 3345 5th ave instead of 3349.

382 High Spencer, St Cloud, Minn. 808 Ind. St So.

9 Application; Mr P P Mekul, 420 E Pine st Cardillac, Mich., Ref. Mr. Bauer.

Age 42 Occu. Mason Contractor, collects coins, shells, minerals, woods and curios. Specialty, coins, wishes to exchange wood and coral for coins.

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S. P. A. Report of sales Supt.

In hand last report 25 books.....	\$ 567.26
Received since 2 books.....	39.77
27 books.....	607.03
Retired (sales \$95.31) 10 books.....	274.30
Now in circulation 17 books.....	332.73

I could circulate to advantage 50 more books. Buying members are anxious to get them: but I have not enough to supply demands.

Respectfully,

CHAS. WARING.

Knoxville, Tenn.

A. A. Jenkins, Warnambo, Victoria, Australia. My ad brought me enormous amount of correspondence, which kept me going for sometime and shows how widely and deligently it is read, and is the most useful and enterprising ever read in far off Aus-
 tralia.

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(Secretary's Report.)

Fellow-members:—I am glad to again report a prosperous month for our society.

I hope all members who have not yet paid their dues will do so at once. Members of the N. C. P. A. and U. P. S. should send in 25c to have their membership, extended to January 1906. Members of the S. C. A. (now seemingly dead) should write to our secretary about consolidation and members of the S. C. P. M. Association are requested to write to J. H. DuBose, Huguenot, Ga., in regard to consolidation. I am glad to note what good work our membership committee is doing and hope it may continue. There is considerable talk of forming a branch of the M. P. A. for our Rhode Island members and also a branch in New York state. Moreover, the members in New Zealand are urging the formation of a local society for the members of New Zealand and other parts of Australia. Mr. Laycock as usual writes encouragingly about the

British M. P. A. The K. O. P. G. is also doing more active work among the workers.

I am sorry to report that several of our members have fell from grace. I wish every member was as honest as the oldtime collectors. Mr. Cass has had a great deal of trouble with Sales circuits and now he reports one whole circuit was lost between Chas. S. Hubbard of Utica and A. C. Chase of East Providence. The Postal department is investigating the case and we hope to find the circuit as the loss amounts to \$37. Several instances of circuits failing to be registered are reported and we wish to caution members that this will be considered an offence demanding expulsion. The case of substitution on circuit No. 34, has been paid from the insurance fund and a well-known member will shortly be expelled unless he settles for what was taken on this circuit. We are also advised that Mr. W. Weber of Buffalo, had been mixed in some bad dealings and a case is now

against him. If the reports are true, we must expel this member also. What we want are honest collectors and these alone. Do be honest in your dealings! Honesty is a virtue worthy of much praise! These above cases will all be examined by the Executive Committee and some members may be punished accordingly but no honest person will suffer.

We shall try to send out the Membership book by May first and would ask all members to send their notices and advertisements for same. Rates are 25c per inch for members or 50c for non-members. This book will have a wide circulation and be sent to all members.

With greetings of the Easter season and best wishes, I am fraternally yours,
 F. A. MUELLER, Secy-Treas.

New Members.

Ross Wilson, 250 King St., Hamilton, Ont., Canada, proposed by Cass.

Gustav Muller, Richmond, Ill., proposed by Aldrich.

Will H. Zaiser, 1111-20th St., Des Moines, Iowa, proposed by Wickham.

Karl Lewis, 136d Honmura Road, Yokohama, Japan, proposed by Mueller.

Mrs. M. A. Hopper, 125 Halldon Ave., Paterson, N. J. proposed by Miss Hanway.

A. W. Kaeding, 457 N. Washtenaw, Ave., Chicago, Ill., proposed by Mueller.

M. G. Hill, Afton, N. Y., proposed by McCracken.

S. D. Lewis, M. D., 110 Elk St., Syracuse, N. Y., proposed by Mueller.

Henry F. Steckler, 547 Blue Island Ave., Chicago, Ill., proposed by Solomon.

E. B. Pennoe, River Point, R. I., proposed by Solomon.

T. Parkhouse, Palmerston St., Westport, New Zealand, proposed by Manager Brown.

H. F. Leonard, Brantford, Ont., Canada, proposed by Munger.

Former U. P. S. Members.

Edwin Kaemmer, 1751 N. 7th St., Philadelphia, Pa., proposed by Munger.

Don D. Doolittle, box 544, Fremont, Nebr., proposed by Munger.

Suspended.

Miss Appleton, William Snyder, Chas. Cowell, Gus Laun, L. N. Sizer, G. B. Bryan, Guy Cuzner, W. F. Slusser, S. F. Flewelling, A. C. Ballard, H. C. Halversen.

Delinquents.

17, 52, 87, 76, 85, 93, 94, 97, 99.

Notice—Members of the Stamp Collectors' Association.

You are requested to write F. A. Mueller, Peake, Nebr., if you are willing to have this society consolidated with the M. P. A. and send 25c to pay your dues up to January, 1906, if you are so willing. Kindly all respond to this.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Applications and dues	\$8.25
Sales dept	1.90
Mueller donation	3.14
Miscellaneous10
On hand, Feb 5.	7.71
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	\$21.10

Disbursements.

January report	\$1.50
Applications, Onkden	3.50
Receipt postal cards, Kibby.....	1.75
Prize drawings	1.75
Secretary's postage	1.75
Notification of dues postage85
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	\$11.10

Balance on hand, Mar. 10, 1905 \$10.00

\$21.10

PERSONAL.

This month's list of new members shows

that a lot of persons are becoming active in the work of helping to get new members. This is right and let us keep the good work up. Write to any officer for blanks and get as many good, new members as you can. Try the collectors in your own town. We are now planning a new recompensation for the work instead of the prize drawings but on the same plan. Every new member will count you one point. Try to get us some new members.

Vice president Solomon visited in Boston during February.

Several more persons have assented to attend the Niagara Falls convention. August will see a lot of M. P. A. members assemble there. The committee of arrangements will soon be appointed.

Many members are now using the exchange department and all find it beneficial. Lately fine lots have been received from Switzerland, Sweden, New Zealand and Victoria.

Watch for our membership book. It will be a dandy. Place your want, sale or exchange notices at one cent a word. Advertisements accepted from all responsible persons.

Philatelic Agent, Gustav Schmidt, of Giessen, Germany, is busy taking orders for philatelic papers. If you want to advertise he will place your notice to good advantage in any European paper.

Several of our members are engaged in philatelic publishing. One bright journal is the Oceania Philatelic, published by member S. J. Howard, of Greatford, Rangitikei, in far-off New Zealand.

If you are a Stamp-Collector, you ought to join the M. P. A. 50 cents does it.

Inter. Secretary

.....J. A. D. Park, Pottstown, Pa.



President—H. V. Thornton, 304 N. State St., Chicago, Ill.

Secretary—L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr.

Why not become a member? It costs you nothing if a subscriber. Membership card 5c foreign 10c.

Ones marked x are souvenir card collectors.

Mistake made in last number, W. J. Hall, Troy, N Y., don't exchange post cards or collect, marked x.

5401 C Greeley, Waterman, Ill., R F D 2.

2 S E Phillips, Rochester, N H.

3 E W Humphreys, Boston, Mass., 533 Mass Ave.

x4 H D Radcliffe, San Jose, Calif., 509 N. San Pedro, St.

5 J Takeda, Osaka, Japan.

x6 C Valentine, Phila., Pa. 1334 S Paxon St.

x7 J H Hayden, Cumberland, Md.

8 F Terrer, Havana, Cuba, Su-Cristobal 131.

x9 P Malone, 289 Pitt St., Sydney N S W.

x5410 A Carter, Sawton, Cambs, Eng. 1 Souvenir Card Co., Bluffton, O.

x2 W Walton, Handsworth, Birmingham, England.

x3 Miss Blousky, Yaphank, N Y. ☐

4 J Morrison, Mt Vernon, Ill.

x5 A G Nelson, Kansas City, Mo., 1823 W Prospect.

- x6 R A Pearson, Coventry, Eng-
land, 4 Trinity Ter.
- x7 A R Lamb, Calcutta, India, 41
McLeod St.
- x A Wright, San Diego, Cal., 1139
10th St.
- x9 Dr L McNeal, Ferndale, Calif.
- x5420 Frank Zinkie, Aurora, Ill, 519
Aurora Ave.
- x1 H S Dickey, Newton, Kan.
- x2 C Whithead, Worcester, Mass.,
17 Ripley St.
- x3 Gertrude Wells, Crete, Neb.
- x4 W Reynolds, Granville, N Y.
- x5 A Montgomery, Denver, Colo.,
Villa Park Sta.
- x6 Miss Stutson, New Brunswick,
Maine, 10 Spring St.
- x7 J Allison, Wookstock, Cape
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- x9 W Fritzsche, Burlington, Ia.,
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- x5430 E Dora Williams, Thersea, N Y.
1 Mrs T S Cooley, Buena Vista,
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- x3 Rose M Conrad, St Louis, 6805
S Broadway.
- x4 Mrs W W Norton, Lime Rock,
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- x5 Jesse Maholley, Jennings, box
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- xHelen Ford, Brooklyn, N Y., 40
2nd Ave.
- x3 Mabel McClatchey, Detroit,
531 Lincoln Ave.
- x4 Anna M Melroy, West Alexan-

- der, Pa.
- x5 Anna M Gascryne, Cleveland,
67 Courtland St.
- x6 J M Connor, Jr., Metuchen, N
J., Ex 107.
- x7 W Ashwell, London, Canada,
506 Picadilly St.
- x8 Miss Roth, Syracuse, N Y., 826
Avery.
- x9 W F Gage, South Boston, Mass.
699 5th St.

ENTOMOLOGY.

(By Wm. A. Nason, M. D.)

"The West," is the medium through which a great variety of hobbies, fads, or studies, are brought before its circle of readers, but there is one study it has largely overlooked and that is, the study of Insects, or Entomology. In philately, in archaeology, and in numismatics, a strong element of interest centers in the art design of the specimen under examination. In Entomology the same interest is felt in the art design, the form and the coloration; but it is intensified by the fact that the specimen is endowed and vivified with life. That mysterious something, by which we live and move and have being, makes the object of study not only a work of art and curiosity, but also endows it with an actual personal existence. It is more than a "curio," it is a wonder, and its quality of life is yet a mystery and wonder to all students.

The infinite variety of forms and colors, and habits that we find in the insect world, also gives to the study a stimulus that no other can possess. Wherever, we go, or wherever we are, ever before and around us are the objects that we wish to study. No place is too drear, no place is too hot or too cold, to entirely destroy every form of insect life. The objects of our study of Entomology are ever with us, and are

ever bringing to our view new forms, and new creatures with new habits.

It is estimated by the best scientific authorities that there are existing in the world at present more than five million insect forms, each distinct from every other. When we take into account this infinite variety of insects and realize that each one of these various species lives its own life, and as unerringly perpetuates its own kind as do the horse, or cow, we find ourselves lost in wonder at the variety that Nature furnishes for the student, to study and admire.

Nothing richer in color, or more varied in form exists in Nature than the insects of the tropics. The metallic sheen of gold, silver and copper, and all colors are to be found, glancing in the sunshine as the insects disport themselves. The varied forms and gorgeous colors of tropical butterflies are an astonishment to all who once see them, either in their native state, or preserved in museums. And the varied and grotesque forms of many beetles of the equatorial regions, reveal a wealth of surprises to the collector or observer.

In fact, the claims of Entomology as a study, or even as a hobby, are so numerous and powerful that it has ever attracted a multitude of devotees, from among the curious and intelligent inhabitants of the world. Fortunes have been spent in making such collections, and men have dared the dangers of all lands, uncivilized as well as civilized, in order to study and gather these beautiful and wonderful insect forms. Books innumerable, illustrating in most elegant and life-like manner, the forms and colors of insects, are published, and enable the entomologist to study his captures and classify them.

The importance of the study of Entomology is recognized by all the leading governments of the earth. Our crops of fruit, grain and other plant growths, are all at the mercy of the insect world. Every year in sections of the country crops are destroyed almost entirely by some of these insect enemies. Sometimes this enemy is so small as to seem ridiculous as an enemy to man's work, and yet the innumerable number of the little pests, working day and night, can and do frequently destroy the whole season's work of the farmer or fruit grower. The grape crop has been made a failure in Europe many different years by the damage done by a minute insect. The orange crop of California has at times been ruined and orchards destroyed by the work of the San Jose Scale, a small peculiar plant louse. So with the wheat crop, which has at times been a failure through the damage the minute Hessian fly produced. It is estimated that every year untold millions of dollars are lost through the ravages of the different noxious insects.

But enough has been said to show the attractiveness of the study of insects, and the importance of a knowledge of their habits to the agriculturist. And we hope in a later issue of the "West," to explain still further some of the interesting forms Entomology offers for study.

CAMERA NEWS.

Editor, F. J. CLUTE, San Francisco.

Formula for Removing Silver Stains and How to Use It.

(By Richard Hines, Jr. Mobile, Ala.)

Those who have ever gotten silver stains on their negatives from using gelatine print-out paper in damp weather will no doubt be glad to know of the success I have had in the use of a formula for which I am indebted to the Photo-Miniature on "Defects in Negatives." Not long ago on a damp afternoon I tried to get a proof from a negative in which I was much interested, my anxiety being such that I could not wait till dry weather. I took the precaution to dry the negative and also the sheet of paper by the heat from an electric globe, but that one sheet of gelatine left about half the silver it contained on the negative. From previous experience, it was concluded that the future usefulness of that negative was about ended; but in looking over such photographic works as are in my possession for a possible remedy that might be tried, I landed on this formula: Water six ounces, hyposulphite of soda two ounces, phosphate of sodium five grains, lead nitrate one-quarter of an ounce; dissolve in the water in the order given and after complete solution of the solids add one-quarter ounce of powdered alum. Put aside till the solution clears, and then use on the negative. The stains on the negative in question were on the face of one of the figures. The negative was laid in a tray, the solution poured over and the negative allowed to soak therein for four hours. At the end of that time the negative was ex-

amined, when it was discovered that the solution had brought out silver stains almost over the entire negative, and the remedy appeared to be worse than the disease. There was about an ounce of the solution left in the bottle; it was muddy with sediment and thinking that perhaps in this was the virtue of the chemicals that had been mixed with the water, it was poured into the tray containing the negative and clear solution. Then the tray was rocked for about a quarter of an hour and soon thereafter the reward came in the beginning of the disappearance of the iridescent stains. A tuft of absorbent cotton was then formed into a little ball and the face of the negative where the stains were located was gently rubbed, at the same time continuing the rocking of the tray. In another fifteen or twenty minutes all the iridescence had left the negative, which was then washed for half an hour in running water, wiped off well with a tuft of absorbent cotton and put on the rack to dry. The solution seemed to tone the stains right out when it began to act, and though the action was slow, it got there just the same. Those who have pet negatives marred by silver stains are advised to give this formula a trial. With care and patience it will reclaim the negative.

—mediated article camera news.

TENTATIVE DEVELOPMENT.

Tentative development, as it is called by photographer's, is a method of feeling one's way when uncertain as to whether or not the plate has been properly exposed and by this method many

plates are saved that would otherwise be ruined if placed at once in a normal developer. The developer for tentative development is usually made up of equal proportions of the normal developer and water, or it may even be made to contain twice as much water as normal developer, according to the fancy of the worker. Into this diluted developer the plate is placed and carefully watched. If the image appears rapidly under this treatment you have over-exposure to deal with, and the plate should be taken from the weak developer and be placed in a developer that has been compounded for over-exposure; that is one containing an excess of re-agent and a liberal supply of a ten per cent solution of bromide of potash. If, on the other hand, the image comes along inside of two or three minutes, it is safe to treat the plate as a normally exposed one, and if the appearance of the image is longer than two or three minutes then there is under-exposure to deal with, and the developer must be strengthened accordingly. Long exposures and dilute developer tend to the production of negatives that are soft and full of detail.—*Mobile Register.*

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and wash well and dry. Naphtol yellow, tartrazine, chrysophenine, Manchester yellow, or picric acid may be used. We prefer tartrazine or ammonium picrate. For the latter, add about a teaspoonful of the acid to an ounce of water, and add sufficient liq. ammonia fort to dissolve, make up to 10 ozs. with water, soak the plate in it till of the desired colour, and rinse and dry. Any of the other dyes may be used by merely making a strong solution and soaking the plate in it, rinsing and drying; the strength of the solution is almost immaterial as long as it is fairly strong, as one need only soak for a longer or shorter time.

W. W.—Celluloid Varnish:—There is very frequently trouble with celluloid but if the perfectly clear variety, such as is used for films, is used, if the gelatine is well cleaned off, and the celluloid is quite dry, there should be no trouble in getting about 10 grs. to dissolve in an ounce of amyl acetate. A stronger one may be obtained by using:

Celluloid	12 gr.
Acetone	60 minc.
Amyl acetate	180 mins.

Or, by using vegetable naphtha, a very small proportion of amyl acetate may be used and no acetone, and a much stronger solution obtained.

O. R. S.—Using a Supplementary Lens—The addition of the supplementary portrait lens has the property of shortening the focus. Now the aperture of the diaphragm would remain the same, therefore, assuming that the aperture of the original is 1 in., and the focus was reduced to 5 in., the aperture would be increased from f-7 to f-5; therefore the rapidity would be as the square of both 49: 25; therefore the lens would practically be twice as rapid. The definition over a given sized plate, let us

say, a $\frac{1}{2}$ plate, would at f-5 be much worse than at f-7. Possibly, however, if the lens with the supplementary glass were stopped down to the same aperture as the original, namely f-7, it would give equally good definition. We say possibly, because all the newer forms of lenses, such as the anastigmats, stigmatic, and orthostigmats are so carefully calculated that the introduction of another lens may entirely or partially throw out the correctness of the lens, and thus make the definition bad. This is a matter which can only be determined by actual experiment. By use of the telephoto attachment the focus is lengthened: then again, as the aperture remains constant, this is obviously reduced; and assuming the second focus to be 10 in., then the rapidity is as the square of both 49: 100, or practically 1; 2. As regards definition, we can only repeat the latter part of the statement as to shortening the focus. When only one of the combinations is used, it will be found to be about double the focus of the whole lens: and again, as the aperture remains constant, it must be decreased, and it would therefore be f-14, and the rapidity is as 49 to 196. With regard to definition this will be found to be rather better than with the lens as a whole, because only the centre of the field is used, and it works at a smaller aperture.

WOMANS COLLECTORS DEPT.

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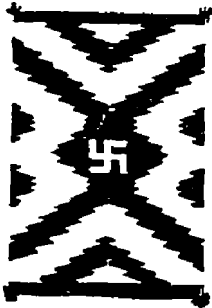
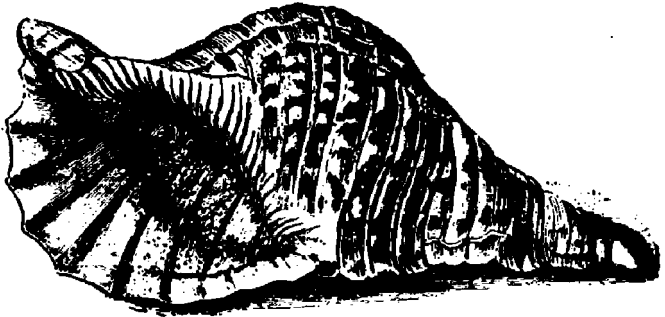


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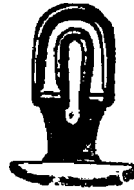
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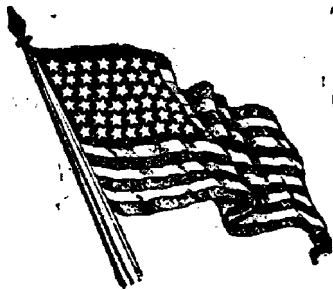
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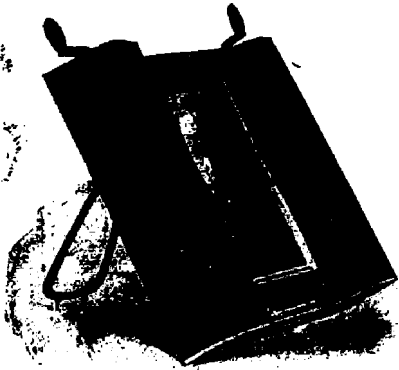
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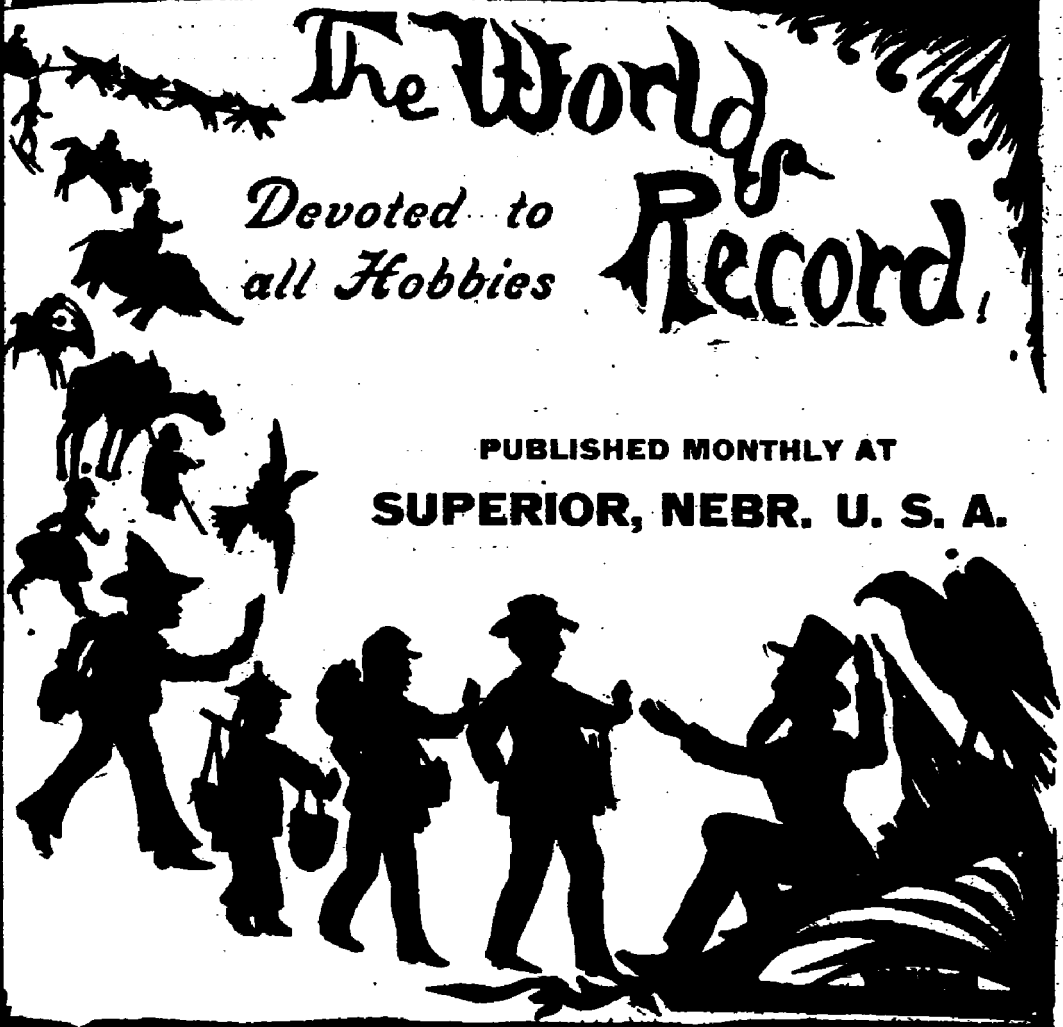
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*Venezuela 1896 comp	42	12
Luxemburg 1892 5 var	41	16
Netherlands 1898 1 guld	12	05
Queensland 1898 1sh.	40	12
Portugal, Vasco da Gama		
2 1/2-5 & 25r	06	03
Portugal, Vasco da Gama		
2 1/2-5-10-25-50 & 100r	27	13
Labuan 1894 12-18-24c	67	22
N. Borneo 1893 1c-24c	1 38	46
*Heligoland Repr 15 var.		18
*Switzerland 1881 comp	21	08
*Ecuador 1899 1c-1s	2 16	75
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" 1894 " " " " " " " "	4 90	1 75
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" postage due '74 "	47	23
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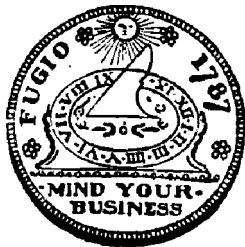
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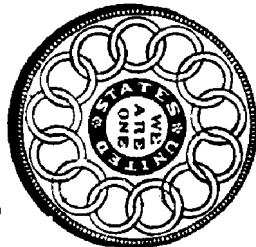
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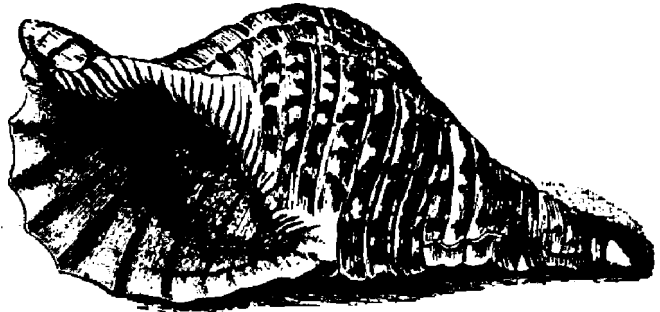
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Editorial Improvements.

Anyone who has experienced the worry and care attendant to the publication of a magazine the size of the WEST will appreciate how pleased we are to be able to announce that the WEST will hereafter be printed in its own plant. Commencing with this number, the WEST is issued from the office of the Superior Journal, in which publication we are interested. The Journal is issued daily and weekly and is the largest and oldest Newspaper in southern Nebraska. The WEST's motto "The Largest, Oldest and Best" also fits the Journal nicely.

When your favorite magazine (the WEST, of course) is a little off typographically speaking, remember that it is no small task to issue 100 pages month after month and do it for the insignificant sum of 50c or less a year from each subscriber. There isn't much in it, to be sure. Our last number was the smallest in years, about half of the reading matter and ads being omitted through an unhappy misunderstanding with a new printer. But this won't happen, again, and we can promise our readers a bigger and better WEST and a closer observance of our publication than has heretofore been possible.

One of the best 25c or 1sh books we have seen is "The Postage Stamps of Hayti," a descriptive handbook by Fred J. Melville, President of the Junior Philatelic Society. Illustrat-

ed. London: Charles Nissen & Co., 77, High Holborn, W. C., England. It will pay all or any reader to send for a copy.

A Stampic "Find"

(After "My Trundle Bed.")

♪ By Elma Iona Locke ♪

As I rummaged through the attic,
Listening to the falling rain,
Up there straightway rose a vision
Of the stamps that I should gain,
O, the stamps that I had dreamed of,
Tucked away in box and chest:
Oft I'd dreamed of all those treasures,
Now the object of my quest.

Sorting over chests and boxes,
Which with dust were thickly spread,
Spied I soon a pack of letters
Fondly tied with silken thread,
Loving tokens, fondly cherished,
Worn by reading, stained with tears:
Treasured by some heart half broken:
Yellowed now by passing years.

Tenderly I laid the missives
In their long accustomed bed,
Tied the worn and yellowed pages
With their faded silken thread,
Then with thoughts subdued, yet hopeful,
Turned I to less treasured store,
Soon my wild dreams philatelic
All were realized, and more.

From a widely scattered family
Letters came from far and near,
Bearing priceless gems. I soon find
All the early Locals here,
Alexandria, New Haven,
Brattleboro, Millbury, too,
Baltimore, by James Buchanan—
Still the chase do I pursue.

Here's one from a Western uncle,
A "St. Louis"—can it be?
And a widely wandering traveler
Sent gems, unknowing, 'cross the sea,
How I gloat now o'er my treasures,
Almost too good does it seem,
Then, I find the vision fading:
Alas! 'twas but another dream.

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Z F Raymond, Diller

APPLICATION

E Pearson, So Omaha, ref Brodstone
No reports from officers. It is now time to get ready for nominations and we hope to hold the state meeting during Ak-Sar-Ben at Omaha this fall. Members send in your nominations for officers.

Probabilities in the Indian Stamp World.

LAS BELA. A friend of mine at Karachi (near Las Bela) informs me that the stock of state stamps is exhausted and that it is under consideration whether the issue of state stamps should not be stopped, and British India stamps be introduced.

HYDERABAD. I am informed that a new one anna stamp will shortly be issued, color red.

BRITISH INDIA. The government of India have submitted a proposal to the secretary of state for India for the unification of the 1 anna postal and receipt stamps. If approved by the latter offices, it is

understood that the present 1/2 anna and 1 anna postage stamps will be surcharged "postage and revenue" till the NEW stamps for postage AND revenue can be issued.

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Secy-Treasurer's Report.

APPLICATION

E J Runner, Stanley, Kansas, age 15, student, references J B Horn and W P Kelley.

Fellow members:

It is now getting time to discuss our next convention. Should like to hear from members about place of convention. Join the Southern Philatelic Ass'n and use a fine sales dept and a good official organ. W. P. KELLY, Secy-Treas., 3222 Perry Ave. Kansas City, Mo

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The Woman and the Philatelic World. ♡ ♡

By Verna Weston Hanway

The eternal feminine is a subject permitting of much variety, and is therefore of much popularity among the writers of today. Philatelic writers have proved no exception to the general rule—which assertion is proven by the manifold essays that have appeared and are appearing upon the whys and wherefores of the woman in relation to collecting.

A well known English philatelic writer, Mr. E. Heginbottom, renewed the oft discussed tale in an essay a short time ago (that was par excellence, read before various English societies and published in a number of journals). A portrait of the essay was given over to deploring the lack of interest taken in philatelic societies, exhibitions, etc., by English women.

This has been a subject of much interest to me. As a woman and a philatelist I will now lift the veil that has shrouded this subject. Why women are publicly inactive as philatelic club women, why the hobby is as a rule carried on in the seclusion of the home, and why women are not more numerous as philatelists I will endeavor to explain—as far as the subject will permit of an explanation.

There are many million women in this world of ours, and these millions embrace all classes and varieties of intellect and social position. It is a liberal estimate to consider that three women out of every ten

thousand are collectors. And when one considers what types are embraced in ten thousand women the estimate appears almost too liberal. There are those who are too frivolous, too busy, too ignorant to collect—those who have not the money, patience and have never even heard of the various collectible articles, or if they have, have never even considered the pleasure and benefits to be found in a collection. And probably one woman in twenty thousand is a stamp collector; one out of every thirty a collector of some advancement, in other words a philatelist. Think of it! In six hundred thousand women there is only one woman who will boldly announce to a mocking world her interest. I almost fear even this seemingly low estimate could not be verified. It is like looking for a needle in a hay stack to find a woman who is a thorough philatelist.

But what lessons these few women learned. One of the first is not to expect chivalry from her philatelic brethren. Let me relate a little incident that will serve as an illustration. Some time ago a certain dealer sent me a selection of very good stamps. Among them was a stamp which I cannot at present recollect—suffice it to be said that it was a faded red labeled as pink. What was the object? Merely a trifling difference of twelve dollars in value!

Little incidents of this nature tend to make the philatelic woman rather sarcastic and over-cautious in her dealings with her "brothers". It is

sometimes the case that she is so without reason. Experience, however, is her excuse in these instances—for experience has taught her that business principles will oftentimes overrule the chivalrous.

But in justice to the exceptions I will state that personally I have enjoyed many a pleasurable and profitable correspondence and exchange with my philatelic brethren. In several instances it was probably so on account of a little mistake about my sex—I will not venture to make a positive statement upon the subject however. I may be prejudiced, but I plead the plea of the rest of my sex—experience!

Sometimes the correspondence takes an amusing aspect. I recollect an occasion when a rather illiterate man described his collection, his income, his home and his relations, then made the modest request that I should share these possessions. Sometimes a callow youth becomes sentimental to the point of being amusing—or boring! But I am digressing.

It is a fact, that will not permit of argument, that the woman prefers to collect quietly and unobtrusively. The reasons are obvious. A dislike to excitement in instances where philately is used as a recreation and a tonic for the leisure moments. A shrinking from being voted as "peculiar" by the rest of womankind, and a dislike to rubbing elbows with all sorts of men—and women. The latter reason often deters the woman from taking an active interest in societies and exhi-

bitions. I think it would be better for the interests of the hobby and for the interests of the woman, if she would overcome these objections.

To return to Mr. Heginbottom—he says: "Encourage philately therefore more among our sisters, for is it not a fact that in a pursuit where women enter there is a strong tendency to raise its moral tone. Exceptions there are, but the fact remains that women, as a rule, rarely enter into any hobbies or societies, etc., where men are recognized leaders unless some strong social status of respectability is attached to them, and inasmuch as this status is in every way applicable to our organizations, why should our fair sex not join then in greater numbers than they do at present?"

Mr. Heginbottom presents the subject in a lucid and reasonable manner. There are, I think, some thousands of women philatelists who could gain a much larger amount of enjoyment than they do from the hobby. Then there are many million women who, if they could be brought to see and know what our hobby really is, could give their lives the variety that is the spice of life, and developes into happy, contented womanhood. Then there are the millions of young girls—girls of intellect and money; who now fritter their lives away upon dancing, matinees, novels, etc., etc., in the usual harmless dissipations of the girl and young woman.

Ah, would that I had the thousand league boots of the fairy tales!

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CURIO
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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.

**REPORT OF SECRETARY AND
TREASURER OF THE A. S.**

CF C. C.

We have had some pretty bad jokes played on us by compositors, but never quite so bad as the one in our April message. We really meant to perform the surgical operation on the "list" instead of the "members." A few corrections are due the parties most concerned. Mr. Young should be credited with \$1.00 worth of stationery instead of 50c, and the secretary vice versa. In the list of renewals Beals should be Beck, High should be Hugh, and Me-

kull should be Mekeel. We are personally indebted to the following for their souvenirs or words of encouragement; Coover of Ohio, Mrs. Bullard of Washington, Lewis of California, Reynolds of Florida, Thies of Maryland, Gomez of New York, Mason of Oregon and Mrs. Ferris of New York. Mr. H. G. Brown of Portland, Ore., 5th and Alden streets, formerly of Spokane, Wash., remembered us with some very handsome souvenir postal cards advertising the Portland exposition. One double postal when opened displays a fan of exquisite workmanship. In the same package came a beautiful specimen of wood decorated in pyrography and bearing a picture of the Forestry building. Mr. W. K. Moorehead, the well known Archaeologist, sent a generous and valuable donation to our scientific library of some of his publications. Among them were Tonda; The Dairy of the Archaeological Collector; Exploration of Jacob's Cavern, Mo.; Discussion as to Cooper from the Mounds, and a paper that we trust may be reprinted in West, as every collector ought to read it, Commercial vs. Scientific Collecting. Mr. Moorehead spent the month of May in archaeological work in Cavetown, Md. Messrs. Smith of New York, Guetzmacher of Wisconsin, Gaines of Montana and Coover of Ohio are busy working for new members. Mr. Coover has had some fine letterheads printed to advertise the work of the Society. Wouldn't this be a good suggestion for other members to follow? He has another progressive idea that we hope to see put in operation, but will speak of that later. If any of our members have two large stuffed birds, a Turkish scimitar, or old fire arms with a history that they wish to dis-

pose of, please communicate with us; we may be able to help you place them. There are about 40 who have failed to respond, so far, to the letters sent out. We know that some one has received these letters, for our address was on every envelope. In a few months all who fail to respond will be dropped, and if reinstated will be taken as new members. So it will be cheaper for such to respond at once if they wish to retain their membership. Will all who have paid Wm. Warner, Jr., of East St. Louis, Ill., in the past six months send me word? We don't want to speak ill of anyone, but in this case such information is due the Society, as well as Mr. Brodstone. We are happy to know that our Official Organ has a permanent home at last in Superior, Neb. Mr. Brodstone is putting in a mailing machine that will greatly facilitate his work in sending out the magazine. Mr. Phillip Weller of Cuba, Mo., writes that he has just added 117 arrow points to his collection.

Fraternally,
F. MAY TUTTLE.

Osage, Iowa, May 15, 1905.

MAY REPORT.

Renewals.

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| 124. | Elmer S. Sears, 139 High St., Fall River, Mass. | 90. | Phillip Weller, Cuba, Mo. |
| 30. | Thomas G. King, Andover, Mass. | 89. | Geo. W. Davis, St. James, Mo. |
| 58. | S. W. McClintic, Winterset, Ia. | 345. | Wm. Erickson, 3712 N. 20th St., Omaha, Neb. |
| 311. | Clarence P. DeKay, Florida, N. Y. | 403. | Miss A. Davis, 62 Market Place, Romford, Essex, England. Collects natural history, geological and mineral specimens, shells, stamps and curios. |
| 78. | Joel H. DuBose, Huguenot, Ga. | 465. | Mary L. Page, Box 463, Olympia, Wash. Will exchange shells. |
| 290. | H. S. Reed, Redmond, Wash. | 65. | Arthur Chamberlain, 222 West 67th St., New York City, N. Y. |
| 105. | C. M. Goethe, 2615 K. St., Sacramento, Cal. | 339. | Thos. C. Horne, 652 Potter Ave., Milwaukee, Ore. |
| 116. | C. E. Briggs, Lisbon, Ia. | 296. | George D. Barnes, 900 Kirky Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn. |
| 107. | Roy H. Bullis, 416 Fourth Ave. West, Kalispell, Mont. | 195. | W. H. Godley, Ponoka, Alberta, Canada. |
| 119. | M. L. Coleman, Mt. Vernon, Ill., collects minerals, Indian relics, small arms, in addition to his former hobby, coins. | 202. | Albert Carter, Serena Wharf, Carpenteria, Cal. |
| 211. | Robt. P. King, Erie, Pa., collects paper money, coins, presidential medals, Lincoln silk badges, Lincoln war cents, store cards, | | |

Confederate paper money.

324. Geo. R. Sawyer, Box 11, Davenport, Wash.

512. W. B. Mitchell, Box 24, Santa Anna, Texas. General collector; specialty, Indian relics.

459. Robt. T. Gentry, Sonora, Ky., age 39. Occupation, banker. Collects Indian and prehistoric relics, coins, medals, paper money, war relics, papers, antiques, fossils. Specialty, Indian relics, coins, books, papers.

515. Cyrus McMichael, Conneaut Lake, Pa. Age 34. Occupation, R. F. D. mail carrier. Collects coins, stamps, Indian relics, Confederate bills.

493. Albert Everitt, Escondido, Cal. Age 24. Occupation, rancher. Will exchange minerals.

482. P. O. Fryklund, Eddy, Minn. Age 32. Occupation, tailor. General collector. Specialty, Indian relics.

558. J. L. Boye, Grant Center, Ia. Age 32. Occupation, railway agent. Collects stamps, Indian relics, animal skulls, sea shells.

598. R. O. Steuart, 505 N. Calhoun St., Baltimore, Md.

384. C. E. Johnson, Montgomery, Mo., Box 177.

241. Brevoort, Butler, Brevoort, Miss.

55. C. Abbott Davis, 1131 Elmwood Ave., Providence, R. I.

400. Julius A. Warner, Prospect Hill, N. C.

247. A. W. Van Leer, 1008 N. E. St., Bloomington, Ill.

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202. Albert Carter, Serena Wharf, Carpenteria, Cal.

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"FISCAL NOTES."

