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20	5 shilling on 6 pence orange	1 50
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Bargains in Scarce Hawaii



No.	Color	Date	Cat.	Net	No	Color	Date	Cat.	Net
30	1c purple	1871	\$ 20	\$ 10	53	1c purple	1893 red sur.	\$ 20	\$ 10
31	2c vermil.	"	75	35	54	1c blue	" " "	20	10
32	5c bluish	"	70	35	55c	1c green	" " "	06	03
33	6c yel wreen	"	60	25	56	2c brown	" " "	30	15
25	18c dull rose	"	1 25	28	57	2c violet	" " "	08	03
35	2c brown	1875	10	05	58	5c bl'k blu.	" " "	40	18
36	12c black	"	1 50	70	58	5c ult'rine	" " "	20	10
37	1c blue	1882	10	05	60	6c green	" " "	50	24
38	2c lilac rose	"	35	16	61	10c black	" " "	40	19
39	5c ult'rine	"	05	03	62	12c black	" " "	60	30
40	10c black	"	1 25	60	63	12c red lil.	" " "	5 00	2 25
41	15c red brown	"	2 50	1 00	64	25c d'k vio	" " "	1 50	60
42	1c green	1883	06	03	1866 101 to 106 official set o g cat.				
43	2c rose	"	04	02	\$5 60 for