By Otto T. Hartman.

Have you ever considered what you can collect in the size and shape of an ordinary (small or large, round, triangular or square) postage stamp? Here is a list:

1—Postage stamp; regular, provisioned, official, commemorative, speculative, precancelled.

2—Due stamps.

3—Newspaper stamps; for single paper and in bulk by weight.

4—Special delivery; balloon post, dromedary, bicycle, etc.

5—Parcel post.

6—Officially sealed, etc.; registration stamps or stickers.

7—Local; authorized or private.

8—Reprints; government or private.

9—Counterfeits; imitations, fake issues, fake cancellations, fake surcharges.

10—Telegraph; telegraph, collect, franks.

11—Revenues; for all kind of purposes.

12—Railway and steamship stamps.

13—Exposition stickers; authorized or private.

14—Trade marks; copyright or not.

15—Seals of towns, magistrates, departments, etc.

Anything else?

What stamps have been in continuous use for years?

I did not consider perforations, water marks or slight differences in color, but change in color or re-engraving would make a different issue.

Italy, 1863, 2 cent, orange and red, 33 years.

England, 1864, 1 penny, red, 27 years.

Denmark, 1874, 8 ore, carmine and slate, 25 years.

France, 1877, 15 cent, blue, 23 years.

Chile, 1883, 5 centavos, blue, 1 year

Russia, 1890, 7 kopeck, blue, 15 years.
Norway, 1890, 10 ore, rose red, 14 years.

Sweden, 1891, 10 ore, carmine, 14 years.

Switzerland, 1882, 10 cent, red, 23 years.

Japan, 1883, 2 ren, 11 years.

Germany, 1889, whole series, 1 year.

Mexico, 1886, 5 cent, blue, 9 years.

New So. Wales, 1888, 1 penny, violet, 9 years.

2 pence, South Australia, is a long-timer, too.

The array of design is wonderful in the field of revenue stamps or bands. From the crudest to the work of a master hand. Each country has its characteristic trait. It is there, but hard to explain. The United States gives prominence to the bust of presidents, statesmen, etc. On English fiscals the head of Queen Victoria is conspicuous. Brazil likes the five-pointed star. Japan and Turkey have specialties of their own. Heraldry plays a very important part in the design, so much that you can hardly find a country where it is not used. These heraldic emblems give a distinct caste, and are a great help to locate the revenue stamp of a country.

France offers a nice field for the foreign revenue collector. Nothing very scarce, excepting perhaps those surcharged varieties "deux decime en sus" on Dimension and Effectide Commerce stamps caused by the war of 1870-71.

In E. de C. stamps you distinguish five different types and about twelve issues, caused mainly by the change of tax rates.

1860 Commerce seated, 1864 head of Napoleon, 1872 star, 1874 two figures, small values; 1877, small values in oval; 1880, large values in oval; 1881, perforated; 1892 head of Liberty.

Under impot 22x25 you find some odd values like 1.73, \$1.86, \$2.60, \$4.65, etc.

NOTES FROM EUROPE.

By J. C. Auf der Heide.

I hope the readers of *The West* have not forgotten me. Good work, lively stamp business, etc., was the cause that I for a long period could not find time to write any notes. As Holland is but a very small part of the whole world and has only four millions inhabitants, one cannot write notes every month, notes which are of interest for stamp collectors.

The new 1½ and 2½ Gldn. of Curacao and Siamame have been sent to the colonies. They are pretty large stamps, with the head of Queen Wilhelmina and printed in only one color.

Collectors of postcards will be glad to hear that a new postcard will appear in Holland, only valuable in the post circle of a town or village. I mean a card as the German 2 pf. postcard. This card will have the value of 1¼ cent—¼ cent for the card, makes 1½ cent Dutch—about ½ cent American currency.

Then we have got a new postage due stamp of ½ cents, ultramarine, only in the 1st type. As the greater part of the readers may know as the 1st type is the commonest. The 3d, other types do not exist, is better and of a darker color. This last shade is now obsolete.

The greatest news is the following: The new edition of postage stamps for the Dutch Indies, with the head of the queen, of which only have appeared the following values:

- 10c., gray.
- 20r., dark greenish gray.
- 25c., violet.
- 30c., red-brown.
- 50c., carmine.

Now are the values of 10 and 20c. of almost the same color, so that one

could know that one of the two had to be retired, as mistakes were unavoidable. Those who have thought so, and bought up the 20c, which stamp, during the little that it has been in use, always has been very scarce, can now make good business. This stamp is now sold at 12-25cts., American. Since about one month it is obsolete and may not be sold to the public. All remaining copies will be surcharged in red and changed in stamps of 10 cents. As the stock is not great, this new surcharge will be a good stamp.

Now we expect to receive every day a new 20c. stamp in another color.

Servian stamps, with the mask of the assassinated king, are eagerly bought up here and many collectors deplores to have too small a purse to buy a complete set, which is now sold at about 3-4 dollars.

A new firm of stamp dealers has been established here under the name of "Globe Stamp Company," R. T. Howells and P. P. Parker, a pair of young Dutchmen, who think business will be more successful in Holland under an American or English name than under a firm in our own language. Time will learn if they are right.

The new labels advertising the Exhibition of Liege (Belgium) have come to hand, and many a stamp dealer sells much of these "artistic 'etiquettes.'" ¼

About philatelic literature there is not much to tell. One paper comes, another goes, and so on, as philatelic publishing always has been. A great trouble for the Dutch philatelic press, a trouble that does not exist in greater countries, is that most civilized countries, is that most civilized Dutchmen can read, besides their native tongue, at least two or three lan-

guage. German goes first with most people, who know that language, then follows French, and for every one who is the better business, English is the language that is loved most.

There are a great many stamp collectors in Holland and Colonies, who does not possess more than one philatelic paper, not in their own language, but in the German language Mrs. Senf's paper, with 14,000 subscribers, is at the top.

I just read in Gibbbon's Stamp Weekly that copies of No. 2 of this paper now being in London, 2s 6d per copy. Be on the lookout collectors of phitaletic literature!

There is a boom in fiscals these last months. Collectors are eagerly looking for the higher values of the older Dutch fiscal stamps. The values from fls. 10 up are the most looked for, but are seldom met with.

I hope to write new notes soon.

**American Society of Curio Collectors
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- 471. Le Roy F. Spurlin, Iowa Falls, Ia.
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coins, medals, paper money,
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- 395. H. G. Brown, 5th and Adler St.,
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- 301. E. S. Johnson, La Payette, Ore.
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- 255. Jonkheer Van Kinschat, Domberg,
Holland.

Applications.

James Murrel, Salem, Ill. Age 35. Oc-
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N. Y. Age 39. Occupation, mill-
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A. Smith, N. Y.

H. W. Crosby, Hastings, Minn. Age
30. Occupation, photographer. Col-
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Howes Norris, Jr., Cottage City, Mass.,
instead of Vineyard Haven,

J. M. Henderson, 13½ E. State St., Co-
lumbus, Ohio. Formerly 31½ High
St.

Albert Carter, Serena Wharf, Carpen-
teria, Cal., formerly of Los Angeles.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERIN-
TENDENT OF ARCHEOLOGY
OF THE A. S. OF C. C.**

Fellow Members of the A. S. of C. C.:

I accepted the position of superin-
tendent of Department of Entomology,
and later of Conchology, with the ex-
press agreement that all specimens
submitted were to become my prop-
erty (to be turned into the museum).
Now, collectors from all over the coun-
try are mailing me heavy packages of
shells marked "to be identified and
returned." In the first place the
shells selected are not typical but
freaks, waterworn or juvenile, and no
return postage is enclosed. Notice is
hereby given that all such packages
will be consigned to the waste basket
at once. I am always glad to ex-
change shells, and never have had any
trouble in exchanges with members of
the A. S. of C. C., but I can not waste
time identifying trash.

Respectfully submitted,

C. ABBOTT DAVIS.

Some More Solitary Stamps

by E. S. Coates

In a former article I treated a few solitary stamps. I now propose to give a full list of these stamps and if our editor will permit—here it is:

Of course if we take all the solitary local U. S., we would have a big study all by itself; but of foreign, I give a list of those stamps which I think would be interesting. Of course many may differ from me, but as "Locksley" said in Sir Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe," "A man can but do his best, etc." These stamps if taken alone and studied, would be very interesting the same; are rather expensive.

1. Brazil, 1865-70, War stamp for Navy.
2. Chili, 1894 return receipt stamp.
3. Colombia (Honda Provisional 1896.)
4. Republic of Caka, 1873.
5. Egypt official, 1892.
6. Italy (for use in Tripoli) 1901.
7. Peru (Apurimac, 1885 — Agicactia 1881—Pisco, 1884—)
8. Russia Local for City of St. Petersburg, 1863.
9. Russia for Poland, 1860.
10. Spain, 1869 Private Postage Stamps.
11. Sweden, for City of Stockholm, 1856.
12. Switzerland Cantonal stamps for Basle & Zurich.
13. Guam, our special delivery U. S. 1899.
14. Porto Rico, Provisional for Coamo 1898.
15. Philippines, special delivery on U. S. 1902.

This is not the entire list but balance will be in next month's WEST.

This is about all the Solitary and Foreign stamps there are. There may be more and I may be mistaken sometimes and would be glad of any help given by the readers of this paper. I will take up and examine, first these foreign stamps in their order and latterly the Brit. Colonials.

1. Brazil War Stamps. These stamps were used by the Brazilian soldiers and sailors in 1865-70 in the campaign against Paraguay of that date. There is the one type for both army and navy with the exception of the first word, which is changed from "Ejercito" for the army to "Armada for the navy. The design

is exceedingly simple. the stamp is oblong and is type-set. Design is like this:

EXERCITA
EN OPERACION
CONTRA
O PARAGUAY

There is no value, as apparently none was needed. As the stamps were type-set there are, of course, many varieties of printing paper, etc. Four colors of stamps, viz: Blue, green, orange, yellow.

These stamps have no catalogued value. But as they are by no means common, they ought to fetch good prices.

2. Chili Return Receipt stamps, 1894-1898—Scott's lists it as brown. Used in 1894, color was chocolate and stamp was perforate. Gibbons's No. was 161, type 41.

Used in 1898, color was black and stamp perforate. In this issue there was a difference in inscription. Gibbons gives no cat value for either but Scott lists 59 1894 at 15c and 1898 at \$3.00. Scott also lists a variety as being imperforate. The head on this and all Chilian stamps is a tribute to the discoverer of America, viz; Christopher Columbus.

3. U. S. of Colombia. Honda provisional, surcharged like this:
 Habilitada 80.01 Honda in black on Scott's Type R. 52, 2c green. Scott does not catalog this variety but Gibbons lists it at \$1.85 unused and 75c used. There are many forgeries of this stamp—at least of the surcharge. In the forgeries the surcharge is struck diagonally and in smaller type.

4. Republic of Cuba, 1873. Gibbons does not list this stamp, the "Standard" catalogs it at 50c unused. Color, green. If perforate 12 design is; small "10" in upper corners "Correos" in curved band at top and "10 centavos 10" at bottom. In the center there is a shield with a rising sun at the top, at the bottom is halved. Through the center in a straight band is "Rep. de Cuba."

5. Egypt official, 1892. Common stamp cat. at 2c. Perf. 12, water-marked Crescent and star. Color is orange brown, perf.

THE ARTS OF THE NARRAGANSETT INDIANS.

By Virginia Baker.

II.

The "dugout" canoe appears to have been the craft most commonly used by the Narragansett Indian. Roger Williams makes no mention of the bark canoe in the "Key," but refers at some length to the "dugout." He gives the word mishoon as meaning "an Indian boat or canoe made of a pine, or oak, or chesnut tree," and michoonemese as meaning "a little canow." Mishittonwand signified "a great canow;" pewasu "a little one," but there is nothing to show whether any existed between the mischvone-mese and the pewasu. Paugautemise-aund was the name of an oak canoe, and kowawwawaund of one constructed of pine, while a chestnut canoe was known as wompmiseaund. The paddle that moved these primitive craft was called wutkunck and a sail sepakchig. For a sail they utilized a cot set upon a small pole, and by means of this contrivance they often sailed distances of ten or twenty miles.

The making of the "dugout" is graphically described by Williams in the following extract:

"I have seene a native goe into the woods with his hatchet carrying onely a basket of corne with him, and stones to strike fire when he had felled his trees (being a chesnut); he made him a little house or shed of the bark of it; he puts fire and followes the burning of it with fire in the midst in many places; his corne he boyles and hath the brook by him, and sometimes angles for a little fish; but so hee

continues burning and hewing untill he hath within ten or twelve dayes (lying there at his work alone) finished, and (getting hands) launched his Boate; with which afterward hee ventures out to fish in the Ocean."

The "dugout" varied in size from a small craft, capable of holding three or four, to a large canoe which would accommodate thirty or forty persons. Fleets of large canoes often engaged the boats belonging to tribes of hostile Indians in sea fights. Sometime sixty or eighty canoes would take part in a battle.

The canoe made a serviceable ferry boat and was frequently employed as such. The person desiring transportation summoned the ferryman—if the latter chanced to be upon the opposite shore—by blowing upon a couch shell. This shell emits a weird sound which can be heard distinctly at a distance.

Not only were the tools with which the Narragansett Indian constructed his canoe made out of stone, but his anchors, sinkers, knives and fishing spears were also composed of the same material. Many fine specimens of these implements have been unearthed from Rhode Island soil. Some of them are very roughly made, others are beautifully smoothed and polished. Fish hooks were made of bone. With a harpoon tipped with iron procured of the English (or with stone when iron was not procurable), the native caught the kanposh or sturgeon, a fish they prized exceedingly. Occasionally the sturgeon was captured by means of hempen nets. Some fish were shot with arrows or sharply pointed stick. Clams were dug at low tide by the women in much the same manner as they are procured at the present day, and, as now, were generally highly esteemed. The Rhode

Island clam-bake was an Indian institution adopted by the whites and handed down as a precious legacy, to their descendants.

To those unfortunate beings who have never partken of a clam-bake, a description of the manner in which the Indians prepared this feast may not prove uninteresting. First, suitable stones were selected and arranged in a circle on the ground. These stones were heaped with wood which was burned to ashes, thus heating the stones red hot. The ashes were next removed and a layer of rock weed placed on the stones. Clams were heaped on this and covered with another layer of rock weed. After having steamed slowly till done the "lake" was opened, and the clams—a "dainty dish to set before a king"—were eaten. It is probable that the Indians some times cooked fish, corn, and squashes the clams. The modern clam-bake includes clams, fish, dressing, corn, potatoes, and often chickens, sausages, onion or other delicacies. The peculiar, delicious flavor of a clam-bake is imparted by the salty steam of the rock weed. One regrets that Roger Williams neglected to give in his "Key" the aboriginal name of this unique feast, peculiar to the vicinity of Narragansett Bay.

Of the shells of the poquahock (quahang) and the meteahock (couch cr, as incorrectly called, the periwinkle), the Indian made his wampameag, or shell beads, which supplied him with material for personal adornment and also served in place of money. The dark part of the quahang gave him the so called "black" beads (suckanhock) which were double the value of the white beads (wompan). Before the coming

of the English these beads were shaped and bored through by implements of stone. Later awls were obtained of the white men. It is said that some of the most beautifully finished beads required hours of patient labor to perfect their shape and polish.

(To be continued.)

Entertaining Newspaper Features.

Probably no other newspaper in the United States can show so brilliant an array of special features as is found in the columns of THE CHICAGO RECORD HERALD.

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A number of designs have been received from various collectors, many of which are gold; but it is desired that everything possible be done to get an emblem that will not be susceptible to future criticism, and I would therefore request that all collectors reading this notice, who have artistic ability, submit a drawing of a design which is emblematic of stamp collecting. THE IDEA is the main thing, and the drawing need not be from the hand of an expert.

MAKE THE DRAWING IN BLACK INK, ON WHITE PAPER, IN A 3-INCH SQUARE OR CIRCLE, WITHOUT LETTERS.

Numerous inquiries have been received regarding the Association, and to these I have given my personal attention. It might be well to state here that several manufacturing concerns are anxious to get the contract to make the emblems, and the matter is of sufficient importance to them to offer the best goods at the lowest price.

Designs received will be held over for another month, when they will be

submitted to the executive board for decision as to which of them is the best.

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Yours truly,

FRANK L. APPLGATE,
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DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY.

By L. G. Dorpat, Box 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 beside the fee above provided for.

236. **What is the meaning of letters perforated into stamps?**—They are a precaution against theft. Large business houses, who use a great many stamps, will sometimes buy as much as \$100.00 or even \$1000.00 worth or more at a time. If these stamps were stolen, they might be used by any one into whose hands they might happen to fall and the rightful owners would be the losers. If marked in the manner stated they would at once serve as a clew for the detection of the thief, if used or possessed by anybody except the rightful owners. Hence the marking makes the stamps worthless to thieves and very dangerous to handle. Of course, the mark is applied with the knowledge of the post-office and its permission. The stamps of several European countries are frequently so treated, also the stamps of India. In New South Wales the stamps set aside for the use of officials on official correspondence are perforated O. S. or O. U. S. W. The stamps of Tunis perforated with a large T are thereby changed from postage stamps into due stamps. There is now a bill before Congress to allow a similar practice here.

237. **Who can give the address of a**

dealer in rare old books?—What is required, is a man who knows the value of old books dating back a hundred years or more and who is in touch with the anti-quarian book market generally.

238. **Who can give any information regarding the following:**—U. S. 3 cents stamp, 1861, dull red, without grill, surcharged in small Roman letters "Macedon, N. Y.," bearing as other cancellation, but having apparently been on a letter. Is it a pre-cancelled stamp? Also a Panama 1892-96, 20 cent, overprinted in violet exactly like Scott No. 302.

239. **What volumes and members constitute a complete file of the Philatelic West and Camera News?**

Vol. I. No. 1-6, Jan. 1896 to June 1896, quarto size.

Vol. II. 1-6, July 1896 to Dec. 1896, octavo size.

Vol. III. 1-3, Jan. 1897 to March 1897, octavo size.

Vol. IV. 4-6, April 1897 to June 1897, octavo size.

Vol. V. 1-3, Jan. 1898 to March 1898, octavo size.

Vol. VI. 1, 2, April 1898 to May 1898, octavo size.

Vol. VII. 1-3, June, July 1898 to Sept. 1898, octavo size.

Volumes VIII to XXIX all consist of 3 numbers each, but occasionally a month is skipped. There are some mistakes in the designations on the covers, but on the first pages of the reading matter the numbering is correct. From July 1897 to Dec. of the same year there was no issue.

240. **What are the subjects on the new Russian Charity Stamps?**

3 kop.—Monument of Admiral Nakhimov in Sevastopol. The Admiral was born 1803, commanded the Russian fleet in the Black Sea in 1853, de-

feated the Turkish fleet on Nov. 30 and helped in the defense of Sevastopol. He was made Admiral in 1855 and died on the 10th of July in the same year.

5 kop.—Monument of Minin and Pozharski in Moscow. Minin is standing, Pozharski is seated. Kosma Minin Suchorukoff was a butcher at Nizhni-Nowgorod, who called upon his countrymen to fight for their country and church in 1512. Prince Dimitri Pozharski led the troupes Minin had brought together and threw off the yoke of Swedish rule. In 1613 they conquered Moscow and placed Michael Feodorovitch Romanoff on the Russian throne.

7 kop.—Monument of Peter the Great in St. Petersburg. Peter I Alexeyvitch was born June 9th, 1672, in Kolomous-Koye-Selo near Moscow. He laid the foundation both for the Russian army and navy and did more than any other Czar for the development of his country. He died Feb. 8, 1725.

10 kop.—Monument of the Czar Alexander II in the Kremlin at Moscow. He ruled from March 30th, 1856, until March 13th, 1881, when he was murdered. These stamps are sold by the post-office at 3 kop. over face value, these 3 kopecks going into a fund for soldiers' orphans. It is said that the stamps are not popular and sales fall far short of what was expected.

241. Why were the 3 and 6d stamps of Great Britain 1883 surcharged?—The color of both being alike it happened too easily, especially in lamp or gas light that one was taken for the other; so the bold red figures were printed on them to make them easier to distinguish. A similar case, where one stamp was taken for the other.

was noticed when the U. S. Columbian stamps were in use; the 1c might easily be taken for a special delivery stamp, as was actually done in some cases; to avoid this the special delivery stamp was for some time printed in orange. The 3c and 15c Columbian both being green might also easily be confounded, but they were not altered, probably because they were used less than the 1c and because the issue lasted for a short time anyhow and too many changes were considered inconvenient.

Notes by L. G. Dorpat.

The Third Assistant Postmaster General, Edwin C. Madden, announces in the Postal Guide a "Pamphlet of General Postal Information," which is to be sent to all postmasters for free distribution. The pamphlet is essentially a reprint of what was lately published in the Guide, a pretty thorough information regarding all questions that may arise with the public using the U. S. and foreign mails. No collector should fail to procure, keep and read a copy, especially if he intends using the foreign mails.

"The Philatelic Journal of India" is such a fine, rich and good paper that it can hardly be surpassed. The price of 6 shillings or \$1.50 is cheap for a publication like this. With the December number the VIII volume was closed. It has (the volume) 424 pages of solid reading matter, advertisements being on extra pages.

In Canada precancelled stamps are used similarly as in the U. S. By order of March 11th and September 16th, 1904, they could be used only when 25,000 pieces were mailed at a time. By order of Oct. 24, 1904, this is changed so that there may be mailings of only 10,000 pieces at a time.

Notes for U. S. Collectors

By Ernest R. Aldrich

I have recently seen third class permit No. 1 from Duluth, Minn. It was used the latter part of April by the wholesale dry goods firm of F. A. Patrick & Co.

Permit No. 71, of St. Louis, was used by the St. Louis Tent, Awning and Fish Net Co. On the specimen I have seen the state name had been omitted in printing and had been added with rubber stamp, having to be placed on it, I have heard, by order of the postal authorities.

The commission house of Grinnell Collins & Co., of Minneapolis, had an envelope prepared with permit No. 9 on it, but for some reason have not used it as a permit envelope but with a one cent stamp covering the card.

On the last day of April the Exposition station of St. Louis went out of existence and the last connection of the postal department with the great Louisiana Purchase Fair terminated.

I have recently seen a one cent Louisiana Purchase stamp precancelled Philadelphia in an odd manner, having both a horizontal and perpendicular surcharge.

Whenever the discontinuance of a postoffice is contemplated owing to the resignation or death of the postmaster and the inability to find a suitable person to assume the duties of the office, a public notice is posted on the door of the postoffice for fifteen days notifying the patrons that unless the name of a suitable candi-

date be presented to the department that the office will be discontinued.

If the patrons fail to take steps for its continuance, the office is then discontinued.

8544 vacancies in postmasterships were caused by resignation or death in 1903, seven hundred and ninety one being by death. Of these vacancies sixty five were caused by death in presidential offices and seventy seven by resignations in the same class of officers.

In speaking of the transportation of mail by steamboat in inland waters, Postmaster Payne in his annual report in 1902 says:

At the close of the year there were 210 steamboat routes, the total length of which was 34,338 miles, with an annual travel of 5,415,397 miles, costing \$598,251.05 per annum. Compared with the previous year this was an increase of 367 miles in length of routes, 764,139 miles in annual travel, and \$55,265.73 in annual cost. The service in the fourth contract section was relet last year for the term of four years beginning July 1, 1902, and the increase in cost under the new contracts was \$62,867.41 per annum.

Postmaster General Smith in his annual report for 1901 says of the beginning of the use of automobiles in postal service:

The first contract for the carriage of mails by automobiles was entered into during the last fiscal year for service between the postoffice at Buffalo and the station in the Pan-American Exposition grounds, a distance of 4½ miles. This distance was covered in thirty-five minutes, and there were seven trips daily. The service rendered proved satisfactory, and a contract will go into effect on January 1, 1902, for similar service in Minneapolis, which will afford a still better test of the adaptability of the automobile for service in large cities.



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

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

With its February number Morley's Philatelic Journal begins the serial publication of a list which should be of great interest to American collectors. It is a catalogue of the revenue stamps of the United States, Mexico and the States of Central America; four pages of this appear monthly. At this rate several years will no doubt elapse before its completion. The fact that the list of United States revenues is illustrated should make it particularly interesting to American collectors; besides this the list is arranged on a novel plan which seems more practicable than the one used in Scott's Catalogue.

From No. 2 of the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde* I quote the following relative to some changes in the stamps of Portugal:

"By decree of Jan. 28, 1905, there will be retired on March 1st the postage stamps of 15, 65, 80, 115, 130 and 180 reis, the international postal cards of 25 reis and 25x25 reis and the letter cards for Portugal and islands of 65 reis. On the same date other foreign cards of 20 reis and 20x20 reis magenta will be issued for Portugal

and the islands (Angra, Horta, Ponta Delgada and Funchal). Within a short time the stamps of Angra, Horta and Ponta Delgada are to be replaced by those of the Azores, those of Funchal by those of Madeira. Why the latter? There is no difference of value between the money of Madeira and Portugal. However, much has already been argued in favor of only one set for all African provinces and districts as well as for a union of Macao with Timor, the opposition has hitherto triumphed over this very sensible proposition; let us hope that their victory may be of short duration."

In connection with the foregoing the following from No. 6 of *Le Journal des Philatelistes* will be of interest:

"A grand change is announced in the stamps of the Portuguese Colonies. In adopting a new type the number of sets will be decreased. Only one set will serve for all the African colonies, another for all the Azores. Macao and Timor will be united in the same set; only Portuguese, India, will have its own set, while Tunchal will use the stamps of Portugal."

The reason for the change is to be found partly in the reduction of the international rate from 65 to 50 reis.

As so much ado is made about the change in the British Colonial watermark it is not more than fair that similar changes elsewhere should also receive some notice. Hence I quote the following from No. 293 of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste*:

"Since 1898 the watermark of the Hungarian stamps has consisted of circles lightly intersecting each other and each bearing in its center the crown of Saint Stephen; it took several stamps to show the entire water-

mark. Since a few months ago the circles have disappeared and the crown, now much smaller, is found on each stamp. So far there have appeared with the new watermark the 2, 5, 6 and 10 filler stamps and the newspaper stamp."

The famous case of Georges Carion against the French Society came up on February 17th before the 9th Parisian Correction Court, as reported in No. 29 of *La Revue Frangaise des Collectionneurs*; but it was not acted upon because the counsel for the Society moved to quash the suit because of a technical error in serving notice of the suit. The court did not accede to the motion, but postponed the case for two weeks to allow the notice to be amended. Presumably the suit has since been argued, but no later news have as yet come over. M. Schnebelin, the editor of the above mentioned paper, is waging bitter war upon the French Society and hints that the Society is trying to crawlfish out of the suit as it is unable to produce proof against the Madagascar surcharges over which the trouble arose. I am awaiting the outcome with interest.

The same paper reports on an exhibition of fiscal stamps held in Paris from February 5-12; it seems to have been quite successful, though foreign exhibitors seem to have been conspicuous by absence.

Sometimes we find a government official who proves himself a friend of philately; even in France there are such, as witness the following from No. 22 of *Le Timbrophile de France*:

"We informed M. Doumergue, the Minister of Colonies, of the multitude of new stamps which the officials of his department were getting ready to issue in our colonies in Oceania, un-

der the innocent pretext that all these colonies required distinct stamps. The minister, anxious for the good name of his administration in all that concerns the postoffice, gave orders that these issues were not to take place. The multitude of small islands in the Pacific will continue to use the same stamp bearing the general inscription 'Etablissements de l' Oceanic.' And we philatelists will be the last to complain.

We collectors may also, on another account, be satisfied with M. Doumergue. He played a neat trick on certain postal officials of Djibouti who found it ingenious to have printed—inadvertently, you understand—several sheets of the famous Mosque stamps with inverted centers. The initiated naturally acquired these which already brought 50 to 60 fr. apiece. And this is where the Minister of Colonies had his little joke. He simply ordered printed a new and abundant supply of the errors. The former sheets will in consequence fall to next to nothing. M. Doumergue is in a fair way to become very popular among the tribe of philatelists."

I haven't heard anything of this affair elsewhere and if it is true, there is another side to it—that of the innocent purchasers who thus see their treasured acquisitions depreciated by a stroke of the pen. But nevertheless it is refreshing to find an official manful enough to keep these colonial postmasters in subjection.

There are not a few collectors—including myself—who have a weakness for pairs and blocks, even of common stamps. These would be interested in an article in the *Australian Journal of Philately* for January, which deals with the comparative rarity of pairs,

strips and blocks. The writer argues that a block of four 2d stamps, let us say, should be held to be equivalent to an 8d stamp; even if it might not be appreciated as much as the 8d, still it should be worth more than four times a single 2d. Many stamps are plentiful in single copies, but very scarce in pairs and blocks; any collector who would start out to collect only pairs and blocks would soon find himself unable to get more than a moderate number of varieties. The writer of the article thinks that pairs should be worth 25 per cent over catalogue value, strips of three 50 per cent, fours 100 per cent and sixes 200 per cent, this estimate being subject to variation in accordance with age, the early issues being proportionately worth more than recent kinds.

While the writer's estimate of the relative value of such multiples may be too high, still it would be desirable to establish a fixed ratio for multiples as compared with singles. It is curious to note, by the way, that at not a few philatelic exhibitions committees have adopted an inverse ratio, counting threes as a pair, etc., though here the motive was to prevent "floating."

Certain stamps of Iceland with surcharge I. Gildi have lately shown up with the perforation $12\frac{1}{2}$ instead of 14. The history of these specimens is elucidated in an article by F. V. Riegels in the *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, also translated in No. 5 of the *Illustrierte Briefmarken-Journal*. I condense it as follows:

"When the originals were surcharged I. Gildi the officials in Ireland neglected to send a part of them to Denmark to be forwarded to the

Postal Union at Bern by the Danish administration—by the way, just as they had done when they surcharged the 5 aur stamp with 3 and thrir. The postal departments of several foreign countries had requested the Danish department for such stamps; but as the latter had received none, they could not send any and upon inquiry in Ireland they received the answer that most of the surcharges had been sold immediately after issue. The Danish government printer therefore had to print a small, new supply of all the 18 values, which were sent to Ireland to be surcharged I. Gildi; after that they were to be sent to Bern for distribution. As the Danish stamps since 1896 are perforated $12\frac{1}{2}$ it is natural that these reprinted Icelandic stamps have the same perforation, and this would exclude the secret of these surcharges. Fifty sheets of each value were printed; toward the end of 1903 the surcharged reprints arrived in Copenhagen. As the forms from which the stamps were originally surcharged I. Gildo no doubt had been taken apart, it is quite certain that new type was set for the reprint, which will therefore show other varieties of the surcharge than the originals of 1902. The regular 100 aur brown lilac adhesive and the 16 aur red and 50 aur lilac officials surcharged I. Gildi and perforated $12\frac{1}{2}$ are thus to be considered as reprints. It is further possible that not all the sheets of the reprints were surcharged I. Gildi. In this case the following stamps would always be recognizable as reprints; Adhesives 40 aur lilac and 100 aur brown lilac, officials 5 aur brown, 16 aur carmine and 50 aur lilac, perf. $12\frac{1}{2}$ and without surcharge. Probably there is also more or less difference in shade between originals and reprints."

The philatelic value of these reprints ought not to be very high, as they were never in postal use; they are not apt to prove troublesome to any but specialists.

The *Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal* is advised by a correspondent that he has 10 para red of the last Alexander issue of Servia without arms surcharge. Of this issue, which was supposed to be issued only with arms surcharge, the 1, 5, 10, 15 and 25 paras are now known to have been used without surcharge.

Of the 2 lei stamp of the Roumanian jubilee issue with postoffice building there is an error printed in orange instead of red orange, of which only one sheet is known to exist, and that is not in the market. None are known to have been used postally.

The *Echo de la Timbrologie* reports that the current Italian 5 centesimi stamp, normally green, also exists in the brown color of the 2c; only one sheet is said to exist. Envious souls, to be sure, are heartless enough to declare this and the same value in violet to be proofs.

Plate number collecting is now coming into vogue in Germany. The stamps of the German Empire ever since the 1880 issue have borne plate numbers in the margins of the sheets, but formerly nobody paid much attention to them. Since the 1902 issue, now current, the sheets bear plate numbers and another control number, sometimes preceded by the letter H, sometimes without it, whose significance is not yet fully understood. No. 6 of the *Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal* gives a long list of the various

plate and control numbers so far known. Nevertheless it seems to me that the numbers are not plate numbers in the sense usually accepted. For instance, of the 10 pf. only the numbers from 1 to 8 are known, while of this value, the one most used, no doubt many hundred plates must already have been used. German collectors will no doubt be eager to enliven the rather uninteresting late issues of their country by this new side line.

China's Goose Stamp.

In China the goose is symbol of peace, and a picture of a goose appears on some postage stamps. It is said that about 140 years before Christ the ruler of what is now China sent a messenger into a foreign land. He never returned and was supposed to have been killed. One day a wild goose is said to have flown into the ruler's castle, and beneath its wing was a note from the messenger, who told of his trip and the troubles that he was experiencing. An army was sent to rescue him from his captors, and ever since the goose has been accepted as a sacred bird among Chinamen. This is the story which goes with the goose on the Chinese stamps.

Korean Postage Stamps.

The war has made a boom in Europe for Korea postage stamps. Japan established a postal system in Korea in 1884, but the stamps of the first issue are now very scarce, as the Koreans burned up the most of it by setting fire to the post office at Seoul, as a protest against the innovation. Another issue was not made for ten years.

STAMPED PAPER OF THE U. S.

A Descriptive Catalogue of the Stamped Paper of the U. S. from 1862 to 1883.

By J. Delano Bartlett.

At this writing I will endeavor to say a few words in regard to the stamped paper of the United States that was issued under the Civil War revenue act of July 1st, 1862, and under future acts and rulings of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue until the repealing of the law which went into effect July 1st, 1882, a period of twenty years. What I have to say may be old to some of the readers of the "West," yet I dare say that it will contain news to others. As the law provided there were six values issued 2c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

The 2c value was issued on bank checks, drafts, certificates of deposit, orders for the payment of money, etc.

The 5c value for agreements, contracts, etc.

The 10c value for certificates, etc.

The 25c value for insurance and stock certificates.

The 50c and \$1.00 for insurance.

The contract for printing all these values was given to the American Phototype Co. of N. Y., at a cost of 13½c per thousand to the government, all additional costs (not to exceed 1c per impression, containing not more than 6 stamps) to be paid by the party ordering the stamps, and they continued to supply these stamps until 1875, when the contract was given to the American Graphic Co., of New York, who supplied the 2c value until May, 1882.

The stamps printed by the above two firms from various different dies

are known as the New York series.

Messrs. Butler and Carpenter of Philadelphia, who held the contract for printing the regular issues of revenue stamps also printed similar stamps of the 2c value only on paper at the cost of 20c per thousand. They continued to furnish this value until Aug. 31, 1875, when the contract run out.

Several dies were used and are known as the Philadelphia Series.

Mr. A. Trocheler of Boston held a contract for printing stamped paper of the 2c value and filled the first order in August, 1783, and supplied stamps until July, 1875.

Messrs. Morey & Sherwood of St. Louis, known as the St. Louis Lithograph Co., printed in September and October, 1874, from one die, the 2c value consisting of 107,084 stamps. These are known as the St. Louis Series.

We will now consider the New York dies first and take them up according to values and give the earliest date which I have seen for each die.

New York 2c.

Die A. Rectangular stamp, with large "2" in center, with circles in each corner, U. S. in upper circles, 2 in each lower circle. Size of stamp 22x25 mm.

Date March 15, 1866. Blue and white papers.

No. 1. 2c black.

a. 2c black stamp on both sides.

No. 2. 2c blue.

No. 3. 2c carmine.

No. 4. 2c yellow.

No. 5. 2c lilac.

No. 6. 2c orange.

a. 2c orange, lower part of stamp repeated 40 to 60 times.

No. 7. 2c pearl.

No. 8. 2c purple.

Date April 18, 1866. White and patent surface paper.

The above are found in different positions on the paper, as in the up-

per right or upper left corner or in lower right or lower left corner, also on large sheets of paper used for receipts and letter combined. No. 6a is for use of Clearing House statements and is known as the tape worm stamp and consists of one stamp printed in full and then a continuous string of the two lower circles containing "2" and the word cents between. This is repeated a number of times according to the number of banks or accounts appearing on the statement. I have seen those with 54 and 57.

- No. 9. 2c black.
- No. 10. 2c blue.
- No. 11. 2c brown.
- No. 12. 2c bronze.
- No. 13. 2c carmine.
- No. 14. 2c green.
- No. 15. 2c olive.
- No. 16. 2c gold.
- No. 17. 2c lake.
- No. 18. 2c yellow.

- a. Table under stamp in color of stamp, white letters, "Good when issued for the payment of money."
- No. 19. 2c orange.
 - a. Stamp on both sides.
 - b. Tablet under stamp, white letters, in 2 lines, "Good when issued for the payment of money."
 - c. Same as "b" with stamp on both sides.
 - d. Inscription under stamp, colored letters, in 2 lines, "Good when issued for the payment of money."
 - e. Tablet under stamp, white letters, in 2 lines, "Good when the amount does not exceed \$100."
 - f. Tablet under stamp with straight ends, colored letters, in 2 lines, "Good only for checks and drafts payable at sight."
 - g. Tablet under stamp with concaved—comes colored letters, in 2 lines, "Good only for checks and drafts payable at sight."
 - h. Same as "g." with tablet inverted "error."

Die B. Rectangular stamp, upright oval in center with eagle. U. S. monogram above "Two Cents" and "2" below. Size of stamp 30x48 mm.

i. Same as "19." with design altered so that the words "Two Cents" under eagle reads "Sample."

- No. 20. 2c pink.
- No. 21. 2c purple.
- No. 22. 2c red.
- No. 23. 2c slate.
- No. 24. 2c violet.

The above are found in different positions on the paper as: in center, at right, at left, also in large sheets of paper. Also with the words "cancelled, specimen of stamped paper, by American Phototype Co.," in three lines surcharged on the paper in blue.

Die C. Large stamp with Washington head to left, surrounded with circle with "United States" above, "Internal Revenue" below, ornamental designs joined at right and left, containing 2 with tablet across with words "Two Cents." Size of stamp 110x50 mm.

Date June 22, 1870. Paper of various colors.

- No. 25. 2c brown.
 - a. Inscription under left corner of stamp, in colored letters, in two lines, "Good only for sight draft."
- No. 26. 2c crimson.
 - a. Inscription under left corner of stamp, in colored letters, in 2 lines, "Good only for sight draft."
 - b. Tablet under left corner of stamp, in white letters, one line, "Good when issued for the," and tablet under right corner in white letters, one line, "Payment of money"
- No. 27. 2c yellow.
 - a. Inscription under right corner of stamp, colored letters, in 2 lines, "Good only for sight draft."
- No. 28. 2c orange.
 - a. Inscription under right corner of stamp, colored letters, in 2 lines, "Good only for sight draft."
 - b. Same as "a" but inscription under left corner of stamp.
 - c. Inscription under left corner of stamp, colored letters, in 2 lines, "Good only for receipt of money paid."
 - d. Inscription under center of stamp, colored letters, in 1 line, "Good

when issued for the payment of money."

e. Tablet under right corner of stamp, white letters, in 2 lines, "Good when the amount does not exceed \$100."

f. Tablet under left corner of stamp in white letters, 1 line, "Good when issued for the," and tablet under right corner, white letters, 1 line, "Payment of money."

g. Same as "No. 28," with design altered by placing band with words "Good only for bank check," in 1 line across lower portion of stamp.

h. Same as "No. 28," with design altered by inserting in lower left part of stamp the word "Good" in white letters and across the lower part of bust of Washington, in colored letters, "Only for bank"; also the word "Check" in white letters in lower right part of stamp.

No. 29. 2c pink.

This design seems to come all printed near the center of the paper except on the large sheets which come either center, top or bottom.

Die D. Head of Franklin in upright oval, surrounded with words "United States Internal Revenue," 2 in upper and lower points of oval. Lathe work circle at each side with "Two Cents" at ends.

Dated April 29, 1872. Various colors of paper.

No. 30. 2c brown.

No. 31. 2c buff.

a. Inscription at lower left of stamp, colored letters, in 2 lines, "Good only for sight draft."

No. 31. 2c yellow.

a. Design altered and words inserted in lathe work circles "Sample," "Sample," and inscription under lower left of stamp "Invalid for," and under lower right of stamp "actual use."

No. 32. 2c orange.

a. Inscription under lower left of stamp, colored letters, in 2 lines, "Good only for sight draft."

b. Same as 32 with design altered and in center of left lathe work circle in 2 lines "Good only for," and in right lathe work circle in two lines "Bank check."

c. Same as "b," but on reverse of paper only.

d. Same as "b" except the words in lathe work circle is "Sample," "Sample," and under lower left "Invalid for," under lower right "Actual use" in 1 line.

Always found near center of check, any otherwise is caused by error in cutting the paper after printed.

Die E. Upright rectangular stamp with 2 in circle in each corner. Head of Franklin to left in oval in center surrounded with "United States Internal Revenue."

Date December 7, 1871. Various colors of paper.

No. 32. 2c buff.

No. 33. 2c yellow.

No. 34. 2c orange.

a. Inscription under stamp, colored letters, in 2 lines, "Good only for sight drafts."

b. Same as "No. 34," with design altered and above oval containing head of Franklin in 1 line, white letters, "Good only for," and under oval, in 1 line, white letters, "Bank check."

c. Same as "No. 34" with design altered and below oval containing head of Franklin, in 1 line "Sample" and under stamp, in 2 lines, "Invalid for actual use."

(Same notes apply to the above as did Die D.)

Die F. Head of Franklin to left in circle with circle at each side with large "2."

Date August 24, 1875. Various colors of paper.

No. 35. 2c orange.

a. Design altered with word inserted across lower center "Sample" and below the stamp, in 1 line, "Invalid for actual use."

I believe this design was printed most of the time near center of paper, but some appear printed half on stub and half on check, also in upper left corner.

Die F was the last used by the American Phototyper Co. of the 2c value so we will now consider the other values printed by them.

Die G. Rectangular stamp, upright

oval in center. Head of Lincoln, front view. "U. S." monogram above and "5" below. Size of stamp 30x48.

Date —. 1866. Various colors of paper.

- No. 36. 5c buff.
- No. 37. 5c crimson.
- No. 38. 5c yellow.
- No. 39. 5c orange.

a. With "5" in each corner.

No. 40. 5c red.

Die H. Upright rectangular stamp with "5" in each corner. Head of Madison to the right. Size of stamp 28x57 ———

Date April 8, 1872. Various colors of paper.

- No. 41. 5c brown.
- No. 42. 5c orange.

Die I. Rectangular stamp, upright oval in center. Head of Lincoln, front view, "U. S." monogram above and "10" below.

Date January 23, 1868.

No. 43. 10c buff.

a. Tablet below stamp, in white letters. "Good when the premium does not exceed \$10."

No. 44. 10c carmine.

No. 45. 10c orange.

a. Tablet below stamp, in white letters. "Good when the premium does not exceed \$10."

Die J. Large upright rectangular stamp. Bust of Washington to left in oval "10" in each corner.

Date — —, 1872. White paper.

No. 46. 10c orange.

a. Tablet below, white letters, in 2 lines. "Good when the premium does not exceed \$10."

Die K. Rectangular stamp, with large shield and center of which is eagle at bay. "U." and "S." in upper points of shield and "25" in lower point. Size of stamp ———

Date October 10, 1868. Various colors of paper.

- No. 47. 25c black.
- No. 48. 25c buff.

a. Tablet under stamp, white letters, in 2 lines. "Good when the premium does not exceed \$50."

48. 25c orange.

a. Tablet under stamp, white letters, in 2 lines. "Good when the premium does not exceed \$50."

b. Tablet under stamp, white letters, in 2 lines. "Good when the amount insured shall not exceed \$1,000."

Die L. Very large design, consisting of large upright oval in center with head of Franklin to left. Smaller upright oval at each side with large "25" in each. Size of stamp 125x60 ———

Date, 1869. White, blue and surface tint papers.

No. 49. 25c brown.

a. Tablet under center of stamp, white letters, in 2 lines. "Good when the premium does not exceed \$50."

b. Same as "a" but tablet at lower left.

No. 49. 25c buff.

a. Tablet under left corner, white letter in 2 lines. "Good when the premium does not exceed \$50."

No. 50. 25c orange.

a. Tablet under center of stamp, white letters, in 2 lines. "Good when the premium does not exceed \$50."

b. Same as "a" with tablet under right corner.

c. Same as "a" with tablet under left corner.

Die M. Rectangular stamp with large shield, in center of which is head of Lincoln, front view. "U." and "S." in upper points of shield, and "50" in lower point. Size of stamp 32x42 inches.

Date, March 9, 1869. White and blue paper.

No. 51. 50c buff.

a. Tablet under stamp, white letters, in 2 lines. "Good when the amount insured does not exceed \$5,000."

No. 52. 50c orange.

a. Tablet under stamp white letters in 2 lines. "Good when the amount insured does not exceed \$5,000."

No. 53. 50c red.

a. Tablet under stamp, white letters, in 2 lines. "Good when the amount insured does not exceed \$5,000."

Die N. Large rectangular stamp. Head of Washington to left. "One dollar" above and below. Size of stamp 34x37 ———

Date, 1866. Various colors of paper.

No. 54. \$1.00 buff.

No. 55. \$1.00 brown. ———

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Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps

By R. R. Thiele

(Continued)

The sheet arrangement of several Venezuelan stamps has already been described in a former note (in the "Adhesive"); I can now add some information relative to the 1874 issue—the square design. The information at hand relates to these stamps as surcharged "Contrasena—Estampilla de Correos" in the larger type of 1875 (Estampilla instead of Estampillas), but I suppose that the stamps of this design as used without surcharge from 1866-67 were arranged in the same manner as later, when surcharged. The stamps were arranged in sheets of 300, composed of 6 panes of 50 each, arranged in 10 rows of 5; the panes were arranged in two horizontal rows of 3 each. This has no particular relation to the currency, at least not as concerns the real values. The sheet of the 1 real stamps contains some *tete-beche* varieties; in two panes of the sheets the bottom row of 5 is inverted with regard to the other stamps, so that fine *tete-beche* pairs result. The inverted surcharges catalogued of this value perhaps owe their existence to this fact; possibly it is the stamp that is inverted and not the surcharge. These stamps were lithographed at Caracas by G. J. Araomburn.

Several former notes have contained information as to the sheet

arrangement of the Canadian stamps. The registration stamps have still been overlooked by me and I now amend the former notes by adding these interesting stamps. Originally, at the time the three values were issued, the sheets of all three consisted of 50 stamps, arranged in ten rows of 2, on account of their horizontal oblong shape. In 1889 the 2 and 8c values were retired; the sole survivor, the 5c, was thereafter issued in sheets of 100, 10x10.

Canada to the West Indies is a mere step for the philatelist and I thus find next before me a note on the current issue of the Turks and Caicos Islands, one of the later arrivals in the stamp issuing world. Its stamps from ¼d to 1 shilling are in the smaller of the two designs whose luxury the small colony has allowed itself; these are printed in sheets of 60, 10 horizontal rows of 6, the usual De la Rue style of pane. The two higher values, making a virtue of the small demand upon them, are in smaller sheets containing 30 stamps, in 5 rows of 6. Thus the sheet of the 2sh has an even face value in pounds, but not so that of the 3sh.

The later issues of Siam, those from the house of De la Rue & Co., have already been described as to their sheet arrangement in a former note, but I could not at that time say anything about the first issue, which—if I am correctly informed—is a Waterlow & Sons' product. The stamps of this issue were printed in sheets of 80, 10 rows of 8. This accords pretty well with the curious

currency of the country which makes 8 its basic figure. Taking the salung as the unit, the sheet of the 1 lot stamp had a face value of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ salung; the sheet of the 1 att had a face value of 5 salung; the sheet of the 1 pynung had a face value of 10 salung; the sheet of the 1 songpy had a face value of 20 salung; while finally the sheet of the 1 salung was worth 20 ticals. To commit this table to memory might prove an exhilarating pastime for those with abundant leisure.

If you wish to pick out a nice easy country to get complete, you might do worse than to take Wadhwan with its three catalogue numbers of which the first is doubtful. When its solitary $\frac{1}{2}$ pice stamp was first issued it came in sheets of 28, 7 rows of 4; whether it came in different sheets later I can not tell, as the sheets of the Indian Native States are a law unto themselves. Sheets of 28 have no particular relation to the currency, either, 4 pice making an anna, so that the sheet was worth 7 annas.

Orcha is another one of these native states. Its stamps form but a brief chapter. The 1 anna, 2 annas and 4 annas stamps were all printed in sheets of 24, 6 rows of 4. The 1 anna sheet was thus worth 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ rupee, the sheet of the 2 annas was worth 3 rupees and that of the 4 annas was worth 6 rupees. The sheet of the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna value was intended to have the same number of stamps, but a row of 4 transfers was spoiled on the stone and had to be erased. No others were put in their place and

the sheet of the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna thus contained only 20 stamps in 5 rows of 4. And now, after you have learned all this about the stamps of Orcha, you may be pleased to learn that they were purely and entirely speculative, so that you need not even collect them singly, let alone in entire sheets.

The usual French sheet number is 150, arranged for many years past in 6 panes of 25 each, 5x5. But not a few of the pictorial issues for the colonies are of late being printed in sheets of 100, 10x10; the Somali Coast issue and the new stamps for Madagascar are examples.

The first two issues of Sarawak were lithographed by Maclure, Macdonald and Macgregoor (a veritable gathering of the clans); both issues were in sheets of 100, 10x10. The 2, 4, 6, 8 and 12c values issued in 1875 were made from the original die of the 3c of 1871. The new values were inserted by hand on strips of five transfers and the stone made up from these; hence there are five varieties of the words of value on the sheet of each value, each variety occurring 20 times.

The new King's Head issue for British East Africa and Uganda (combined protectorate) forms an exception to the usual De la Rue sheet arrangement. The firm makes no deviation, as a rule for colonies using dollar currency or rupee cents; they have to put up with sheets of 120. But for colonies using the rupee divided into annas they adapt their sheets to the currency. Thus

the issue just mentioned comes in sheets of 160, composed of two panes of 80 each. As the rupee has 16 annas, the reason for this arrangement is readily perceivable. This holds good for the anna values; the rupee values come in sheets of 80.

The stamps of New South Wales have already been described in former notes as to their sheet arrangement; it remains to add the 9d brown and blue in the famous adaptable Commonwealth design of 1903. This, like most of the other issues, came in sheets of 120, arranged in 10 rows of 12.

The stamps of Spain have also already been described as to their sheet arrangement in these notes and I revert to them merely to add the 5c black war tax stamp of 1898-99; it is not exactly a postage stamp, but a kind of first cousin to one. The sheet contains 200 stamps; these are arranged in three panes, side by side. The center pane contains 80 stamps in 10 rows of 8, while the two lateral panes each contain 60 stamps in 10 rows of 6. I have no idea why so curious an arrangement was adopted.

(To be continued.)

A REPUTATION.

By Verna Weston-Hanway.

The Following which appeared in the editorial columns of The Stamp-Lovers' Weekly has come to the writer's notice:

"There is considerable discussion abroad as to whether the collection of picture post cards (dignified by its

adherents with the sounding title of 'Philocarty,' but too evidently borrowed from the name of our own pursuit), has helped or hurt philately. When the craze for picture post cards first arose it was thought by many astute critics that many a card collection would ultimately graduate into the philatelic ranks. Such, however, it is stated, does not seem to be the result—the two pursuits having too little in common for the pursuit of the simpler one to lead in any great number of cases, to the taking up the broader and larger one. On the other hand, it is said that a good many erstwhile collectors—particularly in Germany, the birth place of the picture post card—have fallen from their high estate, to become accumulators of the picturesque bits of pasteboard. We do not think, however, that the competition supplied by this form of collecting is likely in the long run to harm philately to any appreciable extent. Certainly no vigorous, full blooded philatelist will be content to permanently forsake his old love for this pale and anaemic hobby—even though he may be temporarily led away by its novelty. Such an exchange would be akin to that of the coffee lover who gives it up and takes to tepid water as a beverage. We may be sure that in neither case would the exchange work well for very long.

While the editor of the Stamp Lovers' Weekly is undoubtedly an authority upon the broader and more pleasant phases of philately, the phases that are closely akin to post card collecting, it is very obvious to all who have even the most elementary knowledge of the artistic post card that he has practically no knowledge of the hobby, "dignified by its

adherents with the sounding title of philocarty."

The writer who is both a stamp lover and a picture post card lover feels more capable to give the post card its dues than the editor of the "Weekly," despite the fact that he doubtless possesses more claims to the title of a "vigorous, full-blooded philatelist."

The gentleman, writing with total ignorance on the subject of post cards is very liberal in his comparisons, likening their collection to tepid water, and designating the pursuit as a "pale and anaemic hobby."

In the large art galleries of Italy, France, and Germany there repose vast collections of rich, rare, beautiful gems of art—collections handed down through the centuries. In the albums of the post card collector may be found many reproductions of these superb artistic gems—there may also be many hand painted cards worthy of a solid gold frame, and rank among the masterpieces of the old masters. There are also cards representative of the highest mechanical skill—cards that have a right to be classed as artistic with engravings or etchings.

Philocarty is founded on exactly the same principles that underlay the collection of paintings, engravings, prints, or etchings. The fact that they are printed, painted, engraved or etched in miniature upon pasteboard, allowable by transmission through the mails cannot to any reasonable person detract from their artistic worth.

But the gentleman has obviously never seen such cards—cards fragrant with art and fraternal goodwill. The writer cannot believe that he has ever seen those beautiful reproductions of Italy, Spain, England, Japan, France and America—those cards so typical of each country's rarest and best.

The crude, stiff, unartistic cards that may be found in any station's stock are undoubtedly picture post cards that are collected so assiduously by the earnest devotee of art.

A comparison of philately and philocarty cannot be made. The gentleman is very correct when he states

that the two pursuits have very little in common. Both have their attractions and both their drawbacks. Postage stamps in some instances are artistic—their collecting is a science. Picture post cards appeal to the artistic and fraternal, not to say scientific instincts. It is a mistake to attempt to discover superiority in either line, for while one is deeper the other is broader. One is a science—the other a pastime.

No, "vigorous, full-blooded philatelist would forsake philately entirely for philocarty's charms. Yet he may often find himself dabbling in post cards with a keen pleasure, even though his old love is the stronger. They appeal to the same instinct that leads him to remark the beauty of a stamp, or to covet a rare painting; the love of beauty, the love of art, and the restfulness it awakens. Philocarty never loses her charms, or her novelty as our contemporary asserts.

Those who have by the aid of post cards wandered through Italy, climbed the Alps, visited the Orient, gone tobogganing in Russia, viewed the Swedish and Norwegian peasant, lived with the musicians in Germany, basked in the suns of *la belle* France, viewed our own wonderful Yellowstone Park and Niagara Falls, will attest to the truth of this. Those who have gone sight seeing through the great metropolises and resorts—those who have by their aid seen many a picturesque and odd phase of life, only accessible otherwise to the traveler, thereby broadening their intellects and artistic perceptions will assert the worth of the hobby.

It is a reproach to the splendid cultured minds of many ardent card collectors to designate philocarty as a "pale and anaemic hobby." One has but to view the large and beautiful card collections to become an ardent convert—the collections that abound in art.

So let us who are enamored with philately cease to look down from our high estate upon that collector who is as truly a devotee of art as the collector of paintings—as the numismatist, for instance, has ceased to do with us.

Washington Notes.

~ ~ C. M. ~ ~

The most interesting publication of the month is the "Journal of Congress of the Confederate States" which is being published by the War Department, but which can only be procured through Members of Congress: it contains quite a good deal about postal matters; the 5th annual report of the Philippine Commission can be gotten through the same source.

A very interesting publication of the National Museum is "The Birds of North & Middle America" by Robert Ridgway, bulletin No. 50, but being published in a limited edition it is difficult to get copies.

The new series of stamps for the Philippines is about approved: the two centavo will have the head of Rizal, and the rest of the series the coat of arms of the island. It is possible, however, that the four centavo (two cent) may be changed to have a portrait of Washington.

For the past six months the insular government has been redeeming the miscellaneous currency, Spanish-Filipino, Mexican, Chinese silver etc. circulating in the islands at the rate of one peso twenty centavos of this junk for one peso of the new coinage. The harmless necessary Igorrote, recognizing his opportunity to sell kettles at a premium, has been converting them into vraisemblances

of the copper coins current in the islands, and joyfully turning them in. To diminish his unearned increment, it has been provided that this variety of "money will be redeemed at the rate of twenty cents per pound.

The Insular government also redeems all revenue stamps sold prior to January 1, 1905 under the provisions of the royal decree of Spain dated May 16, 1886, and unused in the hands of the public, at their face value in stamps of the current issue.

The Lewis & Clark Exposition dollars to the number of 10,013 were coined and delivered during the month of March.

During the same month Philippine coins as follows were struck and sent on to the island:—

Peso	186.201
50 centavo	852.201
20	120.201
10	201
5	200
1	3,780.200
1—2	200

The Superintendent of Foreign Mails states that under the provisions of the new parcels post treaty between Great Britain and this country, which went into effect April 1, parcels of stamps may be sent. This will greatly facilitate exchange relations with the islands, as it will have the effect of reducing the rate from 5 cents per half ounce to 12 cents per pound or fraction.



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The card collector's friend of San Francisco, is engaged in the mail order business and is a collector of curios of all kinds. Mr. Hill made a tour around the world as a mind reader, some few years ago, giving exhibitions of his skill in all the English speaking countries of the world. He also collected stamps, both old and new, in many of the various countries he visited. He picked up some good things in Newfoundland and disposed of them in London. While in South Africa he joined the Boer war and was first Sargeant of Company A. American Sharp Shooters. During the revolution the American corps was attached to the army of Captain. afterwards the celebrated General Cronjje. Mr. Hill helped to bury a portion of the 440 men killed by the Boers under Cronjje at the battle of Dornkopp. He was in charge of the company that received 3000 rifles surrendered to the Boers and checked them off as surrendered. From Africa he visited India, Australia, New Zealand, Manila and Japan, and brought back a large quantity of the stamps of those countries. He has always been more of a speculator than a collector. He is the originator of the monthly list of O. K. card collectors of the world. Many of the collectors in various parts of the earth are personally known to Harry Hustler Hill.

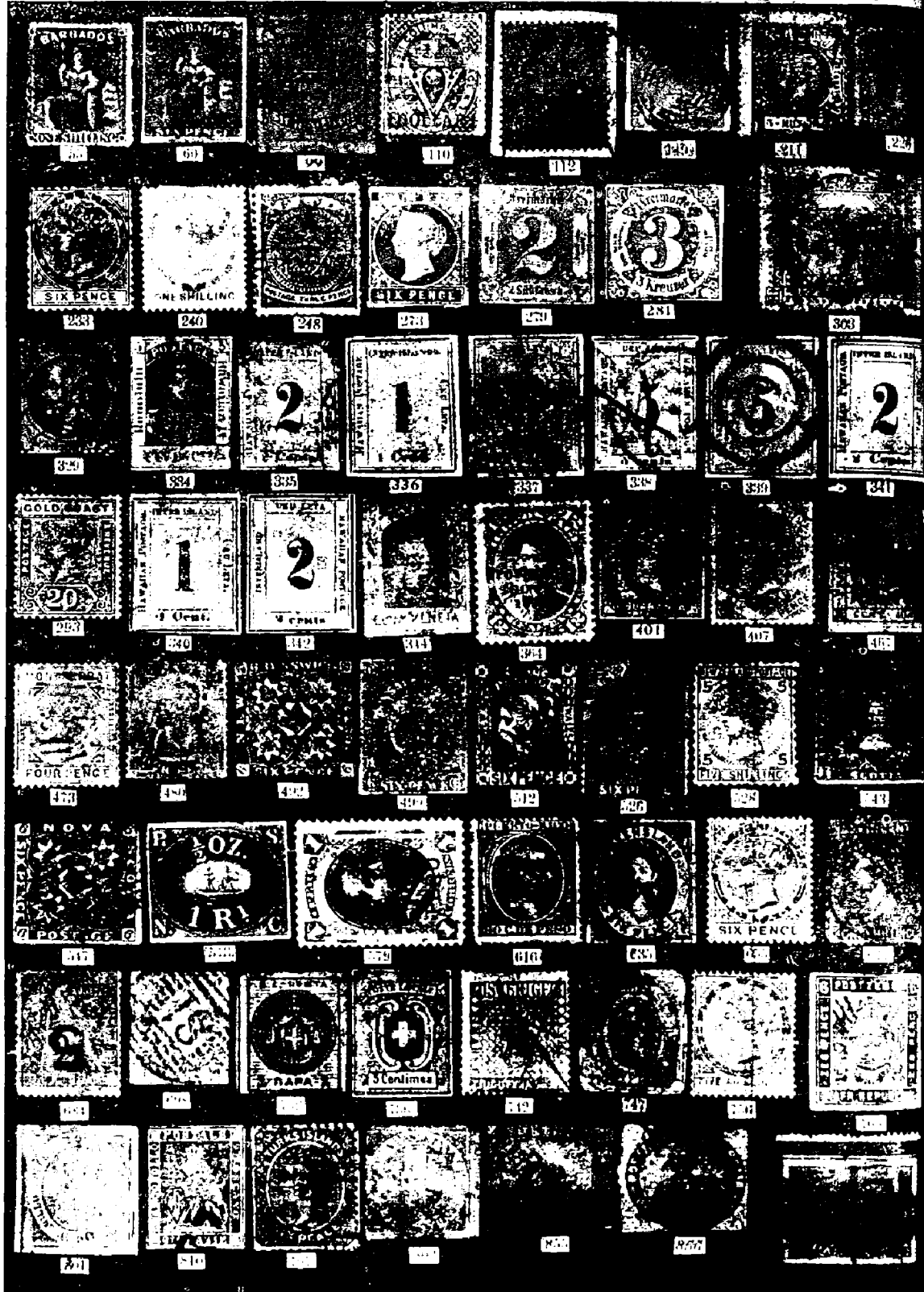
Was born in Risor, Norway, 1888, and started to collect stamps in 1898 and has a collection of about 2000 varieties which I prize very much. He started to deal in stamps in 1900 and is manager of the Grimsland Stamp Co. In 1902 he started to deal in novelties and now sells mail order goods at wholesale and retail. In 1904 he started to publish the Philatelic Monthly and also organized the National Souvenir Card Exchange Club. He says there is nothing nicer than a stamp collection and the WEST.

Business Manager's Say.

The printers have been the cause of the WEST'S delay, for none of them have lived up to the promises made to the publisher, and no one wishes to be more on time than he, but hopes the next number may be better.

There has been some ads and matter left out, or mislaid, or lost by printers and any one not getting his exchange notice or ad in, we wish you would send copy at once by the next mail, so we can get it in the next number.

The last two numbers were got up by new men and some mistakes were made in the ads of the stamp deal-



An Auction Sale Page from the United Stamp Co. of Chicago.

Henry Hill. San Francisco, Calif.



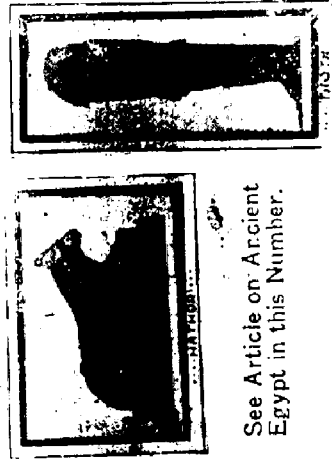
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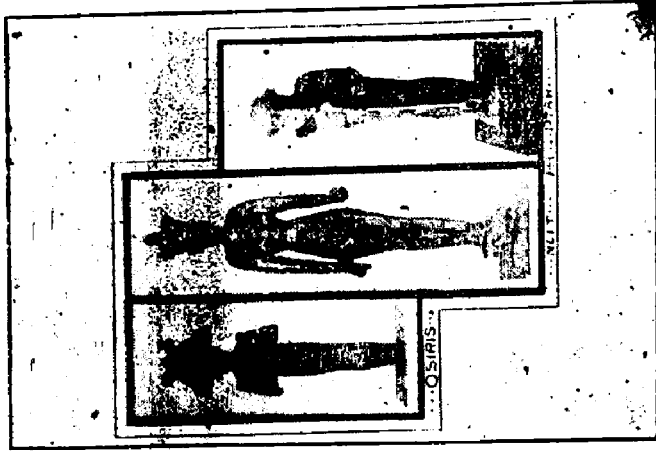
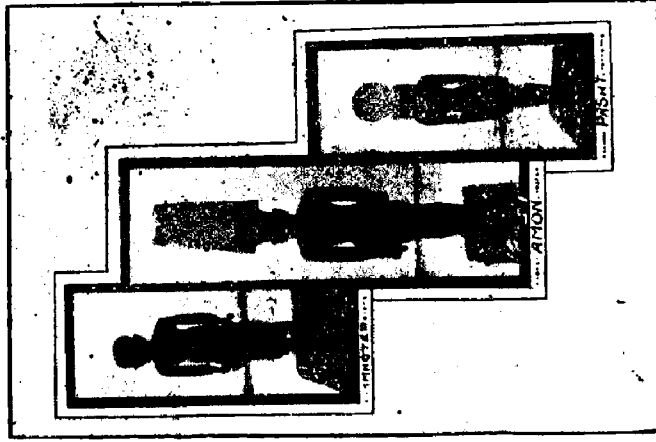
Some of
A. L. Hopkins'
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See Article on Ancient
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ers, the worst one being in the page ad of Crandall, of Ithaca, N. Y., the printer got it ilacha. There is also a mistake in the page ad of Neefus, in the last number in the first column.

We have secured the latest rapid addressing machine and wish all and every reader to send his P. O. box or street number, and county, so as to be sure and get the address right. This is the cause of some not getting their papers on time when issued.

The stamp conventions take place in August at Minneapolis and Niagara Falls and we hope that every one who can will attend.

A. Greenberg, of California, sent us a new and old issue of the Kwong Tung cent and cash.

Any who may visit the publisher's place will find the WEST office next door to the postoffice in the same block under the opera house. It is the best location in the city for the WEST. It now has the largest size and circulation of any collectors' paper and will add many new features with the next number that we trust will please all readers. We will have some of the best illustrations ever seen in the next number.

We have option on taking two of the largest eastern papers and may add them to our list, so you can see how it will help out advertisers still more. We trust that all societies and advertisers will get their copy in at once so the next number can be out earlier and in better shape.

We are glad to hear from others

like below notice:

Another thing I would like to suggest, and something which I am sure will interest many of your readers. Viz:

ANTIQUATED PAPER MONEY.

I suppose that at least seven out of a possible ten collectors have one or more pieces of broken bank bills which they prize, yet do not know the history or the value of the same. I know that I myself, would be glad to see something of the kind, for I have some six hundred different bills which I would like to know more about. Like to see some one like Zerbe, Whittmore Hughes and Tut-hill or some one who is thoroughly posted along this line to give a short description of at least four or five bills each month giving when possible a short description of each, value, etc.

It would be well worth some dealer time to contribute to this department, for it would awaken new interest along this line. It would not be wise to confine the description to the rarities, for it is the common notes that most of us are interested in. And again, many collectors have the common notes which they have bought at high prices supposing them to be very valuable. It is always wise for a collector to post himself as far as possible on all lines of collecting else he buys many a "Gold Brick". [And to the "WEST" we look for information.]

ARTHUR B. COOVER.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

By ROY FARREL GREEN, A. S. OF C. C.

The dragon tree (*Dracaena draco*), which yields the gum resin called "dragon's blood" is a native of the Canary Islands, and a late magazine article tells of how a veritable colossus of this family once grew in the town of Orotava, Tenerife, which was eighty feet in circumference at the base, hollow inside, with a staircase for visitors to ascend to the branching top of the trunk. Humboldt remarks in one of his books that this tree's antiquity must have been greater than that of the pyramids. In the great hurricane that swept these islands in 1867 the tree was blown down and destroyed.

A rich archaeological find has recently been made in Mexico where a dike of cement and stone is being built along the west side of Lake Texcoco, to prevent further inundations. M. Auguste Genin, one of the engineers in charge of the work made the find, according to the Mexican Herald, and proved that the region about Lake Texcoco is not only exceedingly rich in archaeological relics but also contains the remains of mastodons. M. Genin says that he found in the fields, on the slopes of Cerro mountain near by, and down to the lakeside a veritable deposit of antiquities, vessels, dishes, idols of baked clay, arrow and

lance heads, yokes, masks, household gods and other articles of stone, all of the best workmanship. About four kilometers distant, and in a spot usually covered by water, but uncovered by reason of the long drought at the time of the discovery, M. Genin saw projecting from the mud the skeleton of a mastodon in a perfect state of preservation. It showed four tusks, two very long ones on the upper side of the head and two smaller ones on the lower jaw. The skeleton was not exhumed because M. Genin says that experience he had some twelve years ago along this line demonstrated to him that it is difficult and costly work. It is likely that scientists having the time and money to look after the matter will avail themselves of the engineer's discovery.

Professor Albert A. Wright, who for the past thirty-one years has been at the head of the geological and zoological work of Oberlin college, at Oberlin, O., died last month.

An absolutely unique exhibition of the choicest Chinese porcelain was held in London by Messrs. Duveen Bros., a few weeks ago. The collection comprised about 200 pieces and represented a value of about \$750,000. The gem of the whole collection was a gorgeous group of five tall black

jars of the K'anzo Hai period, about the end of the seventeenth century, which represented the enormous value of \$125,000. The set as such is absolutely unique, though there is a similar set of only three pieces at the New York museum. The descriptive catalogue of the collection contained more than 100 pages.

A Washington dispatch of recent date tells of an extremely rare and valuable \$60 note printed in 1779 by the Continental Congress which is in the possession of Rudolph Steinmetz, of 1708 G street, that city. The curio editor has been unable to verify the newspaper story, but the dispatch may be true in saying that Mr. Steinmetz recently had the note examined at the treasury, and there it was pronounced genuine and the statement made that there is only one other like it in existence. The note is said to be printed on hand-made linen paper, now drab in color. The design is in black and red ink, the Continental seal, showing an olive branch and bay leaves, being displayed. The face of the note says: "The bearer is entitled to receive 60 Spanish-milled dollars or an equal sum in gold or silver, according to a resolution of Congress of Jan. 14, 1779." Mr. Steinmetz is said to have come into possession of the note as an heirloom, his brother-in-law having taken it in payment for a barrel of flour in 1878.

Nelson Ingalls, Jr., of East Machias, Me., while tearing down what for many years has been known as "the old gun shop place" found, not long ago, between the rafters and ceiling an old saber. It was of ancient design and had apparently been concealed there many years. The building in which it was found was built during the war of 1812, and was used

for storing arms and ammunition.

Professor T. A. Jagger and Docteur W. C. Farrabee, both of Harvard college, will this summer lead scientific parties to Iceland. The former will concern himself, and party, chiefly settle definitely the question whether with geology while the latter, with his party, will look after the archaeological end. An effort will be made to or not there are any traces of prehistoric man in the home of the Vikings. The parties will be made up of young men whose interests in their studies of geology and archaeology reaches beyond the class-rooms and they will be the pioneer students of the Cambridge college to go so far afield. Professor Jagger recently said that the party would likely consist of ten individuals, and that these will not start from Boston together, as some of the young men have made plans to go to Europe in advance of the rest, but all who intend going to Iceland with the party will meet at Leith, Scotland, on July 8, so as to catch the steamer that sails north a few days later. The trip is to be by way of the Orkney Islands to Reykjavic, on the southwestern coast of Iceland, where the party will land. There ponies will be secured and the scientific trip begin from there the party going east over the southern portion of the island. Iceland is a country having 27,000 square miles, only 4,000 of which are habitable. The party does not expect to suffer from the cold, as the summer climate in the districts to be traversed by the party is said to be about the same as that of the month of May in New England. Professor Jagger says that few Americans realize the wonders that Iceland possesses. Water falls nearly as large and as appalling in their grandeur as Niagara, volcanoes

that rival Etna or Vesuvius, glaciers that feed mighty rivers, lakes of boiling mud and geysers that spout higher than any on earth—all these go to make up the greater part of Iceland.

The largest plant in the world is probably a gigantic sea-weed, known as the nereocytis, which frequently grows to a height of more than 300 feet. The stem of the plant is as strong as an ordinary rope and large quantities of it are dried and used as rope by the inhabitants of the South Sea Islands.

The curio editor's thanks are due to a number of readers of the West who have been kind enough to send him newspaper clippings of curio finds. He is always glad to receive such and hopes to be remembered with them often.

ROY F. GREENE.

The following should be noted by collectors and exchangers of tobacco tags, arrow heads and other articles difficult to put up in secure packages:—

Registered Parcels Insecurely Wrapped.

OFFICE OF THIRD ASS'T P. M. GEN'L.
WASHINGTON, D. C. Mar. 29, 1905.
To all Postmasters:

It is reported to the Department that many postmasters in receiving matter for registration neglect to observe the requirements of paragraph 2, section 807, Postal Laws and Regulations. Articles of third and fourth class matter which have become separated from their envelopes or wrappers because the latter were of insufficient strength to stand the wear and tear of transportation, are frequently found in the mails. In many cases it is impossible to determine where or to whom such articles

belong, and much annoyance and often loss to owners is the result. Especially is this true of tobacco tags and the like, large quantities of which are passing in the mails. Postmasters are directed to read carefully paragraph 2, section 807, Postal Laws and Regulations, and are instructed not to accept for registration any mail matter which is inclosed in envelopes or wrappers which appear to be of insufficient strength to bear the ordinary wear and tear of transportation and to prevent their inclosures from breaking through.

EDWIN C. MAJIDEN,
Third Ass't P. M. Gen'l.

The Smallest Coin

The smallest coin in the world having a genuine circulation is probably the Maltese "grain" a tiny fragment of bronze about as big and round as the top of a slate pencil and worth only one-twelfth of a penny. The Maltese are not a wealthy people, and are in their daily purchases excessively retail. All old civilizations become so. There was a time in the West when twenty-five cents, "two bits," was the smallest sum asked for anything and the smallest change known.

One may now berry a pocket full of copper cents all over the region west of the Missouri and never find an opportunity to be rid of them. So also it was not many years in Chicago. To see how times have changed it is only necessary to note the fact that suburban fares on steam lines are often fractional. Tickets are for sale that cost seven or nine or eleven cents the single trip, and if one pays on the train the conductor will make change in pennies.



Conducted by Verna Weston Hanway.

Women form quite an important part in the designs of postage stamps. But the majority are fanciful, and portraits of real personages are the exceptions rather than the rule. I give in the following what I believe to be nearly an accurate list with brief biographical sketches:

Alexandra, Queen of England, is portrayed on certain stamps of the British Empire. She is the eldest daughter of King Christian IX of Denmark and was married to the Prince of Wales, now Edward VIII, March 10th, 1863. Alexandra is a particularly beautiful woman, famous for intellectual powers and beneficent qualities. What is said to be a good likeness may be found on the Newfoundland 1898, three-cent orange.

Kamalulu on the Hawaii, 1871, one cent purple; Likelike, Hawaii, 1882, one cent blue; Kapiolani, Hawaii, 1889, two cent red; Erma, Hawaii, Liliukokalani on the Hawaii, 1889, two cent red are evidently members of the then ruling house of Hawaii.

The latter succeeded her brother, King Kalakana after his death in San Francisco on January 20th, 1891. Her husband was an Englishman. She was constantly at variance with her legislature. In January, 1893, she at-

tempted to promulgate a new constitution depriving foreigners of the right of franchise. This led to a mass meeting of the foreign element at which fifteen hundred were present. They unanimously demanded the action of the Queen and authorized a committee to take into further consideration whatever was necessary to protect the public safety. This committee formed itself into a provisional government, and sent commissioners to the United States inviting the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands. The United States did not respond but recognizing the republic as a fact continued their former friendly relations.

A conspiracy was formed in 1895 to re-establish the monarchy, but the plot was discovered and the ring leaders imprisoned. Ex-Queen Liliukalani was also arrested and tried and her complicity having been shown she was sentenced to a modified form of imprisonment for five years. Her visit to Washington during the term of President Cleveland lent color to rumors that the support from the United States should she seek to re-establish her monarchy. On the 7th of July, 17898, however, a resolution was passed annexing the Hawaiian Islands to the United States.

The portrait of the Duchess of Cornwall and York (England) appears on the New Foundland 1898 three cent orange.

Isabella I. called "Isabella the Catholic," of Spain, appears on the United States, 1893, five, ten and fifteen cent, the one, three and four dollar stamps, and the Salvador, 1894, ten pesetas. Her reign is being familiar to even the least informed personage. Her connections and patronage of Columbus making his adventures successful.

Isabella II of Spain is portrayed on many of the stamps of Spain, Cuba, Fernando Po, Porto Rico, and the Philippine Islands. She was born in 1830, and upon her father's death in 1833 was proclaimed Queen with her mother Maria Christiana as regent. Her whole reign presents a dismal picture of faction, intrigue, and immorality contained with a superstitious devotion to religion. A revolution resulted in 1868 and Isabella fled to France.

Makea, Chieftess of the Cook Islands, styled "Chief of the Federal Government," is the dusky lady who portrays the first issue of the Cook Island's Federation. Her appearance there is doubtless due to the philatelic success of the first issue which enabled the government to pay the price of the more expensive second series.

Makea Takan, the Chieftess of Avarace, the principal district of Rorotongo, is one of the most influential of the native chiefs, to which she owes her election to the highest position in the government. She is said to be very intelligent for a Maori woman, but unable to speak a word of English. She is probably somewhere near sixty-five years of age. Her beautiful hair which is a hereditary

mark with the Maori women is braided into two long "pig tails," a custom with the elderly women of her state. Like all of the Maoris she is fond of finery and around her neck in the stamps may be seen a white silk scarf.

Martha Washington appears on the United States, eight cent, 1903, the Virgin Mary on the conventional series of the Virgin Islands, and Marie II of Portugal on many of the stamps of Portugal.

Queen Victoria is perhaps the most widely portrayed woman from a philatelic view point. Her portrait appears on no less than sixty-five British colonies and the majority of the stamps of Great Britain.

Wilhelmina, the young Queen of Holland, whose domestic affairs have been so relentlessly aired in the newspapers for the past few years, is another well known philatelic personage. Her likeness may be found on the stamps of Holland, Curacao, the Dutch Indies and Surinam. First as a winsome little girl, the idol and admiration of the boyish philatelist, and later as a young regal personage with all the pomp and glory of her state.

The whole world is familiar with the romantic story of Pocahontas (or Minnehaha). While many today assert that the historical incident was a figment of Captain John Smith's imagination, the story has encircled her with a certain poetic luster, that as time passes serves to enshrine her more securely in the hearts of Americans. Her story and similar stories have given a picturesque phase to our history and in spite of the cynics we would fain believe it. She is depicted on the \$100.00 of our country.

A rather amusing story is told of the head of "Republic" on the stamps of Hayti which should bear retelling

here. When it was first decided to issue a series of stamps, many thought it would be proper to adorn them with the likeness of the President. When he was approached in regard to the matter he objected on the ground that he did not wish to encourage by precedence a course that would in the future cause continual changes in the designs of stamps. He proposed the arms of the country as a suitable design. The idea however, did not take and he abandoned his idea and successfully proposed the adoption of a design of the head of "Republic."

Soon, however, it came to be rumored that the "Republic" bore a striking resemblance to Mrs. Solomon. The people of Hayti then informed the President that they had requested his portrait and not that of his wife. The fact that the resemblance was undeniable forced the President to consent to have his likeness appear on the stamps of the 1887 issue.

DEATH OF WM. C. BECK.

Detroit, May 5, 1905.

The philatelic fraternity has sustained a great loss by the death of Wm. Beck, who died here on Sunday, April 30, from an abscess of the brain.

Mr. Beck was a very enthusiastic collector, and had a beautiful collection numbering in the thousands, making a specialty of British Colonials, of which he had a very complete line. His U. S. were also exceptionally good. He made it a point to collect the best possible specimens he could obtain, and by

constant work he accumulated a collection that he or anyone would be proud of.

"Billy," as he was generally called, was well known among the collectors. He was a member of the American Philatelic Association and a good worker, securing many members for the Association.

When the Detroit Philatelic Association was organized some years ago, he was one of the charter members and worked hard for the betterment of the society. He was well liked and his ways brought him many friends, who mourn his loss.

Mr. Beck was born and raised in Detroit, was 41 years old, the son of Samuel Beck, a pioneer of this city.

He was special representative of the Bankers' Life Assurance Co., of Des Moines, Ia., with whom he was the last four years. Some years ago he was connected with the wholesale drug firm of T. H. Hinchman & Son, and afterward went with Parke, Davis & Co., in charge of the formula department. Later he became traveling representative for the Pharmaceutical Era of New York.

He was an active worker in the Y. M. C. A. and trustee of the Second Avenue Presbyterian church. He was also a member of the Ashlar Lodge F. & A. M.

\$2500 Orchid

After being exhibited for twenty-five minutes at the Royal Horticultural Society's show a new variety of orchid called "The Milky Way" was sold for \$2500 at London.

A Visit to the Bull Run Battle Field.

◀ By Lloyd R. Robinson. ▶

Early in September the entire state troops, or what is known as the Connecticut National Guards assembled at Manasses, Va., for its annual encampment.

Other troops from Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, New York, in fact all the eastern United States were there to take part in the continued war manœuvres between the U. S. regular army and the militia.

As a member of Co. L, 1st Reg. Connecticut Nat. Guards, I had the pleasure to take part in these manœuvres as a "private."

The Connecticut camp was situated on a small hill surrounded by other state camps, which could be seen in every direction for miles around.

We arrived at Manasses, Va., Sunday, Sep. 4, after a ride of 27 hours on the train.

Early Tuesday morning we started for Bull Run battle-field, reaching there at 9 o'clock a. m. As we were to stay here nearly all day, it gave us an exceptionally fine chance to hunt for war relics of the "sixties," which a great many took advantage of, including myself.

Many fine relics were found including bullets, fragments of cannon balls and shells.

A fine 6-in. ball was found that had never been broken, although it

showed the effects of age, it was in fine condition.

A large shell measuring 8 inches in length and 3 inches in diameter was found by a member of our company. Its base was of brass securely bolted to the main part of the shell, which was found complete. It was thrown by the Confederate side I am quite sure, as it was such as was used by them mostly.

Many bullets were secured from large trees in the near vicinity of the battle-field. These were deeply imbedded but were easily removed with an ax.

It is safe to say that these relics that were found, will not only be saved as a relic of the great war but also as a souvenir of the recent war manœuvres.

Although bullets and cannon-balls cannot be found in North Franklin, Conn., many interesting "war" relics in the shape of Indian arrow heads, axes, etc., can be found. Did you ever think of the unwritten history that is connected to these relics?

L. R. ROBINSON.

No. Franklin, Ct.

Find of Valuable Pictures.

During the overhauling of an ancient moated farmhouse at Solihull, near Birmingham, England, a collection of oil paintings was found under an old rotted floor.

The pictures are considered to be of considerable value, dating back as far as the sixteenth century, and are probably forgotten heirlooms.

A SMOKY DREAM.

By Old Grill.

"I have never been able to fully understand," remarked Wilson one evening to Old Grill during a conversation at the latter's apartments, "just why I have been unable to produce a picture which would awaken your admiration."

"That's easily explained," responded Grill. "There's a good deal of truth in the old saying 'You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink.' Likewise, I might add, you can lead a man to the shrine of art, but you can't make him worship. Of course, the mere fact that I can discern no striking difference in artistic value between your pictures and the illustrated ads' in the streets cars is no reflection upon your standing as an artist."

Wilson had become accustomed to these little pleasantries. So without appearing to have heard them he resumed: "I have conceived an idea for a picture which I believe may awaken some interest and possibly admiration in your hitherto impervious and unresponsive being. In pursuance of my effort I shall utilize an idea which I believe you will approve of. This idea relates to a certain science designated by a name which I have never been able to pronounce, but which, I believe, consists in the arrangement and classification of various-colored bits of waste paper."

"And which," put in Old Grill, "numbers among its devotees only people of cultured and discriminating tastes, who find no diversion in the pleasures sought by the common herd."

"I will not describe the exact nature of my picture," Wilson continued,

"but I hope that within another week I shall have the pleasure of seeing your walls brightened with one of my canvases."

The next evening Wilson set about to complete the task he had assigned himself. The idea he had hit upon was to be entitled "The Philatelist's Dream," and though he had never been able to enthuse over the hobby himself, he felt confident that his friend Grill would appreciate his effort.

In the foreground of his picture he was to represent the philatelist absorbed in a profound reverie. Through the enveloping cloud of smoke from his cigar he was to see as in a dream an opened trunk of an antique style, in which would be disclosed philatelic treasures of rare values. In order that his picture might be accurate in every detail he had decided to secure the objects to be represented.

From a friendly dealer he obtained the loan of sundry philatelic material in the way of covers, etc., and then it occurred to him that his friend Brown, who lived in the flat adjoining, had a trunk, which, he remembered, was of a style which would meet his requirements to a nicety. When Brown was approached on the subject, however, he informed Wilson that unfortunately the trunk would be needed by himself, as he contemplated a trip to New York. Then he confined to Wilson the important announcement of his approaching marriage.

"It is possible, however," said Brown, "that I may be of service to you, for my brother has a trunk which I am confident I can borrow for you, and which I believe will answer your purpose as well."

On the following day, thanks to Brown's efforts and the kindness of

the stamp dealer, Wilson had secured the materials sought for and promptly went about the accomplishment of his mission.

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Old Grill looked up from a ponderous volume in which he had become absorbed to welcome his artist friend. The latter's countenance was beaming with a complacency which Grill concluded must be taken on the part of his visitor the possession of tidings of more than ordinary import.

"I tell you, old man," said Wilson, when he had found a comfortable seat, "it's going to be immense."

"To what do you refer, may I ask?" inquired Grill.

"Why the picture, of course," said Wilson. "What else could it be?"

"It might be any one of a number of things—the corn crop for instance," said Grill. "But in your particular case I suppose I should have known that it could relate only to something within the lofty domain of art. But permit me to congratulate you. At what moment may I hope to see this masterpiece?"

"I expect to have it completed by evening," said Wilson. "Then I shall be pleased to receive a call from you at your convenience and hear your criticism."

A moment later Grill was called away by a 'phone message and Wilson returned to his studio intending to spend the remainder of the afternoon on his picture. But on his arrival at his quarters he was horrified to learn that the trunk and its contents were missing. His door was partly opened, and he concluded that in a fit of abstraction he had neglected to lock it. A hurried inventory of his belongings revealed the fact that nothing

else had been touched. This added to the mystery of the affair. After spending a half-hour in vainly endeavoring to solve the enigma, he concluded to lay the whole matter before Old Grill. Arrived at that gentleman's domicile, he was gratified to find that he had returned.

Wilson lost no time in acquainting his friend with all the facts of the case, whereupon Grill requested him to take charge of his office until his return and announced that he would repair to Wilson's apartments; first having received the key and a note which would gain him admission without question.

Some time later Grill returned. "Come over to — Cafe to dinner with me and we'll talk it over, Wilson," he said.

"It is almost incredible to me," Grill began when they had found a table, "that with all of my instruction you should yet be unable to solve a trifling difficulty like the present one."

"Your opinion of my ability as a sleuth is of secondary importance to me at the present moment. What I should like to know is this: 'Did you find that trunk?'"

"No," said Grill. "But I know who has it."

"Who?" said Wilson.

"Your friend Brown, who left for New York today on his wedding trip."

"Impossible," declared Wilson. "Why, Brown is absolutely honest. Furthermore, what does Brown want with a lot of old envelopes of the vintage of '49 or thereabouts. He don't know their value."

"He don't want 'em, said Grill. "That's the funny part of it. And when he discovers that he has 'em—if he hasn't already—he'll be madder than a wet hen with the rheumatism."

He'll have plenty of covers, but mighty little covering."

"But how in the world does it happen that Brown has the trunk?" asked Wilson.

"Through a rather remarkable error," said Grill. "Now, when I arrived at your building, the first thing that attracted my attention was that the banisters on the stairway, which had been newly varnished, showed a numbers of the nicks evidently made by some heavy object. Then I learned from the janitor that an expressman had called with an order from Brown for his trunk, and the janitor, being busy, directed the man to Brown's rooms. The hallway is a little dark and the man evidently lost his bearings. As your door was open the man spied the trunk with the name 'Brown' upon it. (You told me of this, you remember, in describing the trunk, and that it belongs to Brown's brother), and naturally concluded that it was the one he was seeking."

"But why are you so sure about all this?" asked Wilson.

"Because I found Brown's trunk in his rooms."

"As soon as Brown learns of the mistake he will lose no time in acquainting you with the facts, and you can forward it to him. By the way, Wilson, I looked over your picture, and I must admit that it rather exceeds my expectations."

"I don't doubt that in time you may be able to discover a few flaws," said Wilson, sarcastically.

"Well, I was about to say that the cloud of smoke in the picture suggests a volcano in a state of eruption rather more than a cigar in the mouth of a man who is dreaming. But on

the whole, you have done very well. I think it must be because you have selected a subject worth while."

CIGAR BANDS.

In your April WEST I note, over the signature of E. R. Knowles, of New York City, an article called a new fad, and the statement that he already has 500 different varieties of cigar bands.

As I think I am one of the first collectors of the "new fad," I desire to give your readers some enlightenment.

In October, 1900, on a wager that 1,000 different varieties of cigar bands did not exist and could not be collected within three months, I commenced to act. By January 1, 1901, I had over 1,500 different and distinct varieties, and at the date of this letter have over 10,000 pasted in albums and ready to be pasted therein. These are not duplicates, but each one is a different and distinct variety of itself, both as to color, design and lettering. I receive from 70 to 80 new varieties each month from all over the Coast and also from the Orient and hundreds of such as I have.

I have besides my regular collection, assorted in separate envelopes, over 50,000 duplicates, as well as two collections, one of 500 and one of 720 varieties. I have some 1,200 duplicates, triplicates, etc., of distinct varieties.

The collection of these cigar bands is not only interesting, but gives the eye a taste for beauty. In my collection I have 1,286 different bands (pasted in), with some 400 unpasted, of heads, figures, animals, etc. They are beauties. The designs on others are also fine. Then those from the Orient, printed from rough wood cuts,

are a study. Other interesting joints can be seen.

If this letter will attract any "band" collectors, I shall be greatly pleased to hear from them, and not only to correspond, but will exchange or sell bands to or purchase bands from any desiring to do so.

J. MANNING KING,
Box 375, Salinas, Monterey Co., Cal.

NEBRASKA BILLS.

By S. P. Hughes.

Money was scarce in Nebraska in the early days and banks and associations of various kinds undertook to relieve this stringency by the issue of what is commonly called "Wild Cat" money. Many people often wonder why it was so called, but from the explanation my father gave me years ago, I judge it was rightly named. Its value was not taken at its face—but rather what people choose to place on it, and the confidence the public had in the institution back of the bills. One could not depend on its value from day to day any more than they could depend on the habits of a Wild-cat. Bills accepted to-day at fifty cents on the dollar might be absolutely worthless tomorrow. Banks of this class were not regulated by law and were under the control of no one, except the will of their own officers.

In the early fifties Nebraska had few towns or settlements large enough to warrant even a Wild-cat bank, consequently our number of bills are quite small as compared with many Eastern states. It is not my intention in this short article to go into the details or to give a history of any of the various issues, but rather to give as

complete a list as possible of the known bills in the hope that it may bring out any hitherto unknown varieties.

I am indebted to Mr. Fred Whittimore of Des Moines, Iowa, for valuable assistance along this line. Every bill in the following list is either in my own collection, that Mr. Whittimore or in the Byron Reed collection of this city:

Bank of DeSoto, Neb., \$1, \$3, \$5.

Corn Exchange Bank, DeSoto, Neb., \$1.

Waubeeek Bank, DeSoto, Neb., \$1.

Brownsville Bank and Land Co., Omaha, \$3, \$10.

Omaha City Bank and Land Co., Omaha, \$1, \$2, \$5.

Western Exchange Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Omaha, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5.

Bank of Nebraska, Omaha, \$1, \$2.

City of Omaha, \$1, \$3, \$5.

Nebraska Valley Bank, Omaha, \$2.

Omaha and Chicago Bank, Omaha, \$1.

Bank of Florence, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10.
Nemaha Valley Bank, Brownville, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10.

Fontanelle Bank, Bellvue, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5.

Bank of Brownville, Brownville, \$1, \$2.

Bank of Dakota City, Dakota City, \$1.

Platte Valley Bank of Omaha, \$1.

Omaha City and Land Company, Omaha, \$1, \$2, \$5.

I have heard of two other towns to the north of Tekamah that issued bills in the early days, but I have not seen any bills nor do I know of their existence. If any of the readers of this article know of any bills not in this list they will confer a favor by giving me an account of such bills.

Collecting of Ribbon

Badges.

Herman W. Boers.

There's an old saying "Everybody has a hobby and a man without a hobby is like a pump without a handle."

Hobbies, of all kind are in vogue nowadays some have the hobby of collecting old firearms, crockery, old pipes, old pottery, relics, minerals and dozens of other things.

I have a hobby and have had it for years and never get tired of it, that is the collecting of ribbon badges, and this has a great field, and grows more interesting as your collection increases. There is no let up to it as there is always a chance to get more. I made it my business whenever a convention came to Detroit to get a badge of the meet, if I could, of course oftentimes me gets the no but that wouldn't faze me, I only tackled another one then, badges are interesting they always remind one, then, of what has been. Some are for victory and others for defeat and again for joys and sorrows. I have a collection of several hundred, dating back from the Lincoln and Hamler campaigns.

In politics I have a small badge of the time when Abraham Lincoln ran for president, and Hamler, his running mate. I have from the campaigns of Hayes and Wheeler, Tilden and Hendricks Cleveland and

Hendricks, Cleveland and Sherman, Harrison and Morton, Blaine and Logan. Cleveland, Stephenson, Garfield, Harrison and Reid, McKinley and Roosevelt and Roosevelt and and Fairbanks. These are of the finest I have containing pictures of candidates, in national colors, or plain silk, and fringes. In state ribbons I have three from governor, on to the lowest candidates on ticket city, ticket sheriff, to alderman, all the various offices of the different sides.

I have a fine lot of G. A. R. reunion dating back since 1891, the 25th silver anniversary of the G. A. R. since that it was held in Boston, Washington, Chicago, St. Louis, Buffalo, Cincinnati, etc. Delegate badges, for next G. A. R. convention seat printed Omaha, Lincoln, Washington, Chicago, Cincinnati, Buffalo, California, St. Louis and others. Badges showing "where he came from" such as Missouri, Rhode Island, Texas, Ohio, Michigan, New York, Minneapolis, Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and many other states, and the G. A. R. souvenirs as sold by the curb stone peddler, Mich, at Gettysburg.

REUNION BADGES

Knights of Pythias

B. P. of E.

Ko O. T. M.

Masonic

Shriners

I. O. O. F.

All from many different cities.

where they are held, beautiful in artistic get up.

CONVENTIONS

Sunday School
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Photographic
Biennial
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Athletic
Yachting, Rowing
Bicycle convention
Labor
Business Men

Associations

and a dozen other kinds too numerous to mention.

As I said before, the field is large and a collection of such badges, are indeed interesting, they bring back to memory of the times "they" had while attending there are chances for exchanging. I have oftentimes exchanged where I had duplicates and many would only be too pleased to do so. Have you ever thought what a fine appearance such a lot of badges does make. Take the sizes, the colors, the emblems, portraits, etc, all help to harmonize in appearance. I have yet failed to see the people whom I have shown my collection to, to say a thing out of the way and especially the ladies "Oh, wouldn't they make a lovely sofa pillow", or a "spread" but not for mine. I think too much of them. Just try and collect some yourself and see how interesting it is.

One Way of Starting Camera Club.

One of my regular correspondents in a town in Washington told me in his last letter just how their local camera club came to be organized. It is quite an interesting bit of history and in the face of the fact that I have received several letters of late in which the writers have deplored

their inability to secure the co-operation necessary to start a club, it becomes of more than passing interest. This friend of mine thought it would be a good idea to deflect some of the enthusiasm displayed by the demonstrators for the various plate and paper manufacturers into such channels that the professional would not be alone the recipient of the advantages accruing from their freely given advice. With this idea in mind he wrote one of the largest platemakers in the country asking that he might be favored with a call from their demonstrator when next in his town and added that he desired to obtain a few portraits in an ordinary room. In due time came a most courteous reply saying that their Mr. So-and-so would be only too glad to do all in his power to assist; that he would advise in advance of his date of arrival; and suggested that my friend should arrange for the assemblage of a few of his amateur friends at his house on the afternoon of the day given. The plan worked out with most gratifying results. Quite a large company was congregated, the demonstrator proved to be a man who had spent several years in doing just such work in a large eastern city before going the road, the amateurs were most instinctively entertained, and everybody including the demonstrator voted it a most excellent idea. My correspondent wrote other manufacturers. Local amateurs who heard of the success of the first of the series sought for invitations to those that followed. It soon reached such a point that no demonstrator

orthought of visiting the town with out calling together the "Camera Club" as they designated it. The rest is easily imagined. It was but the work of a meeting or two to organize and become a full fledged camera club in reality.—Western Camera Notes.

ANCIENT EGYPT AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

By Arthur B. Coover, Curator of the Egyptian Exhibit.

This article is not addressed to those who know more of Egyptology than the writer, whose entire knowledge of Egyptian methods is confined to the study of the antiquities shown in the Anthropology Building at the St. Louis Fair, and to the reading of such books as "Sharpe's History of Egypt," "Rawlinson's Ancient Egypt," etc.

The only excuse I shall offer for taking up so much space in the "West," is, that while Curator of the Egyptian Exhibit, I had the pleasure to meet a great many people and members of the Society, who did not know any more about Egyptian antiquities than I did. I shall feel amply repaid for my time in getting up this article, if it will interest the readers to the extent of causing them to read up on Egyptian history; and, to most collectors, I am sure it will prove to be a pleasing and profitable study.

"The early Greeks said that it was easier to find a god than a man in most parts of Egypt."

The objects which interested me

most, were those connected with their religion, and to these I shall refer in this paper, giving illustrations made from some of the small bronze gods which were exhibited at the Fair.

The gods of popular mythology were understood, in religion, to be either personified attributes of the Deity, or parts of the nature which he had created. They were considered as informed and inspired by him. All knew that there was but one God, and understood that when worship was offered to Osiris, Isis, or any one of the many created gods, the One God was worshipped.

The ancient Egyptian believed in the transmigration of souls. It was the universal belief that, immediately after death, the soul descended into the lower world and was conducted to the Hall of Truth where it was judged in the presence of Osiris and the 42 judges of the dead. Anubis in charge of the Balances, as weighmaster, would place on one side the Emblem of Truth, and to balance this, the man's good deeds were placed in a vase and set on the opposite side of the scale. Osiris delivering sentence according as to how the balance inclined, and the same was inscribed on a tablet by Thoth the scribe.

If the good deeds predominated the soul was allowed to enter the "Boat of the Sun," and the gods conducted it to the home of Osiris. If, on the contrary, the good deeds were not sufficient, then the soul was sentenced to begin a round of transmigrations in the bodies of unclean animals. The number of transmigrations depended upon the severity of punishment required to purify the soul. After many trials should the soul remain uncleaned, it was finally sentenced to

complete annihilation by Osiris the judge of the Dead.

The good soul, having passed through the basin of purgatorial fire and freed from its infirmities, was then made the companion of Osiris for 3000 years, after which it re-entered its former body and lived once more a human life on earth. This process was repeated until a certain mystic cycle of years had passed, when the soul finally became united with the crowning glories of God.

While no better way was thought of it was easier to believe or fancy the bull Apis a god, than to believe that this world with its inhabitants had no maker, and that their wants were supplied without means more powerful than their own. (By the very strangeness of this worship, it showed the need that we all feel for some form of religious belief.)

One favored animal of ever sacred race, received worship in its own city; while for the others, people respectfully stepped to one side when they met them in the streets or in the fields.

The only group of gods that was worshipped in every city alike was Osiris, Isis and their family. They having once reigned on earth were feared less and loved more than the great gods, as being between them and the human race. Osiris had been put to death by his wicked brother Typhon, but was raised again to life to be the judge of the Dead. He is pictured as a mummy, wearing the crown of Egypt, and in his hands are the whip and the crook, which were emblems of authority.

Isis, the queen and sister of Osiris, was the favorite divinity of the country. She had the character of all the

goddesses in turn; she being at one time the mother, and again she would be the queen of heaven.

Horus, the son of Osiris and Isis, is sometimes pictured as a child wearing the side-lock of youth, then he is made to wear the head of a hawk, in which he is always pictured on the mummy cases.

Anubis was another son of Osiris and Isis, and is pictured wearing the head of a jackal. It was the duty of Anubis to lay out the dead and make the bodies into mummies.

Thoth, the scribe, was the god of letters. He is pictured as having the head of an Ibis. He was one of the gods of the moon, and was the chief god of Hermopolis.

Pasht, or Bast, was the goddess of chastity. she is pictured as having a cat's head and was worshipped chiefly at Bubastis.

Athor, or Hathor, was the goddess of love and beauty, and was sometimes worshipped under the form of a cow.

Amon was the great god of Thebes. The form under which he was worshipped was that of a man walking, wearing a crown or head-dress of tall stiff feathers.

Neith was the goddess of Sais. Her usual title was "Lady of Sais." She presided over both war and weaving.

Ptah was the god of fire. He is pictured as an old man holding a crook or staff in front of him and bandaged like a mummy.

Imhotep was the god of learning, and is pictured seated on a stool unfolding a papyrus roll.

Many other forms of gods were worshipped in Egypt, the names and descriptions of which may be found in any good work on Egyptian Antiquities.

History of the Beaver \$5.00 and \$10.00 Gold Pieces of Oregon.

T. Greenburg of San Francisco

Being very much interested in the history of the Pacific coast and its opening being within the memory of quite a considerable number of people still living, but who are fast going to the great beyond, whence no traveler returneth.

I thought I would try to fathom out the mystic letters on the beaver side of the Oregon gold coins; after buying a lot of old rubbish and old books from an old office, I got possession of a book on the history of Oregon, published in 1870, and as usual to get pointers, I read it through, and after some work on the mystic letters, I deciphered them, on the \$10.00 gold piece

K. M. T. P. C. S

O. T. 1849

Which means as the few words tells from the Historical Research:

“One of the last acts of the provisional government had been to authorize the weighing, assaying and coining of gold—“an act which was rendered necessary by the great amount of “dust” in circulation and the influx of the debased South American coins, and an association of gentlemen taking the matter in hand, bore all the expense of the dies, machinery and labor—coming about \$10,000 in the summer of 1849, they succeeded in raising the price of dust from \$11.00 to \$16.00 per

ounce and stopping the influx of South American coin;

The gentlemen who conferred this great benefit to Oregon territory were on the \$10.00 gold piece.

Messrs. Rilborne, Magruder, Thornton, Capt. Park, Campbell, Smith.

On the \$5.00 piece were the following gentlemen:

Messrs. Kilbourne, Gov. Abernethy, Dr. White, Rector, Campbell and Smith.

The above gentlemen were members of the Oregon Exchange Company.

The name of the money was called beaver money owing to the gold discoveries in California and the tide of immigration turned to the south, as the climate was better and hardships less. The business of coining was done in San Francisco, and the provisional mint of the territory of Oregon, located in the place called Oregon City was closed for good. After a brief few months of existence.

Hence the scarcity of the two coins.

\$425 FOR A SCOTT.

For the original autograph manuscript of Scotts “Bonnets of Bonnie Dundee” £85 was paid at Messrs. Sotheby's rooms yesterday.

A long letter from Lord Nelson to Lady Hamilton found a purchaser at £41, one from Napoleon to his mother made £27 10s, and a letter of Marie Antoinette relized £40.

Christie's sale of furniture and china yesterday produced nearly £14000, the most notable item being a Louis XVI, carved and gilt suite of furniture, which went for £735.

CHLORIDE OF GOLD.

By G. A. Chandler, Photo Expert,
Riceville, Iowa.

Some time ago I noticed an article in the West referring to dissolving gold, taken from Photography, England. While I have no objection in particular to the methods set forth by that author, still I think were it explained a little more fully perhaps more amateurs who are not so well versed in photographic chemistry might understand it better. And it is with this in view and not criticism that I give my process of making chloride of gold for toning out photographic papers of all kinds.

We proceed to make an aqua-regia, or as in the new chemistry nitro-muriatic acid, of two drams of nitric acid eight drams of muriatic or hydrochloric acid. Place in a graduate and add gold scraps such as can be bought at any jewelry store, of half the weight of a five dollar gold piece; then cover all with a piece of glass to prevent gases from escaping, and place or stand in a small vessel containing water, which should be kept at about 1000 0-0 Fahrenheit. Presently small bubbles will arise to the surface of the acid, the solution will assume a golden color and the gold will disappear. When the gold is all dissolved place in a large measuring glass and all eight ounces of distilled water. Then proceed to neutralize as follows: Take bicarbonate of soda and add to the solution a very little at a time until the solution ceases to sizzle, which will show it to be neutral. Now filter through filtering paper and let stand for a few hours and again filter. Now add four drams of hydrochloric acid and you may proceed to tone.

Great care, however, should be taken in using, as this is very strong. A good toning bath for all glossy papers will be found in the following:

Cut gold, 2 grain, test with litmus; Victor neutralizer, 2 grains; water, 32 ounces.

When Aristo platino paper is used the Victor neutralizer should not be used, but instead may be used a solution of borax dissolved in hot water, saturated solution one-half ounce and acetate of soda one ounce.

Victor Neutralizer—Bicarbonate of soda, 2 oz.; acetate of soda, 1 oz.; borax, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; water, 10 oz.

Metallic Stains on Negatives.

The same Indiana correspondent asks concerning the metallic stains on the surface of the film of his negatives. It results from plates slightly stale, the fault being aggravated by the use of too strong an alkali in the developer. It occurs most commonly where an attempt has been made to "force" development of an undertimed plate by increasing the alkali. A similar stain sometimes results from the sulphurization of an acid fixing bath. As a rule, these stains, particularly those due to the first mentioned cause, are entirely ineffective in damaging the quality of the print. They can, however, be removed by using a weak solution of Farmer's reducer applied quickly with a tuft of cotton wool and as quickly rinsed off. Repeat if necessary, taking care not to allow the reducer to act on other than the surface of the negative or the density will be reduced as in the regular operation of reduction. If my correspondent will write me again and say if an acid fixing bath is used or not, I will be pleased to advise more fully as to the removal of the stains if this does not answer. —Western Camera Notes.

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361—James Wilson, Jr., 2723 C street, Philadelphia, Pa.; references, J. L. Brodstone, Stamps Collectors' Pro. Assn. No. 789.

362—A. Chagnon, 107 Cadieuse street, Montreal, Quebec; references, F. B. Archer, C. H. Goulden.

363—Rev. E. F. Vokes, 57 Newport street, Ryde, Isle of Wight; Bazzar Ref. No. 19006, Stamp Trade Protective Ass. No. 140.

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365—H. D. Howard, 311 King street, Ottawa, Ont.; references, C. H. Goulden, G. G. McWhinney.

366—A. F. Boehur, 1201 Turner avenue, Chicago, Ill.; references H. Smith, F. B. Archer.

367—H. S. Dickey, Newton, Kas.; references, L. L. Brodstone, H. L. Hart.

368—W. H. Matlock, Springfield, Ill.; references, L. T. Brodstone.

369—J. E. McIntyre, care J. P. Coats, Ltd., Pawtucket, R. I.; references, H. Smith, F. B. Archer.

370—E. F. Harrington, 286 Halsey

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371—Harold K. Wardwell, 180 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; References, C. H. Wardwell, 160 Broadway, New York City.

372—Leopold Greenberg, 528 Montgomery street, Room 4, San Francisco, Cal.; references, O. Norcross, Louis Barhyte.

373—Albert C. Wirth, 115 Collingwood street, San Francisco, Cal.; references, O. Norcross, Louis Barhyte.

374—Edward Howard, 456 Sixth street, San Francisco, Calif.; references, O. Norcross, Louis Barhyte.

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A. A. Blanchard, Dominion Bridge Co., Montreal, Quebec.

RESIGNED.

324—J. Stuart Ritchie.

I regret to report the following members dropped for non-payment of dues, all of whom have been duly no-

tified to remit.

351—Geo. C. Gay.

314—A. G. Chisholm.

317—E. McBiece.

320—Chas. F. Hackmeir.

329—A. C. Roessler.

331—Geo. J. Atkinson.

332—H. P. Sullivan.

334—Geo. deL. Selby.

336—Wm. Norman.

348J. A. Charette.

I regret to report the following members deceased:

31—R. Von Pirch, Berlin, Ont.

240—H. Michaels, Washington, D.

C.

Miss L. Von Pirch, Berlin, Ont., will be a member in place of R. Von Pirch, deceased.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

167—H. O. Marimian, 14 Rue Christiani, Paris, France.

50—Eugene C. Wheeler, to 71 Syracuse street, Somerville, Mass.

321—E. H. Young, to 1029 Laguna street, San Francisco, Cal.

333—Ralph S. Chase, 102 George street, Providence, R. I.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Owing to illness, extending over six months, I have been unable to attend to even my legitimate business in a satisfactory manner. I have, however, managed to take care of the periodicals belonging to the library of the C. P. S., and additions have been made. Mr. Goulden, late president, contributed a large number of pieces, besides being to considerable expense in forwarding them. Mr. E. F. Wurtele also sent a few more pieces. I have myself added every week to the library. This comprises the total contributors since my last report. When I was first given charge of the office 170 pieces only were turned over to me, but now

over 1,000 are available. Regarding the attacks on me appearing in the January WEST, I desire to brand them as absolutely false, without a knowledge of the facts. In view of all these, I desire to thank the members of the C. P. S. for giving me a larger vote for my position than that of any other officer in the last election.

Sincerely,

HENRY A. CHAPMAN,

Librarian.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Mr. W. J. Wurtele has resigned as purchasing agent and E. W. Stanton, care of Guarantee Co. of North America, Montreal, Quebec, has been elected to fill the vacancy.

I am very pleased to see such a long list of new members. Any one wishing to become a member kindly write the Secretary for application blank and benefits of the Society.

Yours faithfully,

F. B. ARCHER,

Secretary-Treasurer.

The Montreal Philatelic Association held a Tombola on the 19th of April at their Club Rooms, No. 3 Beaver Hall Square. It proved a most decided success, the Association realizing the snug sum of \$147.00. Among the donors of prizes were included the following stamp firms: Messrs. J. M. Bartels, Bogert & Durbin, Century Stamp Co., Drew & Co., Excelsior Stamp Co., Marks Stamp Co., New England Stamp Co., A. C. Roussel, Scott Stamp and Coin Co., J. W. Scott Co., Stanley Gibbons, Inc., S. M. Wolsleffer, United Stamp Co., etc., etc.

Also Messrs. O. Barwick, Wm. Pat-

terson, L. Gibb, W. B. Birkie, etc., etc.

One hundred and twenty-five prizes were drawn.

To the Members of the Canadian Philatelic Society.

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, have received from the Century Stamp Co., of Montreal, Canada, the prizes offered by them to the members of the Canadian Philatelic Society who introduced the largest number of new members during the year 1904. The prizes were as follows: First, \$10.00; second, \$5.00; third, \$3.00; value taken out in goods from their 1904 price list.

First Prize—F. H. Bell.

Second Prize—H. Smith.

Third Prize (tie)—W. Hugermier, O. Norcross.

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From the letters returned and parties in Belvidere, Ill., it seems that the parties who run the Universal Exchange paper of that city have left for parts unknown, for letters come back and we can hear nothing from any one. Were there any readers who got caught by this paper, pleased to hear.

M. Milliken, of McPherson, Kas., complains of Western Stamp Ex-

change Co., of Minneapolis, Minn., sent them stamps and can't hear from them.

F. W. Robinson, Belvidere, Ill., complains of Diehl of Tama, Ia., and the International Stamp Exchange, of Hudson, Mich., run by Boiers and W. Doxey, Anderson, Ind.

A. Hoffman, of Los Angeles, Cal., complains of N. Holden, East Oakland, Calif.

Complaint made on C. Elwood Kirby, of New York City, by a Chicago dealer.

R. H. Graham, New Windsor, N S, Can, complains of the New Century Co, of Seattle, Wash. Wonder if this is the Brassington or Scott Williams Co., that got so many dealers and publishers. May pay to look into it. Glad to hear from all who have complaints to make, with 4c postage.

The following are new members:

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Complete list of members will be published in June or July WEST.

NORMAN L. SIMS, Sec'y.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:—I am glad to see the interest some members have taken for the welfare of The Pacific the past month. Why cannot all members take this same interest? This list is late, but hope be none the less acceptable to our members, and I wish to express my thanks to those who have co-operated with me, and you, dear non-members, do you not think this would be a good society to join? I think before you are a member three months your answer would be in the affirmative. I think you had better send to one of the officers for an application blank and information.

NEW MEMBERS.

No.

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61. M. E. Richardson, 107 Essex St., Salem, Mass. Views.
62. Albert C. Schreiber, 626 June St., Cincinnati, Ohio. Colored Views.
63. Arthur S. Ross, 139 S. Bay St., Milwaukee, Wis. Any kind but comic.
64. A. R. Yard, Lock Box 27, Woodstown, N. J.
65. W. J. Duncan, Port Gibson, Miss. Colored views preferred.
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MINEROLOGY

EDITOR'S NOTE:—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc., to this department. Also report 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 department.—Forest Gaines.

What promises to be an important discovery of ore was lately made not far from the home of the editor. The whereabouts of the original lode is still a secret, but it is known to be in the neighborhood of Beach, N. D. The lode is composed of galena ore, and an assay shows seventy-five per cent lead and a trace of silver, thus making the ore worth about \$27 per ton. We have seen samples of the galena, which were brought to Glendive by an engineer who runs through Beach. The original vein is said to be about two feet wide, and has been traced four miles west from where the discovery was made. A good deal of excitement prevails, and quite a number of claims have been already staked out. We shall watch further developments with interest.

We have lately received from the publisher, Mr. S. F. Cassino, of Salem, Mass., a copy of the last edition of the "Naturalists' Directory," which he issues. The size of the book in this edition is almost double that of the last one, and Mr. Cassino is to be congratulated on the outcome of his long and painstaking work. In this edition we note the names of the Mr. Brodstone, Mr. Greene, Mr. Coover, Mr. Davis, and hundreds of others of our friends and correspondents.

The book contains many thousands of names and addresses from all parts of the world. With each address is given the names of the branches in which collecting is carried on. Mr.

Cassino aims to make the work as complete as possible, but of course it is impossible to make such a work entirely complete, as some names would of course be left out. All of our readers who collect in any branch of natural history should write to Mr. Cassino and get a blank to fill out, so as to make the next edition as complete as possible. A directory of this kind is a great convenience to every natural history collector.

The best asbestos mines in America and in Arizona and in the vicinity of Black Lake, in the province of Quebec, Canada. Commercial asbestos is a fire-resisting substance composed of silky fibers, up to six inches in length. These can be used either for packing or woven into fabrics. Asbestos is a mineral of variable color, and is usually found deposited in thin sheets in the seams of granite rocks. The filer is normal to the seam, and its length is thus limited by the thickness of the seam. In order to secure the asbestos it is necessary to quarry the granite in which it occurs, and afterward to separate the materials by crushing. The asbestos found in Arizona is mostly flesh-colored, and that of Quebec is green.

Near the old home of the editor at Indianola, Ill., was recently found a mastodon's tooth. A small boy was fishing in a brook called the "Swamp Branch" when his hook became entangled in some object, and, pulling it up, he found the mastodon's tooth clinging to it. The tooth measures 19 inches around, and weighs six pounds. The longest root is seven inches in length, and the shortest one, six inches. The tooth is very well preserved, and is now on exhibition at Indianola. This is about the only relic of vertebrate palaeontology ever found at Indianola, and is regarded with much curiosity by the inhabitants. The tooth was brought to the little city by Mr. A. P. Jackson.

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Fellow Members:—I am pleased to report a goodly number of new members. Hope this continues. If your copy of the West does not arrive, notify Mr. Brodstone and myself, and be sure to always advise us upon change of address.

I wish all members who intend to attend our convention at Niagra Falls to advise me at once, as I am making arrangements with the railroad company's for cheap transportation rates.

Fraternally yours,

F. A. MUELLER, Secretary-Treasurer.

New Members.

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- E. G. L. Webb, E. C. Domaine, Fred Petty, Clarence Morgan.

DELINQUENTS.

40, 50, 59, 67, 100, 104, 108, 109, 111.

Through error it was reported in the March issue that we had 1,500 pieces. Above statement shows we have a very good start. All members are invited to contribute to our library and may borrow peices with no cost excepting postage both ways. Library will be catalogued after we have added another 500 peices. With best wishes for our progress, I am,

JOEL H. DU'BOSE, Librarian, Huguenot, Ga.

Collord, Buffalo, N. Y.; L. Crandall,

PERSONAL.

We regret to publish the notice of the decease during the past month of our Counterfeit-detector, Rev. R. Von Firch. He had been a member since the formation of our society and been highly esteemed. He was an active and honest phiatelist, and his death will be greatly regretted by all out members. Suitable expressions of sympathy have been adopted and sent to his family. Mr. George C. Asby, of Union Centre, Wis., has accepted the vacancy caused by the decease and will serve in the capacity of Counterfeit-detector.

Those who favor the idea of a New York state branch are requested to write L. Crandall, Ithaca, N. Y.

Membership book will not appear until July 1st, as many dues are then payable. All members will receive copy of this book, which contains addresses, notices, advertisements and other matter about our society and their members. All persons who have contracted for space may change their advertisement before then if they so wish. Send in your notice now. 25c per inch, or one cent per word.

The Exchange department wishes to get some good and rare U. S. and Canada, Newfoundland, etc.;. We have about \$300 worth now in the department. Write Oakden and try the same.

The Committee of Arrangements for the convention will consist of the following members: R. C. Campbell, 256 Fifth St., Niagara Falls, N. Y.; J. A.

D. Park, Buffalo, N. Y.; J. Harold Ithaca, N. Y.; H. D. Munger, Corning, N. Y.

Member Amilcare Schiavo, of Verona, Italy, desires to exchange stamps and postcards with other members. See his ad in this issue.

Member J. Naame, of Constanti-nople, Turkey, publishes a great quantity of very beautiful postcards. Several of our members have sent him orders and all are universally satisfied with the elegant cards sent and the cheapness of the same. See his advertisement in March and April West.

Mr. Cass is investigating the various losses of the Sales department. One case more of substitution has been found out and we shall shortly expel the guilty members. All members of the society are asked to contribute what they can to our Insurance Fund to help our society in these troubles. Send money or stamps that we can sell and turn into money for this purpose. A number already have liberally responded, but if you cannot afford even more than five cents send it and the spirit which made the donation is just as praiseworthy as a big sum. Several members on Circuit No. 40, which was lost, have agreed to ask for no recompensation for their loss, and others have donated one-half or one-third of the loss. We hope that all our members will do what they can, as it is badly needed at present by the society. Note Mr. Cass' new address at Lenox, Susquehanna County, Pa.

Using Old Negatives.

We have all a good supply of waste negatives and it is not a hard job to clean off the emulsion. My own go into a bath that is composed of sulphuric acid, bichromate of potash and water. The proportions are an ounce of each of the two chemicals to twenty ounces of water. I now keep a large jar of this compound in the basement and all spoiled plates go into it to be rinsed off at my leisure. Those I finished up recently were put to soak, a few at a time in a flat tray with tooth picks between, and allowed to remain until my return in the evening when a rinse under the tap left them as clear as crystal.

At the paint stores you can find a number of dry colors, Indian red, bronze, green, vandyke brown and the like. One of these colors in the proportion of four ounces to two drachms, is mixed with powdered gum arabic and then made into a paint like compound by the addition of water. With a broad camel's hair brush paint one side of the glasses with the compound, using care to apply it evenly, and set them up to dry. The next thing is to remove the paint from a square or oval opening in the center. In my practice I employ a brass oval for cutting out masks and disks. This is laid on the painted side and a sharp pointed instrument run around the inside of the oval. It is then an easy matter to clean away the paint within the line so formed, leaving a margin. An opening of such a size should be selected that a good generous margin is left all around.

The print selected is then taken

and immersed in a weak solution of gelatine until it becomes limp when it is drained slightly and squeegeed in contact with the painted side of the glass. Over this is glued a sheet of some dark, strong paper to serve as a backing. If this paper is so cut as to be a little larger than the glass, its edges can be folded over so as to form a border on the picture side. This, however, is hard to make successful and the better way is to have the backing paper only the size of the glass and then give an edging of Dennison's passe partout binding. If a good selection of tones has been made in the print, the paint and the binding colors, the results will be most pleasing. The print being in optical contact with the glass has an enameled effect that is most pleasing in some classes of subjects, particularly in the smaller sizes. A little brass ring through which a loop of tape has been passed and glued to the back of the frame, will make the work more complete. Some very good devices are also furnished by the Dennison people which are intended for show cards and the like and are amply strong enough for the smaller sizes. I am quite proud of the few I have turned out simply in this manner. In one or two cases I elaborated somewhat by gluing the arrangement upon a piece of thin, dark wood which was fitted with those Turner's corners advertised in a recent issue. These last were very effective and compared favorably with pictures of similar description of framing, offered in the stationery stores at a price ranging from two dollars upward. The making of these little ornaments is at least a good way to rid one's self of a good part of their accumulation of waste negatives and the results of a few evenings' work are gladly accepted by one's friends.—F. J. C. in St. Louis E Canadian.

201. Harry G. Boud, 717 Bangs Ave.,
Asbury, N. J.
202. Geo. H. Riches, Silvertown, Ore.
203. John Boesch, 76 Edward St., Hart-
ford, Conn.

MEMBERS.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 12. 13. 14.
15. 16. and 18. Your membership has
expired; if you wish to be carried on
our rolls for another year, please remit
at once, in order that your name may
appear on our new Membership List.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

128. Russell Brewster, from 23 Linden
Ave., to 365 Ocean Ave., Flat-
bush, Brooklyn, N. Y.

ALL MEMBERS

Who have given up card collecting or
whose address does not agree with
our records, will greatly oblige by ad-
vising the secretary.

MEMBER No. 51.

W. Roscoe, Buenos Ayres, Argentine,
Republic, has given up card collecting,
so please do not send him any more
cards for exchange.

A COMPLAINT

Has been entered against Member No.
42 by Member No. 164, and we hope
the case will be satisfactorily adjusted
by the time we make our next report.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

86. M. W. Jones, from 1428 Herkimer
St., Brooklyn, N. Y., to 404 De-
catur St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

RESIGNED.

132. Miss Rose Davis, Great Falls,
Mont., has given up card collecting,
and requests that we cancel her name.

NEW MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Will be published next month, and if
you have changed your address or
given up card collecting, notify the
secretary at once; also non-members
who are thinking of joining will do
well to join now and have their names
included. It will be the largest list
of active card collectors ever pub-
lished, and will reach every country in
the world.

MR. F. J. RADETZKY.

Member No. 97, of Jacksonville, Tex.,
desires to announce that he has closed
his exchange until further notice.

BANK BILLS OF THE AUGUSTA INSURANCE AND BANKING CO.

This company was chartered in
about 1820, and their first issue was
issued in 1821-30, and was issued un-
der the following plan, that the agent
of the company would cash the bills
in current funds of the time. They
read as follows: The agent of the
Augusta Insurance and Banking Co.
will pay to the bearer at the com-
pany's office, whatever amount that
was presented. Are of the values of
\$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100;
this is the first issue. The second is-
sue was the same, but no agent. Pay
at the bank to bearer of the same
values of \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50,
\$100. The second issue was issued in
1830 to 1840. The third issue was is-
sued 1840 to 1857, and are large in
size, and of the following values:
\$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$50, \$100, and was pay-
able at the bank to bearer. The fourth
issues were issued in October, 1855
only, at least that is the only time that
I can find any dates; are in red and
black, with red on left end only, and
is a design that is patented, is called
a caveat. It is for the cashier and
president to sign their names on, and
are in the following value: \$1, \$2,
\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100. The fifth is-
sue is red and black; are of the
values of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100;
issued in 1859 to 1861. There is also
a \$5. Second series of the third issue,
1852-54, which all collectors know
about, the third and fifth issues are
common as all collections have them,
but the first, second and fourth issues
are scarce, and you could say the first
issue is very rare. You don't find
them in collections. Thirty-eight bills
have been issued by this bank, as can
be found out. If any one has any
others I would be pleased to have the
date and value of such.

T. WHITTEMORE.

CAMERA NEWS



Editor, F. J. CLUTE, San Francisco

Print Albums or Print Scrap Books.

By Harry M. Wilson, Chicago.

In looking over a season's prints, no little of the pleasure is derived from calling up the memories connected with each picture, and the circumstances under which the negatives were secured. In this way many a spare hour can be pleasantly passed, not only by enjoying the real pictures, the prints that gives us a little more than a mere record and charm by their pictorial qualities, but also the so-called records pure and simple, secured mainly from memoranda, all will bring back incidents that would otherwise have been entirely forgotten. For this reason alone, if for no other, an album is very useful and while a portfolio has some advantages, the album, after being properly bound, keeps the prints compact and together, and one is not tempted every now and then to take out one's best prints for exchange, to send to some competition, never to see them again, or to present as a souvenirs to admiring friends.

We have found the album system especially convenient for the arrangement of such prints as are taken while on a trip, and the pho-

tographic enthusiast will always manage, in some way, to add a camera to his baggage. We would suggest to arrange prints obtained on such trips in rotation as they are taken, and adding such memoranda as may be of interest on the margins or the mounts, if the color of these will permit it. Should the mounts, however, be too dark in tint to take writing, loose leaves of light color can be placed between, or bound in the rear. In making more extended you can quickly determine its center and can then place the camera directly on the floor, pointing the lens upward. The slide can be removed before so doing and the exposure made with a cap if the shutter will not work in that position.

For extended trips we are in favor of the hand-camera, the more compact the better, and some of the excellent makes lately put on the market are really marvels of perfection and answer almost every purpose.

Prints, of course, should lie perfectly flat, and this can easily be accomplished by pasting the corners only, very slightly, just enough to make them stick well; the moment prints or mounts are wrinkled the beauty of the picture, as well as the album, is gone. Albums nowadays

can be obtained in endless variety, and no trouble whatever to select something suitable from the dealer's stock, and prices also are within the reach of any one, from the most inexpensive makes up to the more elaborate and ornamental ones. Besides, any one with enough ingenuity to produce photographs can also arrange an album according to his own notions, containing any variety of tints to match his prints, and of any desired size, by simply making use of the mounting papers and fastening the backs by clips, cord or ribbon, or something still better be desired, the finished album can be taken to the binders for the putting on of a cover.

ANSWERS

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

H. A. C. —USING OLD DEVELOPING PAPER: You can secure good results from such by increasing the exposure and developing with a well-restrained developer. As an addition of bromide sufficient to counteract the overexposure will possibly result in green tones it will be best to use a 10 per cent. solution of cyanide of potassium as well. And an equal amount of both the cyanide of potassium solution and the bromide solution to the developer, say five minims of each to the ounce of developer. Immerse a strip of the unexposed paper in the developer and if the emulsion shows signs of greying, in thirty seconds you can expose your paper long enough

to suit the restrained developer and you will have thirty seconds in which to develop the print without fear of the paper showing the marking of which you complain.

F. M. G.—TONING BATH DETE-RIORATING: When your toning bath turns purple and throws down a precipitate it will no longer serve its purpose. The black sediment is metallic gold and should be saved and a new bath compounded.

C. B. R. —SENSITIZING AND PRINTING ON LINEN.—The linen is first thoroughly washed and then soaked in the following:

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| Water | 8 ounces |
| Bromide Pottass..... | 45 grains |
| Bromide Cadmium..... | 15 grains |
| Pottassium Iodide..... | 15 grains |

After drying it is sensitized in a dark room in a solution of

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Water | 7 ounces |
| Pyrogallol..... | 75 grains |
| Citric Acid..... | 6 drams |

A good washing next follows, when it may, if desired be toned with a bath made as follows:

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| Water | 1 pint |
| Sulphocyanide Aumn..... | 187 1-2 grains |
| Gold Chloride | 7 grains |

It is then fixed and washed in the customary way.—Photo. Gazette.

CHO. —CLEARING BATH FOR NEGATIVES STAINED YELLOW BY PYRO DEVELOPER.—Immerse the negatives in the following solution until yellow fog disappears.

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Sulphate of Iron..... | 75 grammes |
| Citric Acid..... | 25 grammes |
| Alum..... | 25 grammes |
| Water..... | 500 C. C. |

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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, Neb.
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The list was left out last month by the printer being a new one.

Those marked x exchange souvenir cards.

- xMiss Louise Seitz, Fremont
- xAlbert Olson, Cedar Bluffs
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- L Forest, Diller
- E Gozzard, Grand Island

We wish to hear more members' ideas in what way we can help them more.

"Money makes the mare go."
When man wastes material and is careless in conducting business, the chances are that he will never have the animal or money to make her go. A. Bogardus, St. L. & Can. Phot.

The eyes and judgments of critics differ, called fine by one and failure by another.—A. Bogardus, St. L. & C. Phot.

With everything complete for use, failure in photograshy should be the exception.—A. Bogardus, St. L. & Can. Phot.

Making Interiors.

A correspondent in New York asks me to tell him how he can get results in making interiors. He sends me a few samples of his work and the whole trouble lies in his giving entirely too short exposures. All interiors, or, rather, nearly all of them, contain very great contrasts. We all know how carefully we must time a distant or flat landscape, even to the fraction of a second, if we wish to secure the best results. Where great contrasts are being dealt with there is a much greater latitude in the matter of exposure. Very few interiors are over-time. Another important matter is the plate. A double-coated, orthochromatic plate will give results so far superior in this class of work that there is no comparison. In developing them one should use a diluted but fresh developer. Have little fear of over-exposure. These plates will come up much as if too long an exposure had been given, but it is only the top or faster coating that gives this effect. Development should be continued with the normal solution and a stronger developer applied only when it is certain that the required density can not be secure otherwise. Only enough density is required to give a little snap to the negative and if more is attempted or allowed there will result only those chalky high lights which have no place in work of this class.

A great many photographs are begun well, but spoiled before completion.

The Editor Says:

The Lusterine Manufacturing Company, of Long Beach, California is rapidly forging to the front. The photographic cloth they are turning out is very fine. They offer a very fine print along with every sample ordered during certain months. Look up their advertisement in this issue and see what they are offering. The cloth gives pure platinum tones and is easy to work.

The Williams Printing Frame is a great convenience. You can print your films without cutting them apart. You do not have them curling up and twisting around. Write to E. R. Williams & Co., Downer's Grove, Ills., and they will send you a descriptive circular.

Once in a while we hear an individual say he has been tried at several places and cannot be taken by any camera. Well, some folks are too mean to leave a shadow.—A. Bogardus, St. L. & Can. Phot.

Badly-lighted photographs are like the early war news from the East and the Dutchman's spotted cow: sometimes white and sometimes black.—A. Bogardus, St. L. & Can. Phot.

Some photographers' heads are so urned that they cannot see where improvements can be made when the badly dressed sitter presents herself. Many little attentions would greatly improve her appearance.—A. Bogardus, St. L. & Can.

Drying Prints Flat.

Another belated communication, this time from a local amateur, contains an inquiry as to the best method of drying prints flat. They will curl, it 'is the nature of the beast." The gelatine film has a different scale of contraction and expansion from the paper on which it is printed. This alone is bad enough, but when one remembers that most papers expand and contract under varying conditions of moisture in a greater degree in one direction than in another, the liability to curl is explained. My own plan is to let them curl, placing a clean blotter on them if they are inclined to indulge too much in this form of amusement, and then straighten them out after they become dry. This is done by drawing each one upward and away from a smooth edged ruler held against the back of the print as it lies face down on a clean surface with one end between the fingers and thumb of one hand while the ruler is held with the other. A little practice will make one quite rapid and proficient in its use. I employ one of the cheap Japanese rulers made from a flat strip of bamboo. It is my practice to do this flattening of the prints before the paper itself—which takes longer than the film—is perfectly dry; allowing the completion of the drying process to take place while the prints are stacked up together under a moderate weight. If the film is perfectly dry, the slight amount of moisture in the paper will dry out and leave the prints as near flat as one could wish.—Western Camera No 34.

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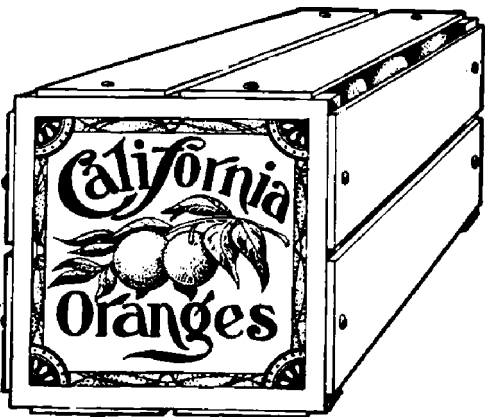
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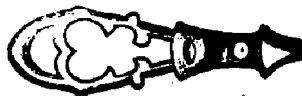
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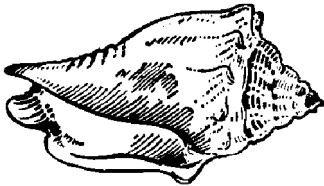
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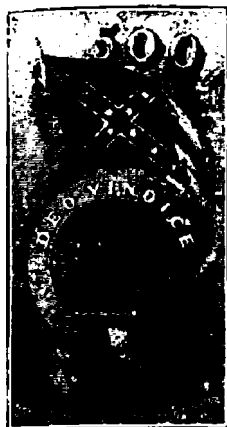
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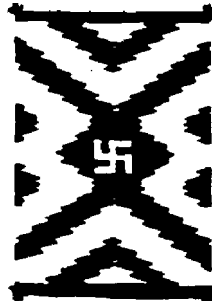
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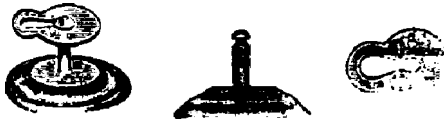
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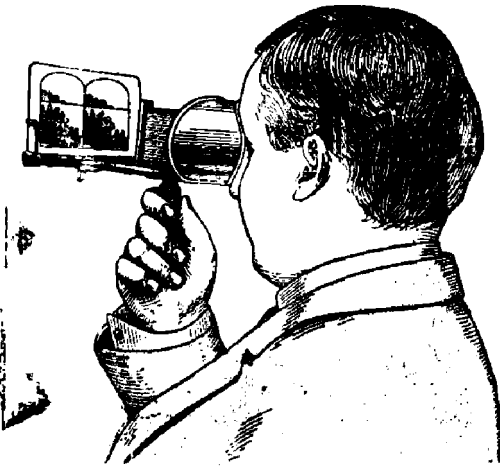
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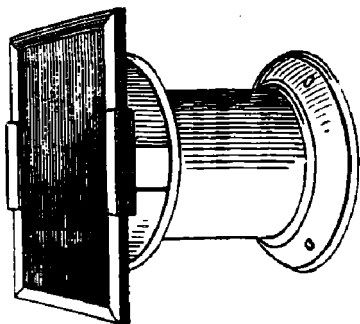
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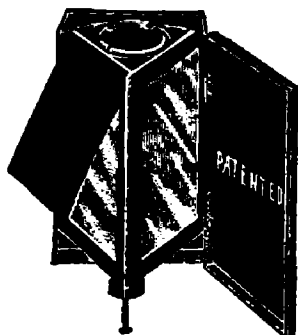
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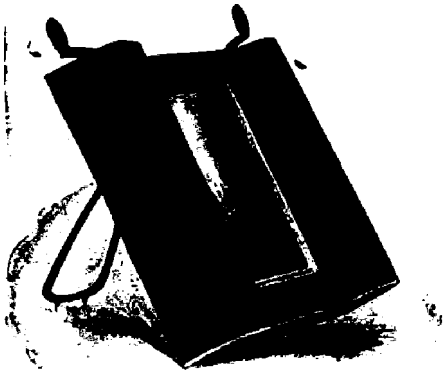
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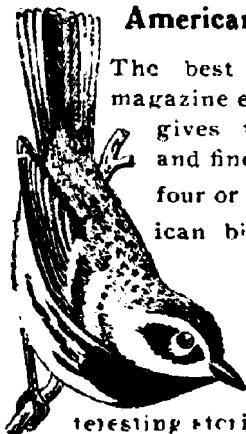
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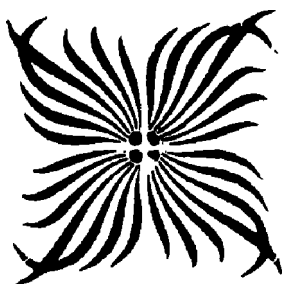
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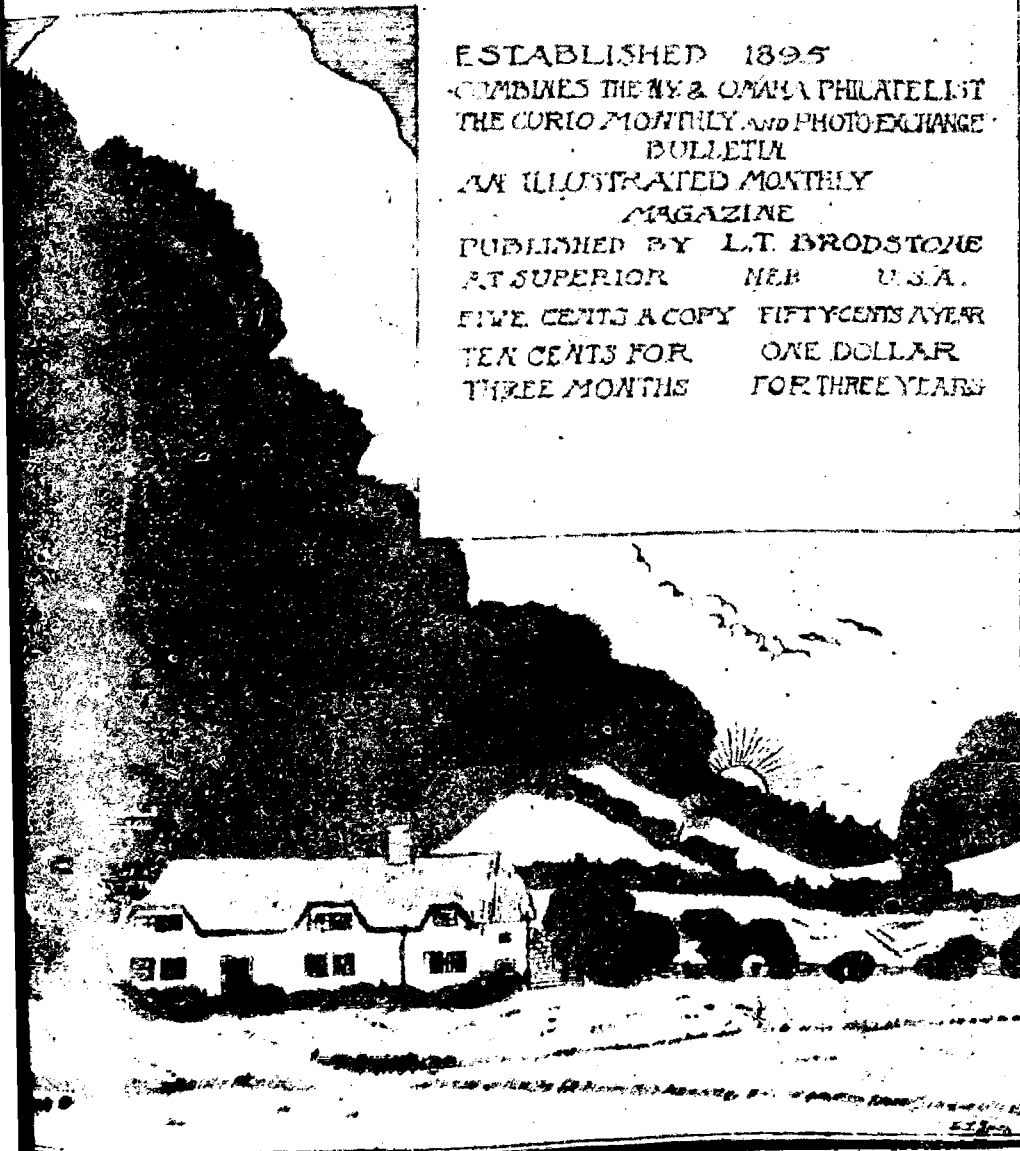
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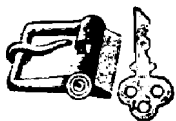
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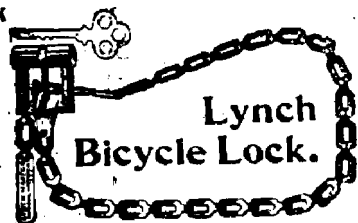
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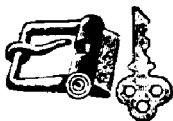
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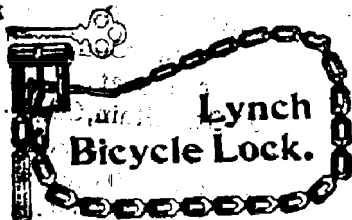
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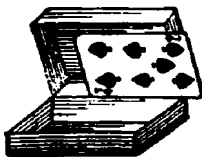


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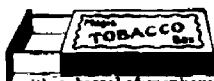
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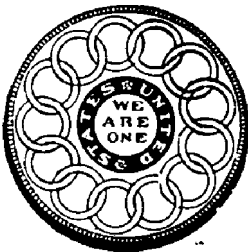
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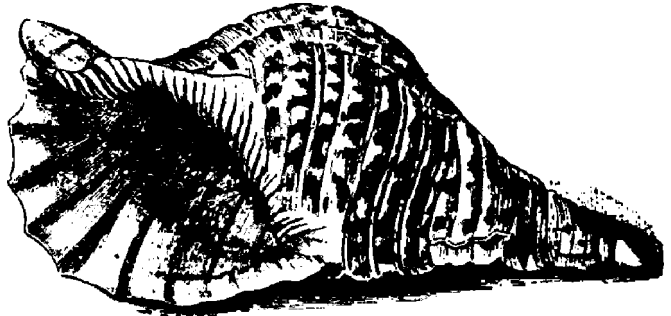
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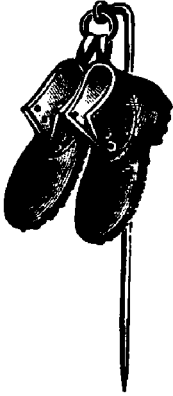
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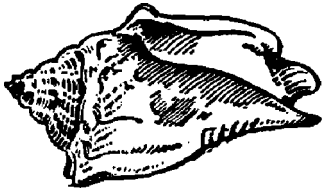
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The Narragansetts had some knowledge of the art of cookery. The clam-bake has already been described. They roasted clams, lobster, crabs and other shell-fish, and understood how to smoke the flesh of the deer and certain kinds of fish. Williams says they made "a daintie dish" of the head of the bass. Parched mea', boiled, was called *aupuminea-nawsaump*; unparched meal, boiled, was known as *nawsaump*. *Sautauthig* was a corn meal bread flavored with *sautash*, or whortle berries dried and pounded to powder. Corn bread was also flavored with strawberries. Another dish, not mentioned by Williams, but which is well known at the present day in Rhode Island, was *succotash*, which is made by boiling corn and beans together. Corn, beans and squashes were often roasted in hot ashes. And, doubtless, there were many other methods of cooking food which

have not been handed down to us. tradition states that the famous "Rhode Island johnny cakes, baked on a board" was, originally, an Indian dish.

Did space permit much more might be written regarding the arts practiced by the Narragansetts. Mr. C. Abbott Davis has recently discovered that the making of shell arrows was one of their trades, and it is to be hoped that his investigations will shed still further light upon their mode of life. The soil of Rhode Island no doubt contains many hidden treasures which, however, may be revealed to the waiting, watchful eyes of the antiquarian, to whose researches the writers and readers of history owe so much.

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I must warn collectors and dealers against some forgeries of Ceylon On Service King's head and stamps, which are now being widely circulated. There are two kinds.

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Drying Prints Flat

Another belated communication, this time from a local amateur, contains an

inquiry as to the best method of drying prints flat. It is next to impossible to dry them so that they will lie flat. They will curl, it "is the nature of the beast." The gelatine film has a different scale of contraction and expansion from the paper on which it is coated. This alone is bad enough, but when one remembers that most papers expand and contract under varying conditions of moisture in a greater degree in one direction than in another, the liability to curl is explained. My own plan is to let them curl, placing a clean blotter on them if they are inclined to indulge too much in this form of amusement, and then straighten them after they become dry.

This is done by drawing each one upward and away from a smooth edged ruler held against the back of the print as it lies face down on a clean surface with one end between the fingers and thumb of one hand while the ruler is held in the other. A little practice will make one quite rapid and proficient in its use. I employ one of the cheap Japanese rulers made from a flat strip of bamboo. It is my practice to do this flattening of the prints before the paper itself which takes longer than the film is perfectly dry; allowing the completion of the drying process to take place while the prints are stacked up together under a moderate weight. If the film is perfectly dry, the slight amount of moisture in the paper will dry out and leave the prints as near flat as one could wish. —Western Camera Notes



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A Fine Background

On another page you will find an advertisement of the "Velveta" Folding Backgrounds. You can get six effects with the one ground, simply by changing its position. The prices are moderate. I have used

one for some time and although I bought the largest size I have congratulated myself that it was the best investment I have made in the last few years, as far as photographic utilities are concerned. As the makers say: This new style ground is made on material as flexible as a common every-day pocket handkerchief. Can be folded and carried in a small box—just the accessory to take away on a summer vacation. Always ready. Stretch it on a frame and all wrinkles disappear. Cannot be chafed, dented, nor scratched. Will never wear out.

Question That I Cannot Answer.

I am always willing to answer questions to the best of my ability but I wish it understood that after the first of the year I will draw the line at trying to explain what is meant by extracts from "Amateur Photographic" departments in the lay press. I have just received a clipping from a San Francisco daily running such a department, in which the writer says: "I always work the lens at 8 degrees Fahrenheit, as this gives a more soft effect and at the same time reduces the time of exposure. Some of the cheaper lenses will not work satisfactorily at 8 degrees Fahrenheit, in which case the lens can be worked at a slower speed with perhaps the desired result." My correspondent who sends the clipping says it is from an article telling "how to arrange, photograph and develop flowers" and asks what is to be understood by using a lens at "8 degrees Fahrenheit." This is hard to believe—the clipping part of it—but I have the article in my possession and can prove the fact. These "Amateur Photographic" departments should be called Amateur Editing departments, and be run in the comic section. They would then cause less trouble.—Western Camera Notes.

CAMERA NEWS

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A PLEA FOR INDIVIDUALITY

By W. H. CROCKER.

Every artist has his special line. The landscape painter does not exhibit figure studies, nor does the portrait painter send to the exhibitions examples of landscape art. Each man works out his ideas in the field of art that most appeals to him, and familiarity with this fact makes it possible to pick out each one's picture by reason of some well-known mark of individuality.

As a rule, we all expose too many plates and on too great a variety of subjects. Better fewer exposures, and of a class of subjects that more directly appeals to us. There are many special lines of picture-making, Landscapes, with and without figures, genre studies, animal life, still life, portraiture, to enumerate but a few of the many,—all afford opportunity for study and effort. If we select one or two of these, and work at them intelligently and with serious intent, photography becomes more than a fad.

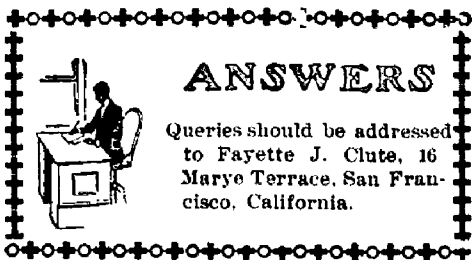
The selection of a special field of work will, of course, be largely controlled by our environment,—whether we live in town and only on rare occasions get into the country, where our country cousins have a

wider field of selection. The dwellers in large cities are able to secure pictures of great value and interest. The complex population of large cities, with their colonies, or congregations, of races and types, afford a most entertaining field of picture-making.

The amateur living in the country has an exhaustible field for selection, and he need be at no loss for material to engage in a special line of work that will give him employment for all the time he may be able to spend abroad with his camera. Don't cover the whole field. Select a class of work that most appeals to you and give it the study it deserves.—*Browning's Magazine.*

Distortion

The converging lines formed by the sides of the building are in no way the fault of your lens. The best lens made will so render these lines if the camera is used with the back, or, rather, the plate, in other than a perpendicular position. If the bed of the camera is at all out of the horizontal the swing back should be used to bring the back of the camera perpendicular. Many of the English cameras are supplied with a plumb on the back to facilitate this being done.



ANSWERS

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L. M. K.—VIGETTINC BROMIDE PRINTS:—Cover the front paper, stretched tightly, and gummed along the edges; this will be about a quarter of an inch in front of the negative. Now take a negative box or the lid of one same size as the negative in use. Cut out of it a piece the size and shape of that portion of the negative which it is required to print full strength, and with a pair of scissors cut out V-shaped pieces all round the opening; the longer and narrower these serrations are, the more gradual will be the vignette. This vignetting mask is attached to the printing by gumming or pasting strips of paper along the side of the box. The object is to keep the mask about an inch in front of negative. If the vignette should still prove too abrupt hold a sheet of tissue paper in front of the mask while the exposure is being made; or thin tufts of cotton wool sprayed over the central portion from the serrations will assist in softening the light.

H. B. H.—VALUE OF STOPS WHEN USING ONE OF THE COMMON PARTS OF A. R. R. LENS: The value of stop is as its diameter is to the focus of the lens.

Thus --has a diameter one-eighth of the focus of the lens it is used with. When the focus of the lens is doubled the same stop being used,—becomes —, because its diameter is only one-sixteenth of the focus of the new lens, and it will require four times the exposure it did with the lens in its entirety. Our correspondent's stops are somewhat irregularly numbered, but if he reckons that each when used with the half lens will require four times the exposure it did when used with the complete lens the case will be met.

"A sketch in black and white," a black mammy photographed holding a white baby.—A. Bogardus, St. L. & Can. Phot.

A. L. C:—SENSITIZING IVORY: We do not know any way of sensitizing ivory in order to get a faint image suitable for water color except the carbon process.

L. D. H. PHOTOGRAPHING A CEILING:—If you find difficulty in focusing the camera in the perpendicular position and wish to get in as much of it as possible, measure the distance between the ceiling and the floor, and then focus on a wall at the same distance, using the camera on a tripod and setting the focusing screw tight. By sighting across the room from two corners you can quickly determine its center and can then place the camera directly on the floor, pointing the lens upward. The slide can be removed before so doing and the exposure made with a cap if the shutter will not work in that position.

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The pictorial Post Card boom has indeed achieved a distinct success and undoubtedly proved a hobby that has come to stay. It has to no small degree substituted letter writing. This fact has been substantiated by the Postmaster General's statistics, contained in the annual report. As regards the future, I unhesitatingly prophecy that the custom will not only maintain its vast popularity, but continue on the upward grade without the re-action that very often characterizes such hobbies. Hence the post card vogue is one of plebian consistency, which speaks vivaciously for those interested in the growth of the Post Card World.

The Holiday Season.

The approaching holiday season will doubtless establish another record from the post card standpoint. Several novelties will make their debut, as a matter of fact, news of great preparation has already come to hand from the leading publishers. With such a promising out-look we may confidently anticipate productions of the highest quality.

The Arts of the Narragansett Indians.

By Virginia Baker.

III

Among the Narragansetts it was customary for persons to follow a certain trade, or occupation. Thus one man would employ himself in making arrows, another was a bow maker, a third drilled and polished shell beads, a fourth shaped stone hatchets, and so on. The women were skilled in the art of pottery making and also made dishes of stone.

Prior to the arrival of the English, stone, shell and wood yielded the material from which the Narragansetts fashioned all their tools and other utensils. Rogers Williams mentions hoes made of wood and of clam shells, but does not allude to stone hoes. Yet many stone hoes and other digging implements have been found in Rhode Island. Fine specimens of stone axes, hatchets, chisels, hammers, pestles and knives have been unearthed.

Pipes were made of wood and stone. Some of these says Williams were "two foot long with men or beasts carved, so big or massive that a man may be hurt mortally by one." He adds that those large pipes were generally obtained from the Mauquariwoge (probably Mohawks), a tribe living three or four hundred miles distant from the Narragansett country. He continues, "They have an excellent Art to cast our Pewter

and Brass into very neate and artificiall pipes."

Judging by the vocabulary supplied by the "Key" the savage had rather more variety in respect to wardrobe than might be imagined at first thought. Williams gives the words:

"Tummockquashunck, a Beaver's coat.

"Nkequashunck, an Otter's coat.

"Mohewonck, a Rakoone-skin coat.

"Natoquashunck, a Wolves-skin coat.

"Mishannequashunck, a squirrel-skin coat.

"Acoh, their Deere skin.

"Cankoanash, Stockins.

"Mockussinshass, Shoes.

"Saunketippo or Ashonaquo. a hat or cap.

"Neyhommaanashunck. a coat or mantle, curiously made of the fairest feathers of their Neyhommanog, or Turkeys, which commonly their old men make; and is with them as velvet with us."

Bracelets, necklaces, belts, girdles, coats and caps were made of wampum and a rich man often carried his entire stock of "ready money" about upon his person. A great deal of care was expended on the garments and ornaments of wampum. The groundwork was often of white beads with figures of animals, birds, flowers and men wrought in "black" beads.

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intend to do so. The secretary is
heartily pleased to hear that some
of our members are going to renew
their subscription to the "Pacific"
without being requested to.

The Sec'y was greatly surprised to
receive so many cards from Canada
and Nova Scotia during the month
of May and part of June, they came
by one to four cards every day from
people in different towns and cities,
so I wouldn't be surprised to get a
card from every place in Canada be-

fore long if they keep coming in as they do now.

Why not start a branch of the "Pacific" in Canada. What do you say, Canadians? Write.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fellow Members:

I have hardly anything to say, but as I wish to keep in touch with all members to the best of my ability, I am content with merely a word of greeting and fellowship.

New members are not coming in as fast as they should for a society offering such benefits as ours does. A collector may think that he is benefitted just as much by joining other card clubs as he is by the Pacific, but the most important question is, are they as active and energetic as ours? Let it be understood that I by no means wish by this to cry down the other clubs, but am merely putting a question. (then, too, there are generous premiums for securing new members.)

If I can be of service to any members, they have but to let me know.

Awaiting your commands. I remain

Very Sincerely,

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The eleventh regular meeting of the society was held July 11th with 13 members present. The exchange manager reported 82 books in circulation, as against 14 on June 7th when the exchange system was introduced. The invitation of the secretary to the society "en bloc" to hold an outing at Jerusalem (World's Fair) was accepted with thanks. The secretary contends that closing-laws of the state of Missouri cannot stop the flow in Jerusalem!

The twelfth regular meeting was held July 25th with Vice President Dietering in the chair and twelve members present. Mr. O. J. King was elected to membership. The first prize for the exhibition of the ten prettiest stamps ever issued, was awarded to Dr. Higson and second prize to Mr. Humes. Mr. Diamant then announced terms of a contest to be held September 5th to bring out the ten ugliest postage stamps.

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OUR MEMBERS.

THE AMERICAN SOUVENIR CARD EXCHANGE.

We are pleased to announce to our members that THE AMERICAN SOUVENIR CARD EXCHANGE, with its entire active membership, has been consolidated with THE UNION, and will henceforward be a part of and go under the name of THE UNION SOUVENIR CARD EXCHANGE. All active members have been added to our list assigned new numbers, and will receive THE WEST regularly from now on.

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are unable to translate, we have opened a Bureau of Translation with Mr. Alois Vedernjak in charge. Mr. Vedernjak is a retired seaman, has traveled twice around the world and mastered all the modern languages. He offers his services free to all members of THE UNION, but of course it will be necessary to enclose return postage when sending communications for translation. To non-members a charge is assessed for his services.

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19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58. You should favor us with a prompt renewal by remitting your dues for another year. We have been good to you by including your names on our mammoth membership list, notwithstanding the fact that your membership expired last month.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

197. Joseph Ettl has changed his address to Occidental Hotel, Santa Rosa, California.

RESIGNATIONS.

114. V. G. Bandel, Whitby, Ontario.

COMPLAINTS.

146 against 19, 37, 56, 81, 93, 121, 124, 131.
174 against 79 and 121.

THE PHILATELIC WEST.

If you do not receive your paper regularly notify the publisher, giving your full name and address; and not the Secretary of THE UNION, and the matter will be given prompt attention.

WHERE TO BUY YOUR CARDS.

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24. Edwin B. Smith, Oxford, Idaho.
26. William Burton, 1 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri.
28. Miss Rose A. Smith, Smithton, Arkansas.
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41. Henry Schott, 818 Lorain St., Cleveland, Ohio.
42. Frank A. Hardy, Box 33, Quebec, Canada.
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70. V. Mozian, 45 Beaver St., New York, N. Y.
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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fellow-members:

I am glad to again report some new members. Our society is progressing finely and every prospect looks bright for a fine convention at Niagara Falls. Hope as many members as possible will attend and get acquainted with one another. Election ballots will be mailed this month and nominations are given in this issue. We have quite decided on having two official organs and let each member take his choice and pay their rates, or take both. Mail your ballots in to the committee.

Sincerely yours,

FRED A. MUELLER,

Secy-Treas.

| New Members. | Proposed by |
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- Lee Davis, A. B. Dick, W. G. Rice, W.
J. Peters, Fred Petty, J. H. Wilson, W. E.
Whitehead, Fred Billings.

DELINQUENTS.

117. 118. 119. 121. 122. 148. 150. 152.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

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| Applications and dues..... | \$6.35 |
| Sales department..... | 1.75 |
| On hand May 20th..... | 17.81 |

\$25.91

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| April report | \$1.96 |
| Postage on notices, etc.... | 1.75 |
| | \$3.71 |
| Balance on hand July 7th.. | 22.20 |

\$25.91

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE M. P. A.

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CONVENTION SEAT.

Put-in-Bay, O. Clinton, N. Y.

OFFICIAL ORGAN.

The West. Stamp News.

PERSONALS.

The librarian reports a sending of 105 valuable consecutive stamp papers from member C. P. Sutton. President Munger also sent 75 new pieces, and next month a detailed report will be made.

At the convention the promoters of the New York state branch are going to do business and formulate their plans.

The Sales department has suffered numerous losses and now we are going to effectively prosecute all persons tampering with the department. A number of books sent to England were stolen from, but the Postal department made good the loss. The loss of the

whole circuit between Utica and East Providence was severe, but numerous members have contributed towards the Insurance fund. If you are willing to help us, send your donation direct to Mr. Leon V. Cass, Lenox, Pa. Member William Brown of Salisbury, England, just contributed \$5.00 towards our losses. Would that more would assist like him! Some stamps were stolen on a circuit from J. T. Hamel of Roberval, Quebec, and although we have repeatedly written him, he will not answer us. If he is innocent, he has a queer and decidedly suspicious way of doing business. Anyone who knows anything about him is requested to write us.

June 8th was a memorable day in the M. P. A. membership. Mr. Fred A. Mueller was married at 11 a. m. at Worms, Nebraska, to Miss Anna Schipmann. The same day, H. D. Munger was graduated from the C. F. A. at Corning, N. Y. Member Nugent also graduated this month from Merrill High School. Best wishes to all!

Some members are wishing to get Mekeel's Stamp News for our official organ. Our plan is to have both the Philatelic West and Mekeel's as official organs and let each member have and pay for either or both at his wishes. Election ballots will give particulars.

All members are invited to communicate with J. A. D. Park (Inter. Secy.), 510 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., or Wm. G. Adams, 309 27th Ave. S., Seattle, Wash., with reference to a society now in process of formation which has for an object the promotion of philately among followers of the best international language (Esperanto), who call themselves Esperantists, and who can speak or who are inter-

ested in "La Lingvo Internacia." Communications on this subject will be welcomed and attended to by either of the above members.

Members in Victoria and New Zealand are endeavoring to form a branch for Australia and we hope they will succeed.

The Niagara Falls convention of the Metropolitan Philatelic Association will be held on August 14-16, with headquarters at the International Hotel. All members are gladly invited to attend and bring their friends. This is a beautiful place and fine vacation spot. All philatelists are cordially invited to assemble with us also. Election ballots are mailed and you are to send in same as soon as possible and also name your proxy. Let us have a rousing convention. The committee guarantee a good time for everyone and are perfecting detailed arrangements.

Immediately after the convention we will turn all our work to the M. P. A. handbook, which will be a fine souvenir and worthy of a long life. Size of the book will be 6 by 9 inches, and besides containing list of all members with their addresses, will have other valuable philatelic information and exchange notices. Advertisements for same are solicited from everyone, and we will guarantee this will be a paying place to put out a line. A lasting reminder and bring your name before the public at a small price. Issue will have over 1,500 circulation and go all over the world. Terms for advertisements and notices upon application to H. D. Munger, Corning, N. Y. All matter for insertion must be in by August 25th. Already 10 pages of advertising have been contracted for by large firms.

Nominations are given this month and we trust an efficient corps of officers will be elected to take up the work. Mr. H. D. Munger refused to run for president again inasmuch as he felt that he had not the requisite time to devote to the work. We trust all members will send in their ballots promptly.

The Butterfly King.

The late Mr. William Watkins, one of the foremost entomologists of the day, who was of Welsh extraction, began collecting butterflies when he was a schoolboy of nine.

At that time there were fields in the vicinity of Peckham, and the first butterfly Mr. Watkins ever caught was the "peacock."

From thenceforth he became an ardent entomologist; he gradually went on collecting moths, and eventually he made this the business of his life.

His parents articed him to some ship and insurance brokers, but while out with them he devoted all his leisure time to collecting. Indeed, it was no unusual occurrence for him to stay out until midnight in pursuit of the treasures he coveted. Taking a dislike to the ship-broking business, and manifesting the desire to "see life," he went to India, where he had plenty of scope for his love of entomology.

After a sojourn of six years in India, he returned to England, and was able to sell a large collection to Mr. Hormau, the well-known tea merchant.

He then began business as a professional entomologist, and opened establishments in Piccadilly and in the Strand. In 1881 he formed the Insect House in the Zoological Gardens.

During the past ten years he resided at Eastbourne, where he carried on the breeding of butterflies of the most diverse specimens. His success earned for him the name of "The Butterfly King."

CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Organized September, 1898, as the League of Canadian Philatelists.

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SECY-TREAS. REPORT, CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

375. W. C. White, age 31, general agent and stamp dealer, 90 Horton St., Lewiston, Me. Ref.: F. B. Eveleth, Lewiston, Me.; F. B. Archer.
376. M. I. O. Lamb, age 31, accountant government, 41 McLeod St., Calcutta, India. Ref.: L. T. Broadstone, Geo. W. Mikie, Mildred Hall, Ballygunge, Calcutta, India.
377. Eben J. Smith, newspaper, 1029 Laguna St., San Francisco, Cal. Ref.: O. Norcross, E. H. Young.
378. A. M. McNeil, age 23, stamps, 1282 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Ref.: R. R. Bogert, H. Smith.

I regret to have to report the following members dropped for non-payment of dues, all of whom have been notified:

233. Fred E. Rogers.
277. P. R. White.
335. Arthur Bori.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

362. A. Chagnon, 758 Mance St., Montreal, Que.

DUES FROM JULY, 1905.

I beg to remind members whose certificates expire July 1st, 1905, to remit their dues as promptly as possible, as by so doing they will greatly assist the Secretary-Treasurer. Certificates under the following numbers become due July 1st, 1905: 63, 69, 73, 76, 81, 82, 85, 87, 131, 134, 135, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 153, 156, 160, 167, 172, 178, 210, 215, 216, 217, 223, 225, 229, 232, 251, 255, 256, 262, 263, 265, 266, 268, 270, 272, 273, 275, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 312, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343.

The following has been admitted to membership: No. 371, Harold K. Wardell, 180 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Faithfully yours,

FRED B. ARCHER,

Secy-Treas. Canadian Philatelic Soc.

I would venture to adapt part of an old saying "What is home—without a picture post card album?" To answer this query would not by any means prove a formidable task, for it has become quite an essential feature of the household, forming a very pleasing supplement to the family photograph album.

hammer and rubbing stones, the so-called cup-stones and various other objects. I have a large millstone or mortar weighing 75 pounds, which I found in a fence row bordering an Indian village site. The owner of the land told me he had placed it there to get it out of the field, thinking it was only a water-worn boulder. On another occasion I saw a fine Sioux quartzite grinder or pestle among other rocks, doing duty as a "chink" in a farmer's log smoke house.

In a recent issue of the WEST I mentioned finding on the Indian village sites along the Missouri River, numerous pebbles which had evidently been carried there by the Indians to be used for various purposes, and cited a number of uses to which the aborigines have been known to apply water-worn and slightly modified pebbles. I will here add that Dr. Lumholtz, the distinguished ethnologist, while sojourning among the Tarahumares, of Mexico, learned that a common pebble formed an important part in the love affairs of these natives. The women did all the courting. When a maiden wished to pop the question she would throw a pebble at her beloved, and if he threw it back, the match was made. Hon. Richard C. Adams, the Delaware Indian attorney, has kindly sent me his book, "The Ancient Religion of the Delawares," in which I find a reference to a peculiar ceremonial instrument made from a tortoise shell, containing several pebbles, used

by the Delawares in their 'Thanks-giving dance. To quote from Mr. Adams:

"When the clans are well assembled
On the south shall sit the singers:
On the north shall sit the speaker,
And a tortoise shell with pebbles
Shall be placed before the speaker.
He who feels it is his duty
To address his fellow creatures
And give thanks to the Great Spirit
May attract them with the rattle.
As from left to right it passes."

In my collection is a piece of pumice stone about the size of a person's fist, which was found on an Indian village site near the junction of Salt Creek Valley with the Missouri. It is marked with incisions or grooves showing that it was employed in smoothing arrow-shafts, or in some similar operation. This is the only piece of this material that I have ever found on an Indian village site in this region. It may have been brought from a remote section of the country, or it may have been taken from the Missouri River, by the Indians who occupied the village site. It is said that at an early day it was common to see pumice stone and other volcanic productions floating down the Missouri. As is a well known fact pumice stone will float on water. It is much used by civilized people for polishing wood, and other materials.

Dating from the Louis XIV, period, and having been presented to Prince Metternich by Napoleon I., a rose-wood writing desk, says the Vienna "Neue Freie Presse," was recently by the heirs of the Prince to a purchaser abroad for the sum of £40,000.

Collector's Scrap Book. □

All collectors should have a scrap book, for their own personal benefit, whether they collect and study upon one or a dozen different subjects. Most collectors think more of a well-kept note book than of some fine book pertaining to a certain branch of which they study. So they ought to prize a well-kept scrap book just as much after it were completed.

Collectors of any branch, no doubt, will find articles, essays, pictures and reports, in most any newspaper or magazine, which will be of great interest to them some time. General collectors are apt to find articles of interest in every publication except publications of fiction. Collectors of botanical, entomological and geological specimens will find valuable articles in most all farm, poultry and agricultural papers and periodicals. The collectors of zoological, ornithological and oological specimens will best consult magazines, viz: Success, Munsey's, National, McClure's and all up-to-date magazines, which contain something in nearly every issue very instructive to most collectors. Also collectors of old china, old furniture and antiques will, invariably, find articles of great importance in many of the leading magazines.

I consider my scrap books very valuable, as they contain articles, pictures, reports and notes of actual discoveries which do not exist in natural history books. Therefore

they are very useful and practical in my study.

I will gladly furnish any ideas or information on this subject to brother collectors.

Yours sincerely,

RAY HOTCHKISS BULLIS,
A. S. of C. C. 107.

Profits From Little Things

The collecting habit, in other ways, brings to the Treasury many an honest penny. All postage-stamps which get into albums before being used are so much clear profit, and although the greater number of stamps in albums have doubtless done postal services, there is a natural preference among collectors for new, clean ones. In issues like those for several world's fairs, the sales to collectors formed an appreciable element in the postal revenues.

Coin-collecting, although much less general, is profitable to the government because of the difference between the face and the metallic value of all pieces of money except those made of gold. The entire mint service is paid for by the profit on the one and five-cent pieces.

The post-card craze, which is the newest collecting habit and the recent source of revenue, leads small communities to see what they have in the way of natural beauty or of artistic work that deserves a wide circulation.

The harder they have to look, the more ready they may be to help the next plan that is proposed for beautifying what is about them.

Finest Private Relic Collection in the U. S.

Mr. Issac Yohe, of Monongahela, Pa., has one of the finest collections of war and Indian relics, curios and coins that is owned by any private individual in the United States.

In his collection of coins he has about 2000 old coins which have been unearthed around Jerusalem and which include Roman, Greek, Arabic, Jewish, Mohamed, etc., Among these are found coins of Augustus, Constantine the Great, Romulus and Remus, Julius Caesar, Agrippa, Athens, King of Syveria, Tiberius, Babylonia, coins of the Widow Mite and coins with pictures of chariots, owls, eagles, bears, wolves, pigs, horses, steers, flies, etc.

He has about forty different clay lamps which were used during the time of Christ and that have been found in graves.

He also has several vases and ornaments of glass which were made by the Jews when they were in power in the Holy Land about 2000 years ago. All of these have a peculiar bluish tint which can only be produced by being buried in the ground for ages.

He has several scarabees of sacred beetles of Egypt which were used during the time of the old priesthood.

He has quite a collection of pre-historic implements from Palestine and Egypt, among which are found celts, arrowpoints, spearheads,

flasks, knives and ornaments.

Most of these were found in an old cave 52 feet under the ground and under the old city of Jesuar. This cave was supposed to have, at one time, been inhabited by a band of robbers.

He has some of the uncoined money of the Bible which consist of large bronze rings welded together.

In his collection is found pre-historic flints from America, also many mound relics including pottery, copper plates, wampum, etc, also Peruvian pottery, metal spearpoints from an old wall in the Holy Land, old Jewish rings and bracelets, beads, etc.

All of the things I have named he has at his home in Monongahela and besides these he has 2100 pieces in the Carnegie museum in Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. Yohe will write an article about his coins later on and which I think will be very interesting to the readers of the WEST.

Picture post-cards, which are now so plentiful, bring to the government a most profitable line of postal business. The rate, at a cent each for carrying them through the mail, amounts to about one dollar and a quarter a pound, varying somewhat with the weight of a card. This compares advantageously with the cent a pound on newspapers, the eight cents on books, and the sixteen cents on merchandise. Letter mail would pay twice the postal-card rate, even if every letter weighed its full ounce.

MINERALOGY

NOTE: Readers are invited to contribute interesting notes, items, miscellany to this department. 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 department.—Forest Gains, Ed.

The report has been circulated that the National Museum has recently made the acquisition to its mineralogical collection of the largest mass of pure amethyst in the world. It is part of a mass recently found in Brazil, and sent from there to Oberstein, Bavaria, where are located the largest gem-cutting works in the world. It is claimed that when the mass was first found in the region of the Rio Grande do Sul, it was 33 feet high and weighed 35 tons.

The curator of the Smithsonian Institute, finally succeeded in obtaining a 400 pound fragment of this great mass, and it was placed on exhibition at the St. Louis Exposition.

The mass has lately been shipped to Washington and placed with the regular Smithsonian mineral collection.

It is the regret of many scientists, that the original mass was ever sacrificed to the commercial spirit. Of course, the fragment at Washington, is but an insignificant iota of the original mass of amethyst. In the Smithsonian fragment, every prism is of the most beautiful violet color, and the beautiful effect is still more accentuated when light filters through the quartz prism. Amethyst is one of the rarer forms of the most common mineral quartz.

In several parts of the world, is found a resinous mineral called

ozocerite. This hydro-carbon bears a considerable resemblance to "beeswax" and is usually found in connection with rock-salt and coal. There are deposits of this substance in Russia, Austria, Roumania, Algeria, Egypt, Canada and Mexico.

The U. S. consul at Trieste, Mr. Hossfeld, says that ozocerite has so far not been discovered in quantities sufficient to pay for mining, except in two places. These localities are the district of Boryslav, in Austrian Galicia, and an island on the west coast of the Caspian Sea.

This mineral wax is mined, by first sinking a shaft until a bed or "nest" of ozocerite is struck. Then cross galleries are driven. There is considerable danger in the mining, and many lives have been lost in consequence of the sudden forcing up of the soft wax into the shafts. This latter is due to the enormous pressure, to which the ozocerite is subjected.

Ozocerite is used commercially for manufacturing ceresin which is employed together with beeswax, for making wax candles. The mineral is also used for making phonographic cylinders, and for many similar purposes.

Around the basins of many of the geysers in the Yellowstone National Park, has formed a mineral substance, which is called geyserite, on account of the origin of its formation, that is, the waters of the geysers.

Geyserite is composed of the various salts which were dissolved in the geyser waters, together with various foreign substances, consist of bits of wood, bone, etc. The salts are deposited naturally by evaporation and other means. Some of the geysers have well built cones of this mineral matter and are steadily adding to these deposits from year to year. This is but one of the many curious conditions to be found in our great National Reserve.

The Waste-Basket Examiners.

Among the employes in the treasury department at Washington are two women known as the examiners of the waste-baskets. Their duties are regarded very important. From nine till four o'clock each day, except Sunday, they are to be found in the big grey-brown building. Hour by hour they go carefully through the big piles of waste-paper dumped out for their inspection from the hundreds of waste baskets, which are supposed to catch the litter of officials and clerks, from Secretary Shaw down.

The necessity for employes of this kind will be realized at once, when it is known that drafts and bonds worth from \$1.00 up to \$10,000.00, and even more, are handled about as if they were so much cambric. Frequently carelessness permits one of these slips of paper, representing many hundreds and even thousands of dollars, to fall into a waste-basket.

Until the adoption of the present system of examination, all mishaps of this sort were past immediate correction. While they did not always result in the actual loss of the face value of each bill, they invariably caused a great deal of trouble and annoyance.

Banks that ordered shipments of notes failed to get their money until weeks after the time it should have been delivered. Then, too, the dis-

appearance of an important draft or voucher created suspicion as to the honesty of the employes and kept the treasurer in constant perplexities. Now most of this trouble is avoided.

Every basket in the building is numbered, a tag telling in what room and to what clerk it belongs. Each employe has two baskets which are used on alternate days. The general orders throughout the department are that no scrap of paper shall be thrown into a basket without first being torn in halves. So the examiners are on the lookout for allofficial looking documents, and especially for those that have not been torn. All papers of this kind are laid aside after being labeled with the number of the basket from which they are taken. It frequently happens that much of the stuff taken from the baskets is of no value, but not long ago one of these careful watchers found a ten-thousand-dollar bond in this way.

Several months ago the chief clerk of the department threw into his basket a worthless circular which was folded in the shape of an official document. He failed to disfigure it, and the next morning he was somewhat mystified to find the paper on his desk again. He tossed it into the basket a second time, but the next morning it was on his desk as before. A third time the process was repeated and the chief clerk finally learned that the faithful charwoman was the person who persistently secured the document which he was anxious to throw away.

(To be Continued.)

Spanish Mail Among the Prairie Indians.

You may have read of those breast-plates made of pipe-bone beads which were formerly so much worn by Prairie Indians; perhaps you know that medicine-men sometimes manufactured buffalo-skin armor, which they warranted as 'good medicine' and bullet-proof but were very careful not to test with their own sacred skins inside the magic skin-armor; but did you ever hear of a prairie warrior going into battle clad in a steel coat of best Spanish mail?

Where those old coats-of-mail came from I would give a good deal to learn. Possibly they were used by Coronado's followers during their unlucky march into the prairies in 1541, and had lain for three hundred years in some old chest in the house of a rich ranchero of northern Mexico. At any rate, sometime before the year 1839, one of these suits of armor was traded to the Arapahos by a Mexican trader. The Arapaho man who owned the armor traded it to a Cheyenne named Medicine Water. Medicine Water wore the armor in several battles; he had on this coat-of-mail when the combined Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes attacked and defeated the Comanches, Kiowas and Prairie-Apaches on Wolf Creek, Oklahoma, in 1839; and after some years had passed, Medicine Water gave the armor to his son, Touching Sky. In 1848 Touching Sky donned his coat-of-mail and

played the leading part in a battle fought on Delaware Creek, in Colorado, where the Cheyennes and Sioux attacked and annihilated a party of Shawnees who were returning home with ponies richly laden with beaver and otter skins. In 1851 and 1852 Touching Sky was in another battle. This fight was between the Cheyennes and Pawnees, and the latter tribe attacked so fiercely that even Touching Sky's armor could not save him, and he was slain and a part at least of his armor was carried off by the victorious Pawnees. Here all trace of this old coat-of-mail vanishes.

Another coat-of-mail was traded to the Comanches by a Mexican.

All that is known of this armor's history is that it was worn during a battle between the Comanches and Caddo Indians and after that was presented to an officer of the U. S. army. This battle took place near Big Timbers, a favorite Caddo hunting-ground on Canadian River, Oklahoma. A Comanche warrior had on the coat-of-mail with a buckskin shirt over it, which completely hid the steel coat. During this fight this Comanche's pony was shot and fell, pinning his rider to the ground; the Caddos rushed in, finished Monsieur le Comanche and were amazed to discover that the man was clad in a coat of good Spanish mail. The Caddos gave this suit of armor to an officer (the commandant) at old Fort Cobb, in what is now Oklahoma, and the Indians say the officer sent the coat-of-mail to Washington, probably to the War Department,

but no one seems to know what has become of the old coat.

Here is all that I could gather about these two coats-of-mail from the Indians. Can anyone give any farther account of them?

A Trip to Diamond-Hill.

By C. Abbott Davis.

At eight o'clock on May 30th, 1905, a small party of Nature Students assembled at the Prov. Union Depot for a day's outing at Diamond Hill. The sky was cloudy and this seemed to prevent the Lonsdale and Fall River people from venturing so far from home.

The up trip was enlivened by a slight accident to the locomotive at Valley Falls. When we arrived at Diamond Hill Station, a short walk down the track was necessary. Near a little brook one of the party spied a pretty orchid, several of which were found; also Jack-in-the-Pulpits and other nice plants. At the first stone heap we found three species of shells, *P. Alternata*, *P. abolibris* and one *Succinea*. Agates began to appear and we began to wish we had an auto to carry home all the nice ones. On the side hill, where the great white rocks are continually falling, almost to the track, various forms of quartz were found; radiate, cellular, jasper, incrustations. The next stop is a mill where the quartz is ground. Here a beautiful specimen of incrustation was found by one member, who discarded all his small ones for this forty pounder. He said it weighed an even ton when we reached Sneece Pond five hours later. The railroad cut furnished us nice specimens of hematite and limonite in various forms. Lunch

was eaten on the hillside overlooking the valley; numerous guests were present, ants, mosquitos, butterflies and birds. The vanishing lunch made more space for specimens, and as we crossed the valley the path lay over brook and meadow, up the hillside through the brush — always toward the setting sun. Many stops were made and generally new specimens obtained either of insects, flowers or minerals. One crow's nest was explored, a brook examined, and a curious larvae of a big fly found, in quantity, also nice caddice-fly cases. Nearby an immense red-ant's nest four feet in diameter and three feet deep was torn to pieces, and we all got nicely bitten for our pains; more barbarous wire fences were climbed, and one hill (Cumberland Hill) all covered with nice ripe strawberries called "Polk's Favorites." On top a big balanced boulder made us all wish we had our cameras. A nice road appeared which led straight (?) to Sneece Pond "only two minutes walk," a man said, but he prevaricated.

Along this road ferns, lichens and wild flowers grew in profusion, and the change in the nature of the rocks was quite noticeable; here they are slaty and greenish in color, while at Diamond Hill it is nearly all quartz or granite rock. Near Sneece Pond considerable excitement was occasioned by the capture of two very wide-awake snakes, the trick being to get both into one jar at the same time. Epidote, porphyritic magnetite and hornblende were obtained and some good big millipedes of the genus *Julius*.

Although a holiday, good seats were obtained in the electric, and after a nice ride down hill, and a jolt in the narrowgauge "Bone Shaker" (which ought to decorate some dump heap) we took the train at Valley Falls and reached Providence somewhat weary, but loaded down with diamonds from Diamond Hill.

Random Notes

From My

Archaeological Field-Book.

George J. Remsburg, Potter, Kan.

The most common type of flint scrapers in Northeastern Kansas, along the Missouri River, is that shown in Fig., 38, p 643, of the National Museum Report, for 1888. ["A Study of Prehistoric Anthropology," by Thomas Wilson.] Prof. Wilson describes these implements as "thick flakes of flint, etc, worked at one extremity to a convex edge. They were inserted in a handle and used for scraping any needed substance, but principally for dressing skins." I have picked up hundreds of these scrapers from the Indian village and camp sites along the Missouri River. They are one of the most familiar objects met with in this archaeological field. The notched scrapers are not so common here, and are, in most instances. I believe, arrowheads that have been broken in two, and modified by chipping the broken edge to a scraper like convexity. Thomas Hazlegrove, an old settler of this locality, who has been among the western Indians considerable, informs me that he has seen Indian women on many occasions, dressing skins with these stone scrapers.

While examining a small round knoll overlooking the Missouri River, at the mouth of Little Walnut Creek, in Atchison county, Kansas, recently, I picked up several old fashioned gun-flints, and a piece of a porcelain

plate bearing an antique French trade mark. This, and other observations made in that locality, lead me to believe that this was the site of an old French trader's house mentioned by Lewis and Clark, in 1804, while on their famous expedition up the Missouri. In their journal they record that on July 3, 1804, just after passing Isle au Vacke, or Cow Island, they "stopped on the south side at an old trading-house, which is now deserted". Little Walnut creek, or Port Williams, where I have observed these indicia of early French occupancy, is about a mile above Cow Island, and is the most likely spot in that locality to look for the site of an early trader's establishment.

Whenever I find a cultivated field that shows evidences of having been the site of an aboriginal village, camp or workshop, I always examine the fence rows bordering the same, or any spot in the immediate vicinity where the farmer is apt to dump the rocks which he gathers from the field. Oft-times among the the rocks which are thus hastily carried or hauled from the field by the farmer, are found interesting relics of the Indian encampment; thus "the swain turns with his share" and casts aside many objects of value to archaeological students either because he does not know or notice what they are, or because he does not care for them. From the farmers' rock dumps I have rescued a number of millstones or metates, grinding stones for polishing stone hatchets,

and flowers. Prescott, in the most vivid of language, describes this valley of Mexico as it first appeared to European eyes. He says:

"Like a vision it broke on the eyes of the Spanish conquerors, with its picturesque assemblage of water, woodland and its cultivated plains, shining cities and shadowy hills. Stretching far away at their feet were seen noble forests of oak, sycamore and cedar, and beyond yellow fields of maize and the towering maguey, intermingled with orchards and blooming gardens; for flowers, in such demand for their religious festivals, were even more abundant in this populous valley than in any other part of the Anahuac. In the centre of the great basin were beheld the lakes, occupying then a much larger portion of its surface than now, then borders thickly studded with towers and hamlets, and, in the midst, like some Indian empress with her coronal of pearls, the fair city of Mexico with her white towers and pyramidal temples, reposing as it were on the bosom of the waters, the far famed Venice of the Aztecs. In the distance beyond the blue waters of the lake, and nearly secured by intervening foliage, was seen a shining speck, the rival capital of Tezcuco; and, still further on, the dark belt of porphyry, girdling the valley round like a rich setting which nature had devised for the fairest of her jewels."

No wonder the Spaniards were amazed, stricken with wonder. Here were not rude, simple tribes,

like those that had been met with up to this time, but mighty nations with organized armies, official administrators, courts of justice, high agricultural and mechanical arts, and what surprised the white men especially, buildings which in architecture and sculptor, and often in dimensions and elaborateness equaled, if not sometimes surpassed, those of European architects.

The Aztec empire was in the zenith of its glory. But well might Montezuma tremble on the throne of his ancestors. The spoiler that was to lay this proud empire in ruins had come. The white man had entered this terrestrial paradise.

In appearance the Aztecs are not unlike other native American races. They do not exhibit a trace of European blood. Though somewhat low in stature, about five feet and three inches, they are of a very muscular and sturdy build. Measurements have proved them intermediate between the narrow and the wide skulled type of mankind. The face is oval, with a very low forehead; high cheek bones; long eyes sloping outwards, towards the temples; fleshy lips; nose wide; often flattish; but in some aquiline; coarsely moulded features with a stolid expression. The skin is very thick and the complexion varies in color from a yellow-brown to chocolate. Eyes black; straight, coarse, glossy black hair, beard and mustache scanty. Variations from this type are known, such as higher stature in some districts and lighter complexions in others.

Because of their total unlikeness

to either the white European or the black African, anthropologists now generally unite in admitting a common origin, however remote, be the tribes of Tartary and those of America.

In spite of the great civilization of the Aztecs at the time of the Spanish invasion, their whole life and customs bore evidence to the yoke of gloomy superstition. Their escutcheons were marred by their alters red with the blood of victims offered as sacrifices to their idols. Worse yet the body of the victim was afterwards dressed and served at a banquet. It is true that the demands of their religion rather than their natural instincts led them to this. But the results were no less fatal. The whole nation groaned beneath that worst of tyranny—blind fanaticism.

It is rather difficult to reconcile such a revolting custom with civilization. Yet this race was versed in agricultural and mechanical pursuits, understood mathematics and astronomy, and even possessed a certain amount of social refinement.

The Spaniards were amazed at their skill in working metals. Prescott states that some of their silver vases were so large that a man could not encircle them with his arms. They were not, however, acquainted with the use of iron. But tools made from an alloy of copper and tin, with the aid of a silicious dust would cut the hardest of materials. Razors, swords, and knives were also often made from a material known as obsidian. Sculptured

images were so plentiful that they are said to have composed the entire foundations of the great cathedral in the square of Mexico.

Their literature was embodied in hieroglyphical paintings, somewhat similar to the Egyptian, but inferior in execution. By this means their laws, religious rituals, traditions, and even political annals were recorded. It is almost impossible, however, for the uninitiated to interpret their meaning for the slightest change in the form, or position of a figure alters the meaning. They were as ignorant as the Chinese of the laws of perspective, their human figures often being grotesque caricatures. Some of their symbols are very amusing, for instance a man sitting on the ground designated an earthquake.

Agriculture was held in the greatest of esteem. All the inhabitants, including those of the cities, with the exception of the soldiers and powerful nobles cultivated the soil. Their wonderful floating gardens have become a source of much wonderment, being veritable fairy islands that swayed gently with the rise and fall of the billows. They were constructed of rafts tightly laced together. Sediment was brought from the bottoms of the lakes and gradually miniature islands were formed, two or three hundred feet in length. Vegetables and flowers were raised here by the economical natives for the markets of Tenochtitlan. Sometimes these floating gardens were strong enough to sustain a small hut and a growth

of clusters of small trees. A pole was all that was needed to paddle them from place to place.

In their domestic intercourse the Aztecs displayed a certain amount of kindly feeling. Polygamy was permitted but practiced only by the higher classes. The obligations of marriage were as binding as in any Christian country. Their social affairs were conducted on a scale resembling oriental magnificence. Gold and silver vases, spoons and drinking cups, and profusions of flowers decorated their feasts. They were highly versed in culinary skill. Costly viands were elaborately prepared, and even confections and pastry were used. The repast was followed by dancing to the sound of various instruments, their movements accompanied by a pleasing, yet melancholy chant. At the conclusion of the entertainment costly presents were distributed.

The character of the Aztec is a bewilderment of inconsistencies. With a passionate love for flowers was united a thirst for carnage truly diabolical; with the arts and customs of a civilized people, the debased practices of the savage. The only explanation is to be found in that religious superstition which so blunts the moral faculties as to reconcile man to what would be otherwise viewed with horror.

Numbers of rare French Colonial stamps which were eagerly bought at high prices by Paris collectors have been discovered, says the "Petit Journal," to be forgeries.

New Use For Stamps.

The monks of the Hospital of St Jean de Dieu, at Chent, have in their leisure moments decorated the walls with gorgeous landscapes, glowing with color and full of life, formed entirely by means of the postage stamps of all the nations of the world. Palaces, forests, streams and mountains are represented, butterflies flit about in the air, birds of beautiful plumage perch on the branches, snakes and lizards glide about, and innumerable animals find places here and there. The pictures are most artistic, in the style of Chinese landscape gardening, and already between nine and ten millions of stamps have been used.—New York Herald.

It is probable that there are many Confederate provisional stamps which will be discovered in the future in the Southern States. It is known that there were many more issued than have ever been found, and it is probable that some will still turn up in out-of-the-way places.

The new monetary system which has been adopted for the Danish West Indies is likely to lead to changes in the issues of their stamps. The currency now consists of francs and bits, the while system being decimal, and a change which is likely to prove of advantage in financial transactions. This is one of the countries in which the American collectors have been especial interested, because of negotiations which have been going on for the purchase of the islands. Every collector should seek to keep his collection of these stamps as full as possible.

Counterfeits and Their Detection.

By R. R. THIELE

(Continued)

ECUADOR. The stamps of Ecuador have fallen into some disrepute, more through reprinting of the early issues and through Seebeckization (if I may coin the word) of the later issues than through the prevalence of counterfeits; most of them are too common to pay counterfeiting. I have only one counterfeit of this country in my collection of forgeries, though, doubtless, there are others in existence. The stamp in question is the 1 real orange of 1872. The original is a lithograph and the forgery is made by the same process, so that in this respect there is no evidence, but in the execution of the counterfeit is very slovenly compared with the original. The design of the stamp is surrounded by a double line—an inner thin one and an outer thick one. On the original these are quite close together, about $\frac{1}{4}$ mm. apart; on the forgery they are farther apart, about $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. or even a little more. In the left lower corner the inner vertical line on the counterfeit by a slip of the draughtsman is extended downwards too far so that it reaches the outer horizontal line; on the original the corner is normal. The coat-of-arms of the design is surrounded by floreate ornaments; the background between the arms and these ornaments is filled out by fine horizontal lines. On the original these are much closer together than the hori-

zontal lines outside of the floreate ornaments; on the forgery they are spaced evenly with the outside lines. The coat-of-arms itself is pretty well done on the counterfeit with a few trifling differences in the surrounding ornaments. The design shows the shield surrounded by four flags; above the lower flag on either side a branch of laurel protrudes and extends above the upper flag on either side, of which only part is visible. The counterfeiter has not quite caught the idea; on the right hand side he has omitted the laurel altogether and shows only the two flags, while on the left the upper flag has been entirely absorbed by the laurel. The lictor's fasces below the shield are bound by ribbons crossing each other on the right and on the left. The crossing on the left end has been successfully imitated by the forger, but not so that at the right. The upper ribbon at the right should cross from the upper right to the lower left, but on the forgery it crosses from the upper left to the lower right. The forger also made an error on the inner ends of the floreate ornaments, under the fasces. The inner end of this right hand ornament—it is probably intended to represent a cornucopia—is much too small compared with that on the left; on the original both are of the same size. There are also numerous differences in the floriations of the ornaments, but from the nature of the case they are difficult to describe without the aid of illustrations. I point out one which is easily recognized. The curl which hangs over

the end of the ribbon to the right of the word Ecuador on the original is not shaded inside, while on the forgery it is rather heavily shaded to the right of the R. The letters of Correos del Ecuador on the original are thin, but regular and well formed; on the forgery they are coarse and poorly formed—for instance the three letters R are all different one from the other. The D of Del on the original slants towards the left (as it should, the word being on the curve); on the counterfeit it is vertical. The R of Ecuador is considerably taller than the O preceding it on the forgery, whereas on the original both are of the same height. The letters of Porte Real also show differences, but unfortunately my copy of the forgery is so daubed just here by its "cancellation" that I can not give all the differences. The L differs plainly; on the original the stem is much thicker than the tail and the latter is quite long; on the forgery the stem and tail are of equal thickness and the letter is quite short. The figure 1 on the original is in an oval, but the oval is very nearly a circle; on the forgery it is quite an elongated oval. The letters of Un Real also show divergencies. For instance the stem of the R on the original is very little, if at all, thicker than the rest of the letter; on the counterfeit it is very thick, much thicker than the other lines of the letter. The stem of the L, on the contrary, on the original is considerably thicker than the tail, while on the forgery it is but very little thicker than the tail. My

specimen of the forgery is cancelled by a "postmark" consisting of heavy black square dots arranged apparently in diamond form. This in itself would not be suspicious, as similar cancellations were really in use in Ecuador at that time, sometimes composed of round dots, the diamond enclosing a number (that of the office, presentably), sometimes composed of four cornered dots without figure, as on the forgery. But in the latter case the genuine obliteration shows diamond shaped dots, not square ones. The original postmarks of this kind are probably an imitation of those in use in France at that time.

(To be continued.)

Stamps As Firelighters.

Mr. W. G. Byron, a well-known philatelist, secretary of the Johannesburg Philatelic Society, and owner of a stamp collection of 3,000, relates in the "Philatelic Almanac" for the New Year a story of his "saddest experience."

When nine years old he discovered in an old barn at home, in Londonderry a box, in which were eighty-five packages each containing 10,000 used stamps from all parts of the world.

He took them to his room, and opening one packet, found old stamps from most of the British Colonies, as well as early English stamps of various values.

Next week, on returning from school, he found the servant had used all the precious packets and contents to light the fires.

Canada Custom Tobacco Stamps.

By O. T. Hartman.

At the Fiscal Stamp Exhibition in London somebody had a complete collection of these fiscal stamps. I have only 85 stamps and bands of them. I shall try to give a description of them. Forlin L. Hoste gives about 60 stamps, but hardly no mention of the bands. Old Moens catalogue gives more detail and describes about 250 inclunic bands.

1. The oldest tobacco (custom) stamp I have seen is 1864 size 97x97 and lithographed. An oval is imitation of the English garter with the inscription, 27-28 Vick. Tobacco Cap. III above, above Customs—Canada in lower parts. A Crown above and Beaver below.

On bluish salmon, or white laid and white wove paper. Color red, green, blue or black. Inscription inside oval reads different. You find gross weight, cigars, excise. The oldest one with 6 lines, next 4, also later ones with 5, 8 or 9 lines.

2. Second issue 1868. A new beautiful engraved design size 95 by 95. Colors blue, red or black. Queen's head in oval. Canada Customs above. Tobacco and a beaver below. Saying white oval in center with different inscriptions. Cigars, warehouse entry, gross weight on 4 5, 6, or 8 lines.

Legend: xxx Vict Cap VIII on 2nd 3rd and 4th series.

3. A smaller stamp 37x50. Lithographed. Blue frame. A beaver

and tobacco in lower part. Red numeral in center. Canada above.

4. 1875. A large rectangular, fine engraved stamp. Size 59 by 114, Perf 12. Water marked. Red or black in color. St George above. Head of Victoria and Tobacco below. Inscription in center in a square frame, reading caddy or boxes in large white letters and small type in color of stamp either S. M. Return or When Excised, also names of Montreal, Hamilton or Toronto. You find them also with a surcharge.

5. 1875 Perf. stamp 65 by 50. Inscription: Tobacco, Canada Excise in white letters. Numeral in blue. Red or black color on laid or plain paper. Two varieties of water mark. Town names: Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, also without them.

6. Beaver in square. Size 25 by 31. Perf 12. Legend: Tobacco, series of 1887.

7. Numeral in circle, horizontal lines.

8. Similar but cross lined.

Outside of those mentioned are cigarette, muff tax paid similar to the U. S. used on caddies in black, blue or green, 1, 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40 50, 60, 70 and 100 pounds. I shall describe the bands some other time.

Do you know that there is a United States Registry Stamp used by the Department of the Interior (document division) 7x4½ inch. Red on Yellow. The customary penalty stamp in brown on right side. The The spread eagle with the inscription: Official Business, penalty for private use, around it United States Registry stamp in large type across

label above. Department of the Interior on left side. Registry No. in center and at bottom 2 lines of instruction. It is used by special agreement with the Post Office Dep. to forward registered by mail.

The difference between the issue 1887 and 1900 of German Wechselstempel consist in that the word den 18... are left out on the lower part of stamp in the issue of 1900.

It is not likely that there will be so many new issues in the next few years as have been seen in the past. The completion of the series of changes demanded by the accession of King Edward VII. marks the conclusion of a great volume of issues which are not likely to be changed for some years to come.

Only two of the first issue of the stamps of Korea ever reached the postoffice in that country. The building was destroyed by fire within a few days after the postoffice was opened, and it is said that no letters bearing stamps were ever mailed to foreign countries. A few specimens, however, exist on the original covers, which seem to prove that this is a mistake.

Stamps that are used in the offices of foreign countries upon telegraph blanks differ very little in their nature from those used for postal purposes; indeed, the telegraph being a government institution, the difference between stamps used for one or the other purpose is so small that the ordinary collector should pay little attention to the matter so long as he secures a good specimen.

Genuine Stamp Collecting

A rather remarkable collection of postage stamps is owned by the second officer of one of the big steamships. The feature of the collection, which embraces more than 5,000 different issues, is that the owner has, in one way, never expended one penny in buying stamps for it; they have come to him either upon his own letters or by process of stamp trading in most of the ports of the world. Upon several occasions, when he has been in little-known countries, he has written letters to his wife and posted them in large envelopes, upon which he stuck the entire stamp issue of the country, often amounting to ten or twelve denominations.

When in the sailing-ship merchant service, carrying coal and such things, he has besought shipping agents at sundry points to save all their foreign stamps for him when he should arrive. This has added greatly to his collection, especially that of duplicates, of which he has at least 20,000. To collect these stamps has required the labor of four years. Before that time, he had a collection of nearly 4,000, but this was lost in a shipwreck on the Australian coast.

A new set of stamps is being prepared for use in the Philippines and tentative designs have already been selected. A new set of revenue stamps has just been issued, comprising nine values, and will be of interest from the fact that this set is first to be printed by the local officials under United States authority.

Index to "A. B. C. of Postage Stamps"

By Elma Iona Locke

One of the most interesting and helpful little books recently issued is "A. B. C. of Postage Stamps." It contains fine, clear engravings of 237 stamps and 159 pages of interesting text.

The only fault one can find with this little volume (and it is a grave fault with almost any kind of a reference book,) is the want of an index to the text references to the figures—without which one must search through the book to find the description of any one particular stamp figured in the plates.

For my own use I have compiled such an index, lacking however a few numbers to which I could find no mention, either direct or indirect, in the book. The first column gives the figure; the second, the page where it is referred to in the text. Paste this table in the back of your copy of "A. B. C. of Postage Stamps."

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Our Illustrations

HIRAM N. GILKISON

Hiram N. Gilkison was born in Mansfield, Ohio, January 27, 1859. It can thus be readily seen that he is of the same age to a day as Emperor William, of Germany. He was educated in the school for deaf and dumb at Columbus, Ohio, where he was taught the trades of printing and book-binding. After leaving school he learned cigar-making, a trade which he still follows. In 1891 he moved to Kansas City, Mo., where he was secretary of the Kansas City Deaf Mute Club and in 1895 he came to Vinton, Iowa, where he still follows his trade. He first dealt in stamps in 1885 in Ohio and is still a dealer in them in his Iowa home. He claims to be the first deaf mute stamp dealer in the United States and is at present the proprietor of the HAWKEYE STAMP CO., of Vinton, Iowa. See his ad in this and the last issue of THE WEST.

MR. BURNET

He is 85 years of age. He lived in New York City for about 40 years; and was manager of a company which exported lard in ship loads to Germany and other ports, to the amount of \$20,000,000 a year. The business was so heavy it broke him down—so much so that he had to give up the management and come to California for his health. His wife expected he would die on the way here. This was 15 years ago.

He has enjoyed good health ever since he arrived here. He started three months ago in the post card business, and has sold 20,000 of his comic post cards in the past three months.

U. S. MOORE

Lomax, Ill., R. F. D. 1, was born on a farm in Henderson County, Ill., on which his father settled in 1853. At his father's death he bought the place where he has always lived. It is situated on the east bluffs of the Mississippi river and affords a fine view of the valley for miles. He is interested in the collection of picture post cards and photograph prints, of which he has quite a collection; he also has a small collection of stamps. We expect to use cuts of some of his photographs. We have some fine cuts to use of a lady's collection in the east and a leading dealer of Egypt. Some of our best illustrations of coins and curios was left out by delay of the printers. We will use them next month.

O. W. HAYES, OKLAHOMA, SAYS

Friend Collectors, I have taken the WEST since 1902, and think it the best publication, I have ever read on curios, stamps, etc.

My collection is small having about two-hundred coins, and a small lot of Indian relics. The most interesting one is an iron tomahawk that a cousin gave to me; it was given to an ancestor of his for a deed of

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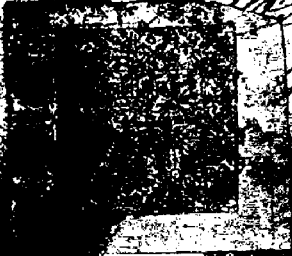
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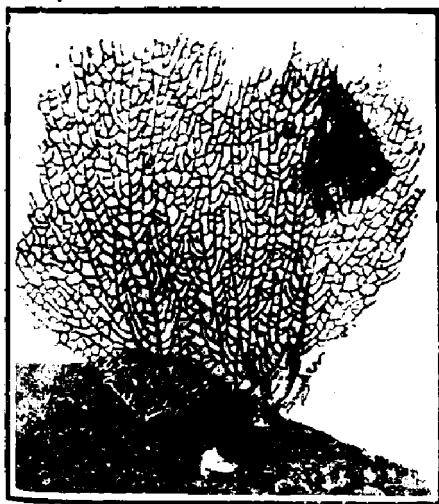
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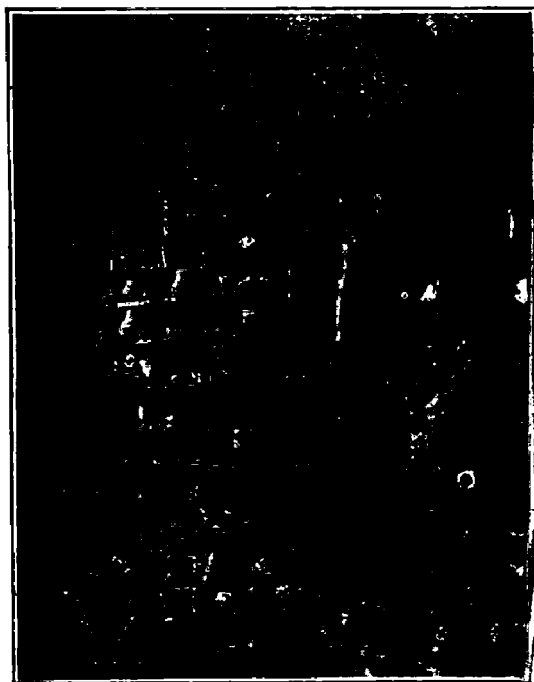


Retic Collection owned by J. Rettiger, Hastings, Minn.



Sea Fan. *Gorgonia flabellum*, Bahamas.
See article "At the Bottom of the Sea."

Curio Bazaar, St. Paul, Minn.



kindness done for an Old Shawnee Chief. Many years ago these Indians lived on the great Shawnee Mound in Montgomery Co., Indiana, and like all the other Red Men have left that country, but the mound still abounds in relics of the fast diminishing race.

THE REMAINS OF A MAMMOTH.

While staying at Buffalo, Kansas, the past summer, I was fortunate enough to see one of these wonderful skeletons; it was discovered in a pasture just over the right of way fence of the M. O. P. R. R. The find was caused by the heavy rains of the season, causing the bank of earth that covered it for perhaps centuries, to slide off of it and uncover to the eyes of man what once has roaming the great plains of this country and no doubt been the master of beasts, of many years ago. These monster bones were covered by about ten feet of earth. They have become very much decayed, as no doubt had lain there for many hundred years. One of the huge tusks was intact and is the largest I have ever seen; it was about eight feet long, and at the base about 12 inches in diameter. Most of the bones were so badly decomposed that they fell to pieces when touched, some of the ribs could be found and were of very large size. If we could see these huge beasts it would surely amaze us, for surely they were much larger than the elephant of the present decade. These creatures now being extinct we can only see their large skeletons and wonder at their size.

A party in this locality (Tuscola

Co., Michigan.) recently found an Indian powder horn. This horn was found on the surface, in a heavily wooded part of the country. It is a splendid state of preservation and is beautifully carved in fancy designs of flowers, leaves, etc. On one side a deer and fish is nicely carved. It is one of the best specimens of Indian bone carving that I have yet seen.

The large end is closed with a piece of cedar about one half inch thick, small holes being drilled through the base of the horn and hard-wood pins were driven through into the cedar, thus making the part secure. (No metal being used in construction.)

This interesting curio was presented to me by the finder and is one of the most valued specimens in my collection of Indian Relics.

W. J. ENGLAND.

The Postoffice Department does not buy or deal in postage stamps that have been used. No specimen stamps, either domestic or foreign, are sold or given away by the department. Postage stamps that are mutilated in any way, whether they have ever been used or not, can not be accepted for postage, nor in exchange for perfect stamps. Stamps cut from embossed envelopes or wrappers are not good for postage. No Postmaster is allowed to sell postage due stamps. Postal cards can not be redeemed. This applies to cards spoiled in printing.

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CURIO DEPARTMENT

By ROY FARREL GREEN, A. S. OFC. C.

Summer has come, bringing a wealth of wild flowers, and the thousands of collectors who enjoy botany more than any other branch will have weeks of pleasure and gratification before them. While the wild-grass meadows and the woodland nooks will yield many new treasures to the botanist who searches thoroughly and with a keen eye, one must not overlook the banks of ponds and rivers, and even a wade out into the shallower water itself will be productive of results. The water lily, the blue spikes of the pickerel weed, the water plantain, the yellow water buttercup, white water crowfoot and the greater bladderwort or pop-weed may here be found, while along the margins of marshy land the horned bladderwort is waiting for the collector this very minute. The summer months of all the year should be the botanist's busy time, and the Curio Editor hopes they'll not only make of this a busy season but a successful one as well.

According to a newspaper dispatch from Winchester, Virginia, J. F. Niswander, while plowing near Newmarket, unearthed an Indian burial ground in which more than a hundred bodies seemed to have been

buried, and in which a large lot of pottery, pipes, arrows, axes, knives and beads, the latter of bone, were found. The Curio Editor has a correspondent at Winchester but so far has not been able to either verify the dispatch or obtain more particulars. If the report be true, and we have no reason to doubt it, it clearly demonstrates the fact that he who seeks may yet find; that not all the prehistoric burial places have yet been discovered and explored, even in the states earliest settled.

Reverting to the subject of botany, we noticed in one of the St. Louis papers a week or so ago an account of a trip made by the Engelmann Botanical Club of that city, sixty-five strong, to Allenton, Mo., not far from St. Louis, where a day was spent in gathering meadow and woodland treasures. The club's leader was George W. Lettermann, who is called "The Gilbert White of Missouri," and who is credited with knowing more about that state's plant and insect life than any other. The members of the Engelmann Botanical Club are not all botanists, the interests of the several score members ranging through all phases of scientific study, entomology, zoology, conchology, geology, ornithology,

gy and zoology as well as botany. The club is reported have had a most enjoyable and profitable trip under Mr. Lettermann's chaperonage.

The Commercial Club of Salt Lake City, Utah, has made extensive plans to explore the mysteries of the San Juan country, an unknown tract bounded by the Elk Mountains and the Colorado and San Juan rivers. The exploring is to be done this summer by Messrs. H. L. A. Culmer and Samuel T. Whitaker, the former an artist of note, and the Salt Lake Commercial Club backs the venture and finances the expedition. Government surveying parties long ago found ruins of the habitations of vanished races on ledges and in caves of the San Juan country and there seems to be no doubt but that the precipitous mountain walls hide many cliff-dwelling homes long abandoned. Messrs. Culmer and Whitaker will not only make archaeological explorations but intend to ascertain as well the mineral resources of the unexplored and practically inaccessible country, for the Commercial Club of Salt Lake is not only interested in opening up the treasures of the country, but believe the entire tract should be set aside as a national park. Culmer and Whitaker will proceed from Moab to Monticello, and from there will follow the trail across the head of Devil's canyon, over to Hallet's canyon, and down that to Bluff City, which is in a valley surrounded by table-lands, once the river bed of the San Juan. This valley is filled with ruins, but the explorers will not

stop here, going on northwest of there to the vast unexplored region. Guides will go with the two explorers from Bluff City, men who are familiar with the country said to contain natural curiosities and remarkable ruins, but though these guides have beheld from a distance some of these ruins the most of the country is known to them only by rumor. Cowboys have told of seeing in the Elk Mountains lofty towers and whole villages on the great canyon walls, and indeed, with the naked eye, from the town of Bluff City itself can be seen a sixteen room cliff house. The party expects to, after starting out from Bluff City, cross the Butler Wash, ascend Comb Ridge to the headwaters of Comb Creek, near the Orejas del Oso, on the summit of the Elk mountains. Here a base of supplies will be established and the party will then work its way to the Cataract Canyon of the Colorado river and thence south. Take down your atlas, brother curio collector, turn to the maps of Utah and Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico, and just imagine this party exploring the valleys and canyons of the Rio Rancho, Rio McElmo, Hovenweep and Rio Chelly, branches of the San Juan river, where wonderful ruins are found, as well as the many other canyons and valleys as yet unexplored and consequently not on the map. Wouldn't you like to join the party?

The Curio Editor has forgotten whether he made mention in these notes of an interesting find made by

Marion Chaplain, of Kickham, Maryland, three months ago, while he was looking through the pages of some old books. His discovery was that of a United States note for \$40, bearing the date of 1779. The bill is three by three and one-half inches in size, and printed in black and red on white paper. It is in a perfect state of preservation, not soiled nor creased, every signature and figure standing out plainly. Within the heavy border are the words: "Forty Dollars. The bearer is entitled to receive Forty Spanish milled Dollars, or an equal sum in gold or silver, according to a resolution of Congress of this 14th of January, 1779." The signatures are William Coats and Levi Budd, and the number of the note is 82,716. On the reverse side is the cut of a branch with leaves, and the name of the printers, "Hall and Sellers, 1779." The note is now in possession of J. Fletcher Clark, of Easton, Maryland, who purchased it from Mr. Chaplain, the finder.

Perhaps very few collectors who read these pages have in their collections anything of interest from China. About all that is obtainable by the ordinary collector is a Chinese newspaper, letter, lottery ticket, or perchance a set of chop-sticks. It will be of interest just the same to quote from the letter of a correspondent writing from China who says: "The geology of China is, as a rule, very imperfectly known, especially that of the southern part. The Tsinling-shan and Funiu-shan systems are nearly as marked a dividing line from the geological as from the orographical point of view. They are almost entirely composed of ancient granites, gneisses, and other crystalline rocks, along with various eruptive rocks. To the north, underneath the loess, the prevailing rocks belong to the Carboniferous system, while to the south there extends a vast area of Jurassic strata embracing all the Red Basin. At

various places on both flanks of the dividing ranges, especially in the east, there are extensive deposits of what have been designated the Sinic, (Chinese), formations, which lie at the bottom of all the fossiliferous strata of China, and are held to correspond with the Cambrian and Huronian deposits of Europe and America. These reappear largely along with ancient non-fossiliferous crystalline rocks in other mountainous regions of the country.

The ethnographical division of the Brooklyn Institute Museum, Brooklyn, N. Y., was opened to the general public on March 13th, last. Curator Stewart Culin has succeeded in arranging a collection that is highly interesting, instructive and satisfying and which should be the Mecca to which any curio collector visiting Brooklyn should turn. It requires a very large catalogue to tell of all the objects of interest grouped here, so it is idle to attempt even a summary here. As particular attractions might be mentioned several suits of armor, one in particular having belonged to a Japanese warrior of an early day. An entirely different set of armor shown is that worn by the natives of Gilbert Island, being made of sinnet. There are New Zealand weapons and utensils, a large number of Chinese and Japanese costumes, Buddhist relics, Hawaiian stone implements, New Zealand images, Maori images, a Chinese god of war, an oriental palanquin, interesting specimens of decorative art from British New Guinea, and a series of pictures and utensils illustrating the manufacture of bark cloth by the natives of the South Sea Islands. The collection is something the city of Brooklyn should be proud of, and Curator Culin ought to have the thanks of the whole country for his unceasing labors in putting the exhibit in shape.

common pottery and stoneware; (2) a cream-colored faience, with a glaze often cracked and delicately painted in colours; (3) hard porcelain."

Porcelain printed or enameled with flowers and other designs is largely produced in the island of Kinshin, in the province of Hizen, of which Nagasaki, where there are a large number of manufactories is a part. It is however, largely manufactured in a great number of other provinces and districts. The decoration, whether in enamel colours or metals, is laid on after the final burning of the clay and above the glaze. The artists often live independent of factories, working at their homes and owning small ovens where they can easily fix their easily fused enamels. Much of the finer egg-shell porcelain used to be sent in the white state, to these artists of Tokio, Hizen, and other places. But the Hizen factories also produce a large amount of low-class porcelain for shipment at Nagasaki, to suit the demands of the European markets. They are for the most part vulgar in taste and modeled on European plans for domestic use very coarsely, though sometimes elaborately painted. The colours lack refined tones. Light green, red and blue are the most common, and produce a vulgar and disagreeable effect—the result of the demand for cheap articles by tradesmen who have no taste themselves. Arita, Kioto, Kaza, Satsuma and Owari are where the most characteristic and admired ceramic wares of Japan are produced. Several var-

ieties of enameled and painted faience are produced in all, and from Satsuma and Owari, especially the former, the faience is very rich.

There is a sort of terra cotta and pottery or earthenware industry in Japan from which there has been largely exported of late years pottery in the shape of flower pots and jars of various shapes and purposes. The decorations are usually in high relief and roughly modeled, consisting of birds, flowers and foliage. The artistic merit is not great, but as specimens of technical skill and the mastery of difficulties offered by subject and material they are very remarkable.

David Cox Forgeries.

The exposure in the May number of the "Connoisseur" of a systematic series of frauds in connection with the sale of spurious water-colour drawings bearing the signature of David Cox has been rapidly followed by the conviction at the Huddersfield Borough Police Court of the culprits, Geoffrey Ferguson, an artist, of Grange-over-Sands, and his daughter Sophia.

The drawings were cleverly manufactured on old, yellowish paper, and taken by female prisoner, singly or in pairs, to art dealers and private collectors, to whom they were offered at £4 to £5 a pair.

The father was sentenced to three months' and the daughter to one month's hard labour.

Japanese Arts.

Pottery and Porcelain.

◀ By Verna Weston Hanway. ▶

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It is a matter of dispute as to what source the Japanese are indebted for their wonderful skill in pottery and porcelain. Like all arts that date back to antiquity the history is enveloped in mystery. The most general, and certainly the most plausible explanation is that at an early and remote era the Coréan priests introduced the manufacture of porcelain from China, the country most advanced in civilization in the eastern half of Asia. There is a similarity in Japanese and Chinese pattern, which attests that since that time the two countries have borrowed largely, while inventing new forms by their own ingenuity, taste and skill,—thus differences in methods and style have given to each an individuality merely suggesting a certain general likeness.

The discovery of the art of making hard porcelain cost European workmen much time and labor, after the first importations from China and Japan excited the admiration and envy of Europe; the secret has never been revealed by either Japanese or Chinese workmen to any European.

There are to this day many secrets as jealously guarded as ever. The mystery of the marvelous egg shell cups, and the process by which these are enameled by a fine woven case of bamboo; the secret of crackled

china, of lace work, of translucent porcelain covered with glaze as well as the source and composition of their colors, are still mysteries to European manufacturers, although lately something has been discovered as to the crackle and lace work porcelain.

Of late the Japanese have made a study of lacquering their porcelain, but this has no particular beauty to recommend it—very often it is not burnt in and washes off. Their enamel painting is often very beautiful in both design and color, but not as perfect as the fine specimens from China of the Wing dynasty, or even of that early in the 18th century, during the reign of Kang-hi, who was a great patron of the fine arts. Of the art-pottery and stone-ware of Satsuma and Hizen, and of other Japanese provinces it is safe to assert that nothing better in the material has ever been produced.

The Japanese have never, however, learned to draw the human figure correctly, therefore they have never equalled and probably never will equal the classic designs of the Greek and Etruscan vases. But in birds, fishes, insects and flowers the Greeks themselves never approached the perfection of Japanese art, where such objects give a beauty and value often to the very commonest piece of pottery, made with the finger and thumb as the chief tools and retaining the impress of the skin on the surface.

The great variety of pottery and ceramic ware may be conveniently arranged under three heads:—“(1)

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Comparative Osteology

As used in the study of the food products of Aboriginal Man.

By Arthur B. Coover, Roxabell, O. A. S. of C. C.

In the study of the remains of aboriginal man it is essential that we endeavor to ascertain, as near as possible, how he lived. One most important item is frequently overlooked by many in their hasty search for the implements and ornaments which were buried with the dead. In the daily life of early man, the question of food was of most importance. In the village sites, knowledge may be gained as to what was used for food to any great extent. We find large quantities of fresh-water shells, corn, beans and nuts which have been charred, and the bones of many animals which were undoubtedly used for food. The animal bones are usually broken to more readily get at the marrow which the bone contained. From the study of the animal remains we learn what animals were used for food, and in many cases we are enabled to tell what season of the year an animal was killed. All animals may be positively identified by their skulls and their teeth; but for museum purposes we have men who classify all bones taken from the village sites.

NOTE: I have in preparation a series of short articles on the distinguishing features of the skulls and teeth of many of the animals which

were used for food by aboriginal man. The first treats on the family Canidae, and includes besides the domesticated dog, the fox and the wolf. If this article meets with approval of the reader, a line to that effect will be appreciated, as it is the aim of the writer to contribute only that which is of interest to the members of the Curio Society and the readers of the West.)



CANIDAE.

Canis.—a genus of digitigrade carnivorous mammals, including the dog, wolf and the fox.

In North America the family Canidae is divided into two sub-families, Lupinae and Vulpinae. The wolves and domesticated dogs are included in the sub-family Lupinae, and are designated as being Canis Lupis. The fox being of the sub-family Vulpinae is designated as Canis Vulpes.

The Canidae varies much in size from the largest wolves to the California Coast fox, scarcely larger than the common house cat.

The dogs are digitigrade carnivora, with blunt non-retractile claws. The feet are, apparently, all four-toed, but the foremost ones have a rudimentary thumb higher up, to which a claw is attached.

The dentition of the family Cani-

dae is typically as follows:

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| | 3 3 | 1 1 | |
| Incisors | — — | canine — — | |
| | 3 3 | 1 1 | |
| | 4 4 | 2 2 | |
| Premolars | — — | molars — — | total 42. |
| | 4 4 | 3 3 | |

In the dog and the wolf the tail is short, the pupil of the eye circular, and the median upper incisors very distinctly lobed on each side: the post-orbital process of the frontal bone is triangular, convex on its upper surface, with its point below the plane of the inter-orbital space.



In the foxes the tail is bushy, the pupil of the eye elliptical, and the whole form more slender; the upper incisors are scarcely lobed, and the post-orbital process bent but little downward, the anterior turned up; a longitudinal shallow pit or indentation at the base.

Vulpes vulgaris pennsylvanicus;
The common red fox, is found in most all States from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The distinguishing features of the red fox is, long uniformly mixed hair, and soft fur on the tail; long muzzle: the temporal crests coming nearly in contact.

Urocyon cinereo-argentatus: The gray fox, is distinguished from the red fox by the widely separated temporal crests; short muzzle; and the tail having long stiff hairs with-

out fur inter-mixed.

Remains of the dog, wolf and the gray fox are frequently found in the pre-historic village-site debris. It seems that the red fox which is so common in most parts of the United States followed civilization, and the gray fox became extinct in the thickly settled districts.

Sufficient evidence to show that the domesticated dog existed in pre-historic times has been found in the kitchen-middens of Denmark and Switzerland, and in the mounds and refuse heaps of the United States.

The cuts used to illustrate this article are: first, a molar tooth of a dog; second, skull and lower jaw of the dog; third, lower jaw of the wolf.

A Numismatic Curiosity.

The Museum of Medals in Athens has recieved from an Italian antiquary in Cairo an interesting and important contribution to its treasures in the shape of one hundred tetradrachms, together with a bronze die, such as was used for coining money at Athens in the third century B. C.

M. Svoronos, director of the Museum; is of opinion that the die was stolen by a Greek, and used in Egypt for coining tetradrachms with false metal. As the tetradrachm was worth about 3s. 3d., a handsome income might be earned in this way. In Greece the punishment for false coining was death, but bad money seems to have been by no means rare.

Very few of these ancient Greek dies are in existence, as it seems to have been the rare practice to break them up when a series of coin had been minted. The tetradrachms sent with the stamp by which the bankers in Egypt checked all pieces of silver passing through their hands.

Old Paper Money Issued in Iowa

By Fred Whittemore

Bank bills and bills of other institutions of Iowa are all very rare, sometimes called Wild-Cat and Red-Dog money, some are very early. In 1842-43 there was a bank at Dubuque known as The Miner's Bank, (Wis Ter) \$5, 10. Farmer's and Merchant's Bank of Ashland \$1; Bank of Mahaska Co. \$5; Bank of Iowa \$1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 10 with branches at Des Moines, Burlington, Council Bluffs, Davenport, McGregor, Lyons City and I understand at other places; State Bank of Iowa \$1, 2, 2, 3, 5, 5, 10 and branches at Des Moines, Lyons City, Davenport, Oskaloosa, Grinnell, Iowa City and there may be other branches; Dubuque Central Improvement Co. \$1, 3; Dubuque Western R. R. Co. \$1, 2, 3, 5, 10, (now Illinois Central R. R. Co.); Town of Cedar Falls, \$1, 5; Treasurer of Iowa City \$1, 2, 3, 5; Treasury of Keokuk \$1, 2, 3, 5; Town of Bentonsport \$1, 2; Treasury of Lyons City \$1; Waupesco Land Co. \$1; Mahaska Co. Bank of Mahaska Co. \$5. 25c bills issued by merchants of Burlington, Gen'l Scott centr, engraved bill, 25c issued by J. C. Washburn, of Davenport, 1858 bank note style. I can not give the head bank of The State Bank of Iowa, the head bank of the Bank of Iowa was at Des Moines owned by J. A. Stevens, Capt. West, B. F. Allen, Hoyt Sherman. but know as J. A. Stevens & Co. Bankers. also a branch at Brownville, Tenn., known

as The Agricultural Bank of Tennessee, payable at Des Moines. I have them this way, are of the following values \$1, 2, 5, would like others to send what they have in bills to the WEST. I found some years ago a large lot of bills of Iowa, owned as stocks in a railroad company, but now worthless, to the value of \$3,000 which I got but are not for sale. They are the Dubuque Western R. R. Co. \$1, 2, 3, 5, 10, this railroad company was later known as the Dubuque & Sioux City R. R. Co., but now the Illinois Central R. R. Co.

I see by the article in last number on Nebraska Bills by Mr. Hughes he left out the following bills of Nebraska: Western Exchange Fire & Marine Insurance Company's Bank, Omaha, \$2, 5, and are not the same as the other set issued by the same company, the value is in red, thus TWO, FIVE, the word Bank is added, and then the Waubeck Bank of De Soto has \$2, 3, 5, also the Bank of Tekamah, Burt Co., \$1, value in red ONE. Add this to Nebraska list of old paper money and help the WEST out that much more in this line.

Some Old Pennies

The glass jar containing 20,000 old fashioned United States copper cent pieces that has stood on an iron frame in a window at Bangor, Me., for 20 years, has been taken down, in bulk there were a bushel and a half of the coins, and they weigh about 600 pounds. The dates run from 1792 to 1859. W. B. Gould, the owner, values the old coins at 10 cents each.

- No. 69. 2c blue.
- No. 70. 2c bronze.
- No. 71. 2c gray.
- No. 72. 2c yellow.
- No. 73. 2c orange.
- No. 74. 2c olive.
- No. 75. 2c pink.
- No. 76. 2c purple.

All in center of paper.

Die T. Small stamp Washington head in oval to left. Inscribed in curved line at left "U. S. Int." and at right "Revenue," at bottom "Two Cents." Ornaments at each side with small "2" in circle.

Size of stamp 50x 32 mm.

Date. August 23, 1875. Various colored paper.

- No. 77. 2c blue.
- No. 78. 2c bronze.
- No. 79. 2c gray.
- No. 80. 2c green.
- No. 81. 2c orange.
- No. 82. 2c olive.
- No. 83. 2c pink.
- No. 84. 2c yellow.
- No. 85. 2c red.
- No. 86. 2c violet.

All in center of paper and that was the last die used by Butler & Carpenter. The Boston Series is the next to consider, which were printed by A. Trochsler, who made his first delivery in August, 1873.

Die U. Small head of Washington in circle, small "2" in center above and below, "United States" above, "Internal Revenue" below. Circles at each side containing "2."

Size of stamp 69x32 mm.

Date, August, 1873. Various colored

- No. 89. 2c orange.

All in center of paper.

Die V. Large "2" in center in oval, Eagle and shield at left in oval, and Monitor at right in oval.

Size of stamp 105x43 min.

Date March 1, 1875. Various colored paper.

- No. 90. 2c bronze.

- No. 91. 2c buff.
- No. 92. 2c orange.

Printed on reverse of paper.

All in center of paper. Those two dies were all that were used in Boston.

In St. Louis only one die was used and that for two months, September and October, 1874.

Die W. Liberty head, flying hair, facing left, with pole and cap, buckled band inscribed "United States Internal Revenue." At sides obverse and reverse of 2c piece.

Size of stamp 73x36 min.

Date. September, 1873. Various colored paper.

- No. 93. 2c bronze.
- No. 94. 2c buff.

All of the stamps of all issues and kinds come in various shades of the color printed in, so I have paid but little attention to these shades except where pronounced enough to almost make it a different color.

It has been a great pleasure to me to get together the collection I have and to the collector who has trod the old field of adhesive stamps will find new enjoyment in taking up the "entries" of U. S. Revenues.

The only list of these stamps published was in E. B. Sterling's catalogue of 1888, and it was a very good guide to follow. Thanks are due that catalogue for the interest I have taken in them and for part of the information given in this article. But upon comparing the two lists you will find a number of varieties given in the above which has been more recently discovered and are all in the writer's collection.

Any one interested in stamped paper, I should like to hear from, as acquaintance might mean mutual benefit.

The Standard of Stamp Collecting.

By Z. R. Forbes.

That the standard of stamp collecting is considered by the general public so much lower than other scientific pursuits is a fact which is greatly to be deplored. There is really no reason why it should not be on the same level as botany, mineralogy, zoology and other scientific studies.

The present attitude of the public is due in part to the methods employed by many collectors in adding to their collections. Too much of "getting stamps for my little boy who is making a collection" has been indulged in by collectors. My experience has been that after paying a fair price for the privilege of looking over old letter files for stamps the person with whom you have had your dealings looks with respect and favor on the stamp business and recognises the fact that it is not boys play, and is willing to accommodate you again if the opportunity offers.

It is a well known fact that the public usually judge by extreme cases and when a person, perhaps not particularly interested in stamps happens to take up a stamp paper and reads the advertisements freely garnished with slang—and such ads are common—his opinion of philately is at once lowered. Every branch of science has its published journals, and, excepting those devoted to stamps, none use juvenile attempts

to advertise their goods. I do not offer this as a criticism of the WEST, or any other leading stamp journal, but rather of those publications of the mushroom order; these papers are a real detriment to our cause and their demise will mark a step in advance.

Probably every adult stamp collector has been met with the query "why do you collect stamps"? To my mind the proper answer would be as a scientific research of postal issues of the different governments and as a recreation. This answer could be enlarged somewhat by stating the amount of study required to classify the different stamps and quote a few prices of recent auction sales. It would also be well to state that the old way of relying on your friends for the past and that large business houses confine themselves wholly to importing stamps for collections.

It is the duty of the philatelic public to elevate our interesting study to a much higher level than it now holds. Let us therefore, both dealers and collectors, conduct our stamp transactions with this purpose paramount.

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The "Philatelic East" coming from Washington, D. C., is a pretty little paper; in bulk it is far behind the "Philatelic West," but in paper and letter-press it is far ahead. If the two could be consolidated, so that the contents of the WEST were presented in the form of the "East" we should truly have a fine paper that it would be hard to rival. One thing that is not pretty about the "East" is that the name of the editor and publisher is hidden under the firm name. Why not come straight out and let everybody know who you are?

Chicago's Chief of Police is said to be a collector of Celtic books and Irish songs. As a true son of Erin he could no doubt be a postage stamp collector too, if Ireland had any stamps of its own.

When president Salomon, of Hayti, was deposed and exiled, the new powers had no new stamps at hand and yet were loth to use the stamps with the portrait of the deposed president. They ordered the stamps to be affixed to letters upside down, and whenever this order was not obeyed and the stamps were found on letters the right side up, the letters were treated as unpaid and double postage was collected from the addressee. A curious postal order!

It shows very little business tact to send stamps (or anything else) which are neither ordered nor wanted and then to dun the receiver for

payment for the same. A dealer who makes himself guilty of this practice may be sure thereby to lose the patronage and support of the best class of buyers. If anything be sent unsolicited it should always be understood to be a sample that is distributed gratis.

Postmaster-General. Geo. B. Cortelyou emits the following: "Attention of postmasters and all the employees of the postal service is called to section 3922 of the Revised Statutes, which reads as follows: Any person employed in any branch of the postal service, who shall willfully and unlawfully remove from any mail matter any postage stamp affixed thereto in payment of the postage, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than six months. It is expected that all postmasters will recognize the importance of protecting the mails from such depredations, and they are hereby instructed to report promptly to the Chief Postoffice Inspector every case of violation of the foregoing statute that comes under their observation." From this we may draw the conclusion that there are some among the postal employees who are stamp collectors or who are friends of stamp collectors and use their position to pick any good stamps that pass the mails under their eyes from the postal matter, and the P. M. G. is highly commendable for stopping such practice.

In the Canal Zone the following postoffices are in operation since April 1, 1905: Ancon, Frijoles, Bas Obispo, Gatun, Bohio, Gorgona, Corozal, La Boca, Cristobal, Matachin, Culebra, Paraiso, Emperador (Empire), Tabernilla.



WOMAN-COLLECTORS' DEPARTMENT



Conducted by **VERNA WESTON HANWAY**

THE AZTECS

The land was ours—this glorious land—
With all its wealth of wood and streams:
Our warriors strong of heart and hand.
When wearied at the thirsty noon.
We knelt us where the spring gushed up.
Unlike the white man's poison cup.
—Whittier.

Much has been written of that mysterious race—mysterious alike for their wonderful civilization in the midst of barbarians and for their origin. Many plausible theories have been formed to explain their mysterious existence. The most plausible trace their fountain-head back to Asia. Others claim for them an Egyptian, some a Hebrew origin.

But in spite of these various theories, but little is known of their history prior to the time when they were discovered in Mexico by the Spaniards. The little that is known is vague and indefinite, gleaned partly from oral traditions and partly from their picture writing or hieroglyphics. Popular supposition has it that they emigrated from the north to the valley of Mexico, and acquired many of their arts and customs from the Toltecs, a race who preceded them in possession of

the country. Tradition asserts that having halted on the borders of the Lake of Tezcuco, they saw an eagle with a serpent in his talons, his wings outspread to the rising sun, perched upon a branch of a prickly pear tree. This circumstance they hailed as a favorable omen. Nor were they deterred by the fact that all around them was low marshes half buried in water. They erected dwellings of reeds and rushes upon piles sunk in the shallows. On this was the foundations of that "Venice of the West," Mexico laid. Its ancient name was Tenochtitlan, but it was afterward called Mexico in honor of Mexili, their war god.

From this humble beginning they rapidly increased in strength and resources, until, at the time of the Spanish invasion, their dominions extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and far into the remote corners of Nicaragua and Guatemala, southwardly. Substantial buildings of stone and lime had replaced their first rude huts, and on the royal Hill of Chapultepec stood the palace of their monarchs surrounded by vast gardens filled with fragrant shrubs



DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY.

By L. G. Dorpat, Box 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 beside the fee above provided for.

It is probably news to many collectors that Ireland had in 1867 two stamps prepared for the "Republic of Ireland." They were to be used upon the success of the Fenian movement. That never came and the stamps are now very rare, none but a few proofs having been printed. For particulars see "E. W. S. N. 279.

242. What is meant by "U. S. Commemorative Stamps?"—There are four issues of such: 1893, Columbian or Chicago World's Fair issue, values 1c to \$5.00, made as an advertisement for the Chicago World's Fair and in commemoration of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus; 1898, Trans-Mississippi or Omaha, 1c to \$2.00, made to advertise the Exposition at Omaha, Nebraska, and to commemorate the opening and the wonderful development of the "West"; 1901, Pan-American or Buffalo, 1c to 10c, serving both the Buffalo Exposition and the idea of a closer connection between the peoples of the North and South American continents; 1904, Louisiana Purchase or St. Louis World's Fair, 1c to 10c, serving the St. Louis World's Fair and reminding the world of the success of that purchase from

France under President Jefferson which resulted in a peaceful annexation and incorporation of the great West to and into the United States. The issue of 1869 was evidently a forerunner of these later issues, but, as a rule, it is not included under the same term.

218. There are several replies to query 218, one from Arthur Beug, Galveston, Texas, quoting Mr. C. A. Huntington and one from Miss A. L. Swift. "Recago" appears to mean "additional charge." This was made on letters in Spain to meet the expense of the war, similarly as in our country there was for some time an additional charge on postal money orders. The stamp is a post stamp, but not a postage stamp, and bears in its character a strong resemblance to the "Imperesto de Guerra" stamps, with the peculiarity that it was issued through the post-offices and used on letters, while the "Imperesto de Guerra" stamps were used everywhere. The design is evidently adopted from the postage stamps, retaining the inscriptions, "Correos," "Telegrafos," but it seems that neither postage nor the forwarding of a telegraph message could be prepaid by means of these stamps. Of the "Recags" stamp there seems to be but one value, 5c, but of the "Imp. de Guerra" there is a great long series of 27 values, 5c to 40 pesos, the lower values in black, the higher ones from 1 peso up in blue.

Miss Smith quotes from "Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal": "We have received another War Tax Stamp, which is peculiar in not being inscribed 'Imperesto de Guerra,' but having its special object only indicated in the margins of the sheets. It is of the same design as the new Colonial

and Telegraph stamps, but has the date only, '1898-99' in the upper label, and 'Recargo 5cs' in the lower. The stamps are printed in sheets of 200, in three panes side by side, the center pane containing 10 horizontal rows of 8 stamps, and the other two 10 rows of 6. Above each pane is the inscription, 'RECARGO EXTRAORDINARIO DE GUERRA—60 (or 80) sellos de 5 centimos de presta.' This appears to be really a special letter-tax stamp, and should, we think, be chronicled here."

243. What stamps are used in Greenland?—There are not many used there at all, the ice-bears, seals, whales, etc., being not very much addicted to letter-writing, but as Greenland belongs to the countries included in the Universal Postal Union it must have some letter-writing inhabitants and these use the stamps of Denmark or Ireland, which, in particular, is not clear to myself.

244. Shall I cut my stamped envelopes or keep them entire?—You may do as you please, and there is no authority to give you any command in this matter. Reasons for cutting stamped envelopes are: (1) The square cut stamps are less bulky and easier to keep than the entire envelopes. (2) The stamps are the main thing in philately, the rest of the envelope belonging rather into a collection of postal stationary than into a collection of stamps. (By the way—the custom of cutting such stamps out square instead of to shape is an arbitrary matter sanctioned by usage, and the same reasons that speak for not cutting the envelopes at all are the ones that require the square margins to be wide.) Reasons for leaving stamped envelopes entire are: (1)

You may do the cutting later on, if you desire, but you can never restore the envelope after you have once cut it, (2) Cut, the watermark is frequently lost; entire, it remains, (3) A stamp cut from an envelope is only a part of the form in which the stamp was issued; entire you have all that belongs to it, (4) Prices for entire envelopes are usually a little higher than for square cut stamps. I would not discard the cut stamps, because a poor stamp is yet a stamp and as such better than none at all.

245. Have the stamps of the German Empire any plate numbers?—Yes. Since 1880 I can not tell. The plate number, however, does not occur on the stamps themselves, but on the margin. The system of these numbers is not understood by philatelists, and the "Reichs-Druckerei" seems to guard it as a secret. In regard to other countries besides the U. S., Canada, Great Britain and Japan, I have no information at all.

232. Rev. J. W. Dickinson, of Virden, Manitoba, was so kind as to send several "precanceled" stamps of Canada. There are two kinds of cancellation. One consists of two heavy horizontal vertical lines (about 2 mm. wide) 10 millimetres apart with a third, wavy line between them: there is no name to indicate the place where the stamp was used: the lines are not very clear and make the impression as if they had been applied by means of a rubber wheel. The reverent gentleman says he found this kind of precancellation on all values up to 10c of the 1869-90 issues. It is also found on maple-leaf and numeral stamps

of 1897 and on the King's Head stamps 1903. The other form of cancellation consists of two heavy horizontal lines about 1 mm. wide and 1 mm. apart with a thin wavy line between and another thin wavy line on the outside of each thick line; above these lines, about 3 mm. away, is the city name and the same distance below the name of the province; this printing was evidently done on a press. Mr. Dickinson says he saw this cancellation on all values of the present issue except on the 20c. Of the numeral issue 1898 he enclosed a 1c with the same cancellation, stating that this value is the only one of this issue that he has met with this cancellation; he mentions Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and Brockville as names he has met. With thanks to Rev. Dickinson I would invite the other readers of the WEST to supplement this information as far as they may be able, with a view towards getting it as much as possible complete. One alone may not have noticed much, but his knowledge may be exactly that which all the others are wanting, and by bringing all details together we can finally establish a very fair synopsis of the whole, which in turn will be useful to every individual collector.

246. What is the meaning of the word "Nebuloso" on a machine cancellation of the city of Mexico? This means "foggy weather" and is a proclamation of the Mexican weather bureau made by means of the cancellation on out-going letters

from the city of Mexico. In this way the weather-forecasts are sent daily in all directions from the capital through the regular mail. The system, I think, was introduced some time in 1903, but I do not know whether it is still in use or not. The forecasts will read differently according to the direction in which the letters are directed for while southern Mexico may have "Nebuloso," the northern part of country may have "Buen Tiempo" or fair weather. "Sluvia" means rain, and the same cancellation may have two legends one above and the other, thus: "Sluvia A. M. Buen Tiempo P. M." meaning rain in the morning and fair weather in the evening. The forecast refers to the day following that of the day on the stamp. How many different designations have been used I do not know, but there are others besides those quoted above. The form of the whole thing is similar to our U. S. flag cancellations, a circular date stamp with a flag attached on which the forecast is given.

247. "Who designed, engraved and printed the numeral issues (1843-66) of Brazil?"

248. "What railroads have issued Package or Newspaper stamps?" I know only of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., the Philadelphia & Reading and the Chicago & North-western Railway Co. If any of our readers could supply us with information and samples, the favor would be much appreciated.

Stamped Paper of the U. S.

By J. Dolano Bartlett

(Continued from last month)

No. 56. \$1.00 orange.

That ends the series of those issued by the American Phototype Co. Stamps No. 48, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 56 are found with the words surcharged over the stamp in black, in two lines "Stamped for redemption Oct. 1, 1872." Also on stamp No. 56 are found the words surcharged in black, "Stamp redeemed." The only remaining die from New York was printed by the American Graphic Co.

Die O. Diamond shape stamp with head of Liberty in center. "2" in upper and lower points in diamond. Size of stamp 82x48

Date. February 10, 1876. Various colors of paper.

No. 57. 2c orange.

- a. Stamp on the reserve only.
- b. Inscription under "Internal" at left in fine colored letters, "Graphic Co." and under "Revenue" at left "New York."
- c. Design altered and under head of Liberty inserted the word "Sample" and under stamp, in 1 line, colored letters, "Invalid for actual use."

These are found as a rule near center of paper, but they do come at left, also these stamps are quite common with the words, "Stamp Redeemed" in lilac rubber stamp surcharge.

The other dies are not so numerous, so we will not consider those printed by the firm Carpenter & Butler of Philadelphia, known as the Philadelphia Series.

Die P. Same design as the first issue, revenues adhesive with head of Washington.

Date, May 3, 1897. White paper.

No. 58. 2c orange. "Bank check."

No. 59. 2c orange. U. S. Internal Revenue.

Stamp No. 59 was catalogued by Mr. E. B. Sterling in 1888 as Die C. New

York Series. I have, after a close study of these stamps, as well as the official documents of the Treasury Department come to the conclusion that Mr. Sterling was in error about this die and that it properly belongs as the first dies used by Butler & Carpenter.

Die Q. Flying eagle to right, in circle inscribed "United States Internal Revenue Two Cents," ornamented at top and bottom with small "2" in center of circle. Size of stamp 32x50 min.

Date, July 2, 1869. Various colored paper.

No. 60. 2c bronze.

No. 61. 2c buff.

No. 62. 2c orange.

- a. Inscription at left of stamp, "Good for check or" and at right of stamp "Sight drafts only."

No. 63. 2c red.

- a. Inscription at left of stamp "Good for check or," and at right of stamp "Sight drafts only."

All I have seen are in center of the paper.

Die R. Head of Washington to right, in oval. Curved bands across top and bottom, extending well out at side, with "2" at each end. Size of stamp 102x40 min.

Date, March 31, 1872. Various colored paper.

No. 64. 2c bronze.

No. 65. 2c buff.

No. 66. 2c yellow.

No. 67. 2c orange.

No. 87. 2c buff.

No. 88. 2c yellow.

- a. Inscription below stamp, in curved line, colored letter, "Good for check or sight draft only."

No. 68. 2c red.

- a. Inscription below stamp in curved line, colored letters, "Good for check or sight draft only."

These I have also found to be near the center of the paper.

Die S. Washington to left in oval, with lathe work border and lathe work circle at each side with "2" in each. Size of stamp 85x33 min.

Date, January 2, 1875. Various colored paper.

Philippine Notes

By Charles C DeSolms

There isn't much doing in the way of stamp news.

Frank Gusceth, an enthusiastic collector, has been recently transferred from the Manila postoffice and is now in charge of the post-office at Dagupan.

Japan has recently made demand on Korea for control of their post-office and the telegraph lines, so that Korea will shortly be using the Japanese stamps.

It will probably be several months before we have our new issue for the Philippines. The one, 2, 4 and \$10 will bear the new coat-of-arms of the Philippines. The special delivery will bear a picture of a Filipino boy, or the "guileless" muchacho, as he is frequently referred to here, and who is about as rapid as the proverbial messenger boy.

It seems somewhat out of place to have a portrait of Samson on the stamps of our new issue for the Philippines as he had nothing whatever to do with the Philippines, and holds only a minor place as one of our national heroes. The new issues for these islands could be used to better advantage to familiarize the people of America and the world with heroes, or things, more pertinent to the Philippines.

The use of the portraits of Washington, Lincoln and Franklin on some of the other denominations is not inappropriate, in view of the relation of America to these islands

The portraits on the other values of the proposed new set are all of prominent Filipino heroes. The list of designs has already been published so that there is no occasion for adding it here.

There is little use in the islands for the \$5.00 or \$10.00 values, as there are but few packages mailed here that necessitate that amount of postage. In the last set surcharged, there was a sheet of 100 of the \$5.00 stamp included. These have now been sold out for some time, although not all of them were actually used for postage. I know of a number of copies that have been preserved unused for collecting purposes. This stamp, however, is bound to be an extremely rare one, and the fortunate possessor of one of these stamps may know that he has a prize. It has been learned, stated from official sources, that no more will be issued.

I send herewith three photos of the Russian cruisers which suddenly made their appearance in Manila harbor during the nights of June 3-4, in a very badly damaged condition, after their escape from the disastrous engagement that the Russian fleet had with the Japanese on May 27th in the Korean straits.

These photos are very poor, as they were taken under unfavorable conditions, but will serve to show one or two of the vessels.

Now is the time to prepare for fall business, but you ought to write before taking an ad of any kind.

The Bottom of the Sea.

By Dr. F. D. Snyder.

“ Deep in the wave is a coral grove,
Where the purple mullet and gold fish rove;
Where the sea-flower spreads its leaves of blue,
That never are wet with falling dew,
But in bright and changeful beauty shine,
Far down in the green and glossy brine.”

When we come to study the numerous animal life, that exists beneath the waves of the ocean, one cannot but stop and think, how wonderful are the works of nature.

Only a few years ago, life that existed in our seas, was so obscure, we had only a vague idea, of the great variety and beautiful forms, that have their homes among the hills and valleys of old ocean. But to-day science has explored nearly every nook and corner at all depths, and many are the rare and curious creatures, that have been brought to light.

The work of examining and studying these beautiful objects, it matters not whether they be shells, corals, fish, or sponges, is so interesting that one becomes so enthusiastic he can never tire of this work, and the whole panorama of sea life, is like one great kaleidoscope, with its ever changing colored objects to attract ones eyes.

Probably one of the most beautiful, and interesting objects you will find are the corals, in their various forms, including the gorgonia and sea-plumes. For a long time science was at a loss to know where to classify them, and they were for many years supposed to belong to the vegetable kingdom, but when it

was discovered that they belonged to the lower class of animal life, they become more and more interesting.

A singular degree of obscurity has possessed the popular mind, with regards the growth of corals, and coral reefs. Science, while it penetrates deeply the system of things about us, sees everywhere in the dim limits of vision, the word mystery, and so it is with the little animals that build our coral islands, and make our coral reefs. Their work is mysterious, but to the scientist it is not more surprising, nor a matter of more difficult comprehension, that the little animals called a polyp, should form the structures, that we call coral, than it is for the quadruped to form bones, or the mollusk its shell.

In looking at a collection of corals, one cannot help but observe the beautiful and delicate structures in many of them, the rare and gorgeous colors they display, and in how many instances they have imitated the vegetable growths that are to be found on land.

In hunting the bottom of the ocean, you will also find shells of all sizes and colors. All of us are familiar with them, for they are a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

Who has not admired the wonderful sea-shells? The little children have them among their choice playthings; boys and girls put them in their little cabinets, the savage uses them for money; the lady welcomes them as decorations for her parlor; the student carefully examines their

structures; and the scientist reads in them the history of the growing world. Few objects in nature, have been more widely diffused, or more universally admired.

The inhabitants of the sea, are in many instances, like the animals and vegetable life on land, each have their own peculiar characteristics, each living on certain plantations, and selecting the locality and depth of water they find most favorable for their existence.

Surveying the bottom of the ocean, has been one of the chief means of discovering many of the rare animals that inhabit our seas. Deep sea sounding is done by cables, that sound the various depths, and the use of a drag net, called a trawl, is used to bring up the specimens that are to be studied.

Oceanography is a science, that has developed many new objects in natural history, and the field is so great, the animal life so numerous, it seems the work must continue on indefinitely, and always be new.

Cigar Band Collecting.

In my previous communication, I tried to show the delight and pleasure which came with cigar band saving. Stamp collectors as well as those with other fads will pooh pooh the idea that the collecting of cigar bands is fascinating, and will soon become an established fact. It has and will have all the anxieties, worries, care and finally the pleasures which attend the getting a collection of stamps. The various bands of

cigars are labeled differently and though the fact may not be known, several well known brands have varieties of labels. The Sanchez and Haga have no less than ten, the General Arthur, fourteen, the James Lick, fifteen, the Humboldt five and the Rose of Castellane five varieties of the same band. Then there are many double impressions, many deviations in color, in lettering and in style. It causes much thought to go over a large collection believing that the band is there and find, with what pleasure, the seeker alone can tell, a variation. The bands arranged systematically in scrap books are a source of study and a work of art, more so than when gummed onto a jar or box. The figure style, straight, circular and other styles in separate books or divisions of the same book are easily found when a new design is thought not to be there. In my collection I have some bands which would be thought artistic and worth thousands of dollars, if they appeared on canvas with fine frames.

The stamp collector who is a genuine one will encourage and not deter the band collector. They will never clash. Each will go his path and both may eventually meet and become dual collectors. This is my belief; time will tell if I am right. To those about to or desirous of commencing cigar band collecting. My advice is always ready, free of cost. I will exchange, buy or sell cigar bands in quantity or in collections.

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About Philatelic Papers

By C. Grandpierre

There are in this country, as well as in Europe, one or two philatelic papers which can be termed "first class" and cater principally for the advanced collectors, but as the latter are only a small minority, they are not as useful to the generality, as they should be. They have their own value, being to the philatelist what the scientific review is to the professional man. Articles on minute discoveries are valuable additions to the philatelic science but are no interesting reading to the beginner whom they lead to believe that stamp collecting is but a science that costs years of time and tons of money to get acquainted with.

The ordinary class of philatelic papers catering for the beginners and "medium" collectors are unfortunately often bad teachers and not unfrequently publishes nonsense about certain stamps. Some of them are "edited" by men or mere boys knowing as little about the publishing business as the famous "man in the moon". Of some of them can with certainly be said that they are not edited at all, their editors printing almost everything that is sent to them in the way of manuscripts and advertisement.

Take for instance any article published by that class of papers on the stamps of a certain country. In 9 cases out of 10 it is apparent that the writer's knowledge on the subject goes just as far as the contents

of his catalogue and not further.

We would not have too many philatelic papers if there were a few more good ones among them. We could even do with a few more of the right kind on the condition that three-fourths of those now being published cease to exist.

I have been induced to write the above lines by three three letters I have received during the last three weeks from men unknown to me, and probably to the rest of the philatelic world, who ask for my support for new philatelic papers. One of them admits frankly that he cannot write well but that with the help of some good writers, he would succeed in his undertaking. All three seem to forget that almost anybody with some education can, once in a while, write an article, but that to really edit a paper wants some one who not only can write but who can also be a teacher and that to be a teacher wants considerably more knowledge and experience than these prospective "editors" seem to have.

I feel always inclined to help anybody starting a business. On the other hand, I cannot be indulgent with those whose only purpose in starting new publications is to make themselves appear important persons in the eyes of the philatelists.

I for my part will not help them, on the contrary, I will counsel the reader not to patronize new publications unless they know that the one who is publishing them is more than speculating on the purse of the stamp collectors.

They Object to Souvenir Cards.

The United States postal department will curtail the promiscuous mailing of souvenir postal cards. The fad recently has grown to immense proportions and more than 50 per cent of the postal cards mailed nowadays are souvenir cards from points of interest in various parts of the country.

As long as the cards merely contained scenes of historical interest, the department had no objection to them. Recently the French and German practice of manufacturing mailing cards containing portraits of an objectionable nature was imitated and the department will call a halt. The public has been requested to discontinue mailing cards of the latter kind and a few prosecutions of offenders are able to be made by the department.

HISTORY OF FAD.

It is understood the first cards were printed in Paris, and the fad spread all over the world. The original cards were in a measure educational, and the postoffice department was glad to encourage their distribution. Almost every privilege requested by those who were fostering the souvenir postal card fever was granted by the department, and even now it is announced there is no desire on the part of the government to encourage the legitimate souvenir card.

But the increase in number of offensive pictures which are sent through the mails has caused some just complaints, and effort will be made to put a stop to the evil even if vigor-

ous measures have to be adopted.

Many of the objectional pictures are not exactly indecent and in the hands of the worldly would cause no comment, but it is felt by those who oppose them that they are sufficiently suggestive to be improper for the eyes of young boys and girls. Under the system of leaving all mail for a family at the door of a residence, it is impossible that many of these postal cards should not fall into the hands of children.

A CENSORSHIP EXISTS.

The censorship will be applied not only to suggestive pictures, but views of women in French bathing costumes or in scanty oriental attire reclining on divans, and to the type that includes pictures of red devils and bearing such legends as "I am having a— of a time in—" and "What the— do you want now?"

The most improper cards come from France, and some of the German cards are decidedly coarse. It is only recently that the American publishers have begun to pander to this indelicate taste.

It is hoped by the postoffice authorities that the announcement that objectionable cards will be withdrawn from the mails will have the effect of discouraging the practice of sending them, but it is probable that it will be necessary to prosecute some of the offending senders before the evil can be stamped out. It is said that with this end in view the authorities are on the lookout for one or two especially flagrant cases upon which to base criminal proceedings. —Lincoln Star.



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R. R. THIELE.

Wauwatosa, Wis., U. S. A.

The Prussian official stamps, whose possessions in unused condition during their term of currency was attended with such unpleasant consequences for divers officials and collectors have now been sold to private parties—some of the German papers say to a noted Berlin dealer, others say to a syndicate of dealers. Considerable dissatisfaction exists among the German collectors because the Prussian government would not disclose the exact numbers of the remainders—something like the celebrated Nova Scotian affairs of a few years ago. There must be rafts of them, though, since the set of 8 unused is now offered at 1 Mark the price fixed by the present owners.

The late reprinting of certain stamps by the German Imperial Printing Office aroused quite a commotion in German philatelic circles last winter. The Frankfort Philatelic Society submitted a strong protest to the postal authorities and have now received an answer which I printed in several of the German

papers; it is rather non-committal but merely says that in case there should be any occasion for further reprinting, the objections offered would be considered. Small comfort in that!

In No. 6 of the Philatelistisches Echo Dr. Rommel has a continuation of his interesting article on Charity stamps. In this there are listed—in addition to the well known Great Central Fair stamps—eight other issues of similar stamps made in various Northern cities during the Cival War, and no less than six of them are illustrated; several of them, I believe, are virtually unknown to present day collectors. Other charitable stamps from various countries are also illustrated.

Says No. 93 of LaRevue Postale: Next year there will be organized a new series of Olympian games at Athens. It is quite unnecessary to add that on this occasion there will be offered to us a new set of commemorative stamps. The report so far lacks confirmation; let us hope that it may prove to be a false alarm.

Talk about your counterfeits! No. 3 of the Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt contains an article of over seven pages of fine print, with a dozen enlarged illustrations on the subject of an Oldenburg 1 gr, 1861, on entire letter. The stamp is genuine enough, but the cancellation is in question. The matter has already been in the courts and the battle of the ally, some standing up for the genuinness of the cancellation, others denying it; no wonder that

the courts do not feel able to render a decision. The forgery of postmarks flourishes in Germany and many an interesting "original cover", the pride of its owner, owes its existence to the clever faker.

Look out for certain Oriental dealers! The same paper brings details of very dangerous forged Greek ex-surcharges which are sent out broadcast by certain Epaminondas Argynian, Athens, and others distributed by a Miss Schock, Paris, likewise by Jacques Sigalla, Constantinople.

The startling political developments in Norway have already brought forth the usual philatelic accompaniment. The three krona values of Norway, which bear the portrait of King Oscar have been retired on June 30, 1905, according to No. 6 of the Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift, and have by now been replaced by the large remainders of the yellow 2 skilling stamp of 1867, surcharged with the values kr. 1.00, kr. 1.50, kr. 2.00. The color of the surcharge had at the time of our informant's going to press (June 12) not been determined upon; the surcharge was to be small and to be placed under the coat-of-arms. The number to be printed was as follows:

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| Kr 1.00 | 100,000. |
| Kr 1.50 | 50,000. |
| Kr 2.00 | 50,000. |

What was to be done with the large remainders of the portrait stamps had not as yet been determined upon; the following large stocks are on hand:

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| Kr 1.00 | 340,500. |
| Kr 1.50 | 827,600. |
| Kr 2.00 | 737,600. |

The remainders of the skilling issue still on hand are as follows:

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| 1863, 24 sk | 490,000. |
| 1867, 2 sk | 700,000. |
| 1872-76, 2 sk | 410,000. |
| 4 sk | 470,000. |
| 7 sk | 470,000. |

The Norwegian postal department will shortly invite designs for an entirely new set of stamps. The committee which is to pass upon the designs submitted is to be composed of an artist, a postal official, and a philatelist. Thus do we get official recognition as stamp experts. The Viking ship at Christiania has been suggested for the new stamps.

The same paper illustrates the designs for the new Danish West Indian stamps; they are, to say the truth, rather homely. They bear the profile of the King surrounded in the corners by four crowns and the inscription between the crowns: DANSK VEST INDIEN POST; the value is in a separate label below. The type used is of the ultra-modern variety and rather illegible.

The Straits Settlements have the cheapest post office in the world. Post-cards available in the colony and to the Federated Malay States are sold at one-fifth of a penny each; the letter rate of postage throughout the same area is slightly more than a halfpenny. The postage on letters to any place in the British Empire is four-fifths of a penny to the half ounce.

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Ben Green, one of Chicago's largest dealers, states that he finds this society helps him to get most of the claims he has reported. Being the largest society in America, you can see why it helps out more, for it has more members to help each other.

Elmer Smith, of Illinois, complains of W. P. Young, of Portsmouth, N. H., Henry Schramm, Rochester, N. Y., and S. Denton, of St. Francis, Minn. C. Hoebet, of Nebraska, complains of F. Bowling, of Kittanning, Pa.

This is the smallest list of new members of any month this year.

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land.
J W Middlesworth, Harrisonville,
Mo.

We expect to see a call for nominations for new officers in the next number.

One of the Finest Collections

The most notable English stamp collection is, according to the month-

ly magazine "Connoisseur," the one known by the name of Tapling Collection, belonging to the collections of the British Museum. It numbers over 100,000 stamps, and is said to be the third of the world in regard to value and completeness. It was originally collected by the deceased Thomas Key Tapling, the long-time representative of the district Harborough in Leicestershire. He started to collect when he was only ten years old and when it was relatively easy to overlook and bring together the stamps of the world, and then he worked with tenacious zeal all his life long to make and to keep the collection complete. Today it is estimated to be worth over \$500,000 at the present market value. The desire to appropriate and the covetousness of the stamp collectors must be quite considerable, as the officials of the museum have found it necessary to put the show cases containing the Tapling Collection under the constant guard of two special watchmen. The cases are placed in the center of the room known as the King's Library. But even with these measures the precaution of the conservators was not yet exhausted. Certain special objects of value of which every single stamp represents hundreds of pounds were rather placed separately in a safe in the interior rooms of the museum. This little selection of the treasures of the collection, among which certain stamps from Mauritius, British Guiana and Hawaii are specially valued, is considered as a gift in itself and is accessible on special request.

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held in Minneapolis, Thursday, August 11, 1905, as per the call of the president I hope all members who can, will attend. I wish to state that I am not a candidate for reelection as I am too busy to hold the office any longer. I shall attend the meet in Minneapolis and hope to see you all there.

W. P. KELLEY,

3222 Peery Ave. Sec'y-Treas.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the members of the Southern Philatelic Association.

Fellow Members:

In compliance with the requirements of our association, I hereby issue a call for our annual convention, to be held in the city of Minneapolis the second week in August.

Nominations for the offices should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer at once, to be published next month and I trust you will take an active interest in the matter.

It will be impossible for me to accept the nomination for president again and I am announcing same in advance so another selection may be made at once.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES ROEMER,

President.

SECY-TREASURER'S REPORT, S. P. A.

NEW MEMBER

309 E. J. Runner, Stanley, Kans.

APPLICATION

Jas. J. Wheeler, 8th & Culvert St,
Cincinnati, Ohio, age 42, clerk, rec.
by C. Waring, W. P. Kelley.

Fellow Members:

Our annual convention will be

International Philatelic Exhibition London 1906.

The arrangements in connection with the International Exhibition have been in active progress, and the period for which the Royal Horticultural Society's Hall has been reserved is from Monday the 21st of May until Saturday the 2d of June, 1906. Doubtless two days will be required for mounting the exhibits and one or two days for unpacking, so that the Exhibition will probably be opened to the public for some nine or ten days from the 23rd of May. Invitations have been issued to various Philatelic Societies and to Philatelists, and the General Committee is now in course of formation. The programme has been drafted, but before publication it will be submitted for approval to the General Committee

H. R. OLDFIELD, Hon. Sec.

L. L. R. HAUSBURG Hon. Asst. Sec.

THE INVISIBLE THIEF.

By Oen Grill.

During the last twenty-five years Jared Williams has been engaged in the practice of law at the small town of S—.

In the course of this period his little office over the corner grocery store has been the scene of many an unusual incident, but never has he been called upon to solve a difficulty which to him proved more baffling than one which presented itself last summer.

Curiously enough, this enigma was of a philatelic nature.

One afternoon, a woman attired in black, and bearing in her hand a large envelope, entered his office.

"I have come to seek your advice, Mr. Williams," she said, "in regard to a matter in which I am entirely at sea. On the death of my husband he left me this letter," producing an envelope, "enclosed in which I found these old postage stamps. The letter states that the stamps are of rare value and that if placed in the proper hands may be disposed of for a considerable sum."

Williams took the letter and stamps and carefully examined the latter.

"I have some knowledge of the value of old stamps," he said, "and I recognize these as rare specimens. There are two of them in particular which are exceedingly valuable. If you wish you may leave them with me and I will send them to New York and if you will call in about a week or ten days, I think the proceeds of the sale will be ready for you. The amount should be two thousand dollars or more."

After expressing her astonishment that a few bits of waste paper could be worth such a sum the woman took

her leave, remarking as she went, "and to think that I came very near burning them; I was afraid poor John's illness had unsettled his mind and that this letter was written during a fit of temporary mental aberration."

As the woman was passing out Williams' phone rang and on answering it he received an urgent call to the office of a fellow-lawyer.

"Must see you in the next five minutes," came the message; "I must catch a train." Seizing his hat, Williams passed out, locking his door as he went and placing the key in his pocket. In his hurry he left the stamps spread out upon the table where he had placed them for examination. It was perhaps a half-hour later when he returned. Then for the first time he thought of the stamps which had been intrusted to his care. To his consternation he discovered that all but one of them were missing.

He glanced anxiously about the room, looked through the papers on his desk and even ransacked his pockets thinking he might have thrust them there in his hurry. But his search proved fruitless; the stamps were not to be found. Then he began to realize that he was in a serious predicament and one which might involve him in considerable loss. For a quarter of an hour he racked his brain for a solution. At the end of that time he concluded that the stamps must have been stolen. Someone had probably overheard his conversation and had gained access to the office in some unaccountable manner and taken the stamps. Who the thief was, was the mystery.

Williams looked at his watch. It was just four o'clock. Then suddenly he remembered that he had an ap-

pointment at the hotel across the street for that moment. Walking to the 'phone, he called up the hotel. "Tell that Mr. Wilson who has been stopping with you for the last week," he said when he had made the connection, "that I don't wish to leave the office at present but that I will see him here if he will call. Tell him also to bring the picture I ordered if it is completed."

Then hanging up the receiver he began to pace nervously up and down the room, each moment growing more irritated over the loss of the stamps.

When Wilson arrived with his picture he found Williams in no mood for a contemplation of landscapes or any other form of artistic reproductions.

When Wilson prepared to submit his work for inspection he was abruptly told that his picture would be accepted, but that at the present moment another matter demanded more urgent attention.

"You will pardon my seeming lack of courtesy," said Williams, "but I have just suffered a severe loss. I don't mind telling you about it but must request that you treat the matter as strictly confidential."

Williams then related the incident of the woman's visit and the subsequent loss of the stamps.

"It is very evident to me," said Wilson, "that a theft has been committed. I have had some experience in the unraveling of mysteries of this nature and I would say that without a doubt the stamps have been stolen."

"But who is the thief?" demanded Williams. By way of reply to this pertinent question Wilson remarked, "I have a friend—Grill by name—who is coming out here from the city on the five o'clock train to spend Sunday with me and—"

"You mean Grill, the detective," interrupted Williams.

"That's the man," said Wilson, "I was about to say that if you wish to avail yourself of his services, I think I can induce him to come over and see you this evening."

"I should be very glad to see him," said Williams, "if convenient to you I will meet you here at seven o'clock."

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"It is very apparent," Williams was saying, after introductions had been made and Grill had been acquainted with the facts of the case, "that a theft has been committed, but the question as to who the thief can be is a poser."

"How do you know there is a thief in the case?" asked Grill.

"Well, it looks mighty suspicious," said Williams.

"Yes," said Wilson, "although I have heard riches taking wings and flying away I don't believe that such is the case in the present instance."

"You say the door was locked when you returned," queried Grill.

"Yes," replied Williams.

"And the windows?"

"Were partly opened, but they are filled with flowers, as you see, and as they have not been disturbed, it seems hardly likely that an entry was made there."

Grill then placed a high stool near the door and carefully examined the transom. "No marks there," he commented, briefly.

"Has anyone but yourself a key to the office, Mr. Williams?" he asked.

"No one but old Pedro, the colored man who scrubs out the office every Saturday night," said Williams. He's due here tonight, by the way. But he wouldn't steal a pin; why I've known him for twenty-five years. Further—

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"The fact that the one that you found on the table is the most valuable of all; a thief would hardly have overlooked it."

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"But I've searched the whole room" contended Williams.

At this moment, Grill arose and walked to a small cabinet on the top of which was a large old-fashioned tobacco pipe.

"Whose is this?" he asked.

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"Then Pedro must have been here today, eh?"

"Not necessarily; he may have left it here last Saturday night; I haven't seen him since."

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Our globe-trotter is W. E. Crane, 77 Van Seclen Ave, Brooklyn, N. Y. He returned June 24 from a 14 months trip around the world collecting curios. He brought back 120,000 specimens of fossils and shells, 100,000 of these will be duplicates that he wishes to exchange for U. S. fossils.

It was with deep regret that we were obliged to accept the resignations of two of our old members, George M. DuBose, Mt. Carmel, S. C., formerly of Lisbon, Ga. and Rev. Allen Jesse Reynolds, of Council Grove, Kan. The latter was one to whom, with our worthy president, we are indebted for this organization. If anyone can give us the present address of W. C. Wright, who in 1901 lived in Kingston, Jamaca, we shall consider it a great favor.

Prof. Clement L. Webster recently issued two interesting leaflets, one on the Old Land of the Sioux, and the other a description of a New Genus and Species of Gasteropod from Hackberry Group of Iowa,—*Floyda concentrica*. An interesting presentation of *The Deluge and Its Cause* by I. H. Vail, gives a new explanation of that great geological disturbance from the standpoint of the Annular Theory so ably presented in two recent numbers of *West* by Mrs. Brokaw, of California.

Mrs. Brokaw is busy every spare moment revising and preparing for the publishers a book on Fossil

Thought. In another place will be found a list of unclaimed letters.

In some cases the street and number were wrong, in other cases the parties had removed. If anyone can give us the correct addresses we shall deem it a great favor.

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RENEWALS.

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| No. | |
| 486 | W. R. Smith, 939 State St., Springfield, Mass., age 42, occupation designer, collects and wishes to exchange minerals. |
| 342 | Will E. Crane, 77 Van Seclen Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., collects fossils, minerals, gems. Wishes to exchange. |
| 130 | Howard E. Bishop, Sayre, Penn. |
| 3 | R. D. Goss, Glendale, Calif. |
| 11 | Fred H Andrews, Elkston, Ore. lost his collection and letters by fire last July. Wishes to hear from his correspondents. |
| 118 | F. O. Nelson, 813 Hays street Boise, Idaho, collects minerals. |
| 252 | H. N. Bugbee, 14 Charles street Fitchburg, Mass. |
| 74 | Harvey H. Brown, Hami ton, Ill. |
| 52 | Luther B. Tutill, South Creek, Beaufort Co. N. C. |
| 100 | Martin Bungan, Sharpsburg, Md. |
| 64 | Willie W Worthington, Shelter Island Heights, N. Y. |
| 41 | Thomas K. Elder, 32 East 23rd street New York City, N. Y. |
| 15 | Basil G. Hamilton, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. |
| 72 | F. N. Coning, 350 George street, New Brunswick, N. J. |
| 25 | Frank A. Cox, Nunda, Ill. |
| 158 | J. A. P. Harris, R F D 3 Telford, Pa. formerly of Berrysburge, Pa. |
| 84 | F. G Hillman, New Bedford, Mass. |

NEW MEMBERS.

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| 176 | T. M. Dillman, Narwalls, Los Angeles Co. Calif. Age 58 Oc. farmer. collects coin. |
| 596 | J. Minchen, Fleming N. Y. Age 65, Oc farmer. Will exchange Oriskany sandstone fossils for Indian relics. |
| 182 | James Murrel, Salem, Ill. |
| 109 | Wm. J. Fulmer, 128 Orlando street, Buffalo, N. Y. |
| 143 | D. A. Growne, 104 Bond street, Astoria, Ore. Age 37 Oc motorman. Collects coins, stamps, curios. |

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Stamps Portrait Studies.

By Verna Weston Hanways.

(Continued.)

Mitre after his victory over Urquiza in 1861 was elected President of the Argentine Confederation in 1862, of which with the consent of the Legislature the city of Buenos Ayres, of which Mitre was governor, became provisionally the capital. Urquiza retired to the province of Entre Rios of which he continued to be governor.

Two able works representing the opposite points of view have been written by Dr. Latham from the Buenos Ayres standpoint, and M. De Moussy in an elaborate work dedicated to Urquiza.

In 1864 the Republic of Paraguay commenced war upon Brazil, and on Feburary 5th, 1865. President Lopes sent a despatch to the Argentine government, requesting permission for the passage of a Paraguayan troop through the province of Corrientes. This Mitre refused the neutrality of the country having previously been declared. On the morning of the 15th of April, a Paraguayan fleet entered the part of Corrientes, and without previous warning of belligerent intentions fired into and took possession of two vessels of the Argentine navy, which were lying at anchor in the port, on the following day a detachment of Paraguayan troops took possession of the city, while the main body of an invading army marched across the province and crossing Uruguay invaded Brazil. The sudden seizure of the vessels had been the first noti-

fication of war which reached the Argentine government. The official declaration dated March 29th did not reach the Argentine government until the 3d of May. On the 1st of May a treaty was signed between the Argentine government, Brazil and Uruguay, by which the powers mutually bound themselves not to lay down arms until they had abolished the government of Lopez. A fierce war followed, which were further augmented by internal dissention that made it necessary for Mitre to retire from the post of commander-in-chief of the allied forces in the field, which then devolved upon the Brazilian, General Caxias. Urquiza, though under the the orders of the National Government, and appointed commander-in-chief of the province of Entre Rias, virtually held the that in a state of neutrality throughout the war which was terminated by the shooting of Lopez on the 1st of March 1870 after the extermination of his country and a large number of the inhabitants.

In 1868 during the war Mitre's term of office expired and Sarmiento was elected as his successor.

Urquiza was assassinated at his family residence by some well known officers of his army.

Mitre's portrait is shown upon the fifty cent blue of 1888-90 and the fifty cent orange of 1889-90.

Mitre later prevented a rupture between the Argentine Republic and Brazil regarding the settlement of the boundries of Paraguay, which was at one time imminent. Through his diplomacy the friendly relations

of the two governments, it is hoped have been placed on a permanent basis.

The prosperity of the country received a temporary check in 1874 from a brief revolution initiated when President Avellanda was declared elected. The unsuccessful party under Mitre incensed at the defeat assented that the elections had been gained by corrupt and fraudulent measures, and resolved to appeal to arms to overthrow the president-elect. The revolution was declared on the 24th of September. President Sarmient whose term was expiring took active measure to suppress the revolt, and no collision of forces had taken place when the new president Do Nicolas Avellanda was constitutionally installed on the 12th of October.

Sarmiento features may be seen on the 6 cent dull red of 1888-90 and the 6 cent of 1889-90.

Avillanda followed up with energy the measure of his predecessor to suppress the revolt. His efforts were crowned with success in two decisive victories over the insurgents by the government troops. Generals Mitre and Arredonna with their troops surrendered and were made prisoners on Dec. 2d. The revolution had lasted but seventy-six days. On the 17th of December a public holiday was dedicated to rejoicings on the restoration of peace. Those who know the country feel it will be long before a similar revolutionary attempt is made. It is now the most prosperous of the South American Republics.

Avellanda is memorized on the 10 cent brown of 1888-90, and on the 10 cent dark brown of 1889-90.

Note:—Since commencing this series of "Portrait studies" I have learned that "Bosswell Junior" is conducting a similar series in a very able manner in "Gibbon's stamps Weekly" I feel positive from what I have seen of his works that the gentleman will do the subject justice, but as the two series will be read by an entirely different class of readers and the field for this work is large, I feel that I am justified in continuing my series. Mr. "Boswell Junior," I think, intends to take up the biographies of all of our stamp portrait characters while I shall merely write the biographies and incidents in the lines of a few.

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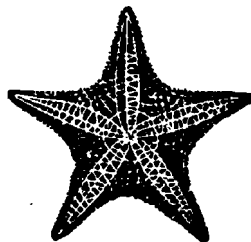
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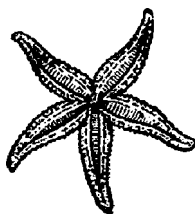
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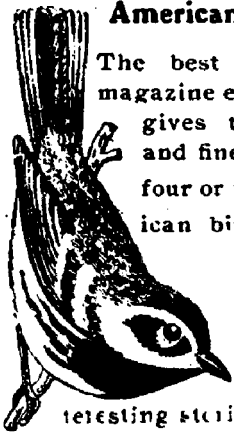
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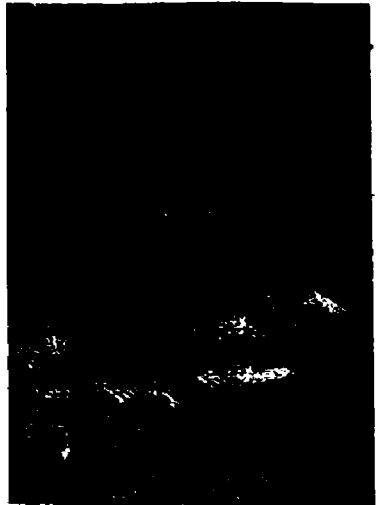
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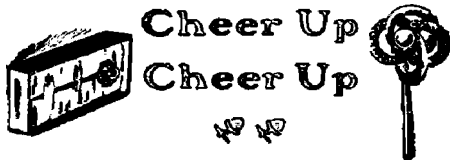
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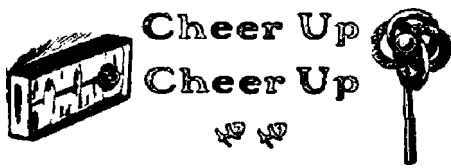
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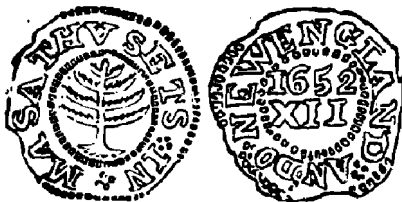
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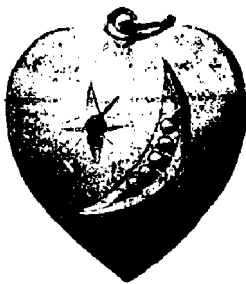
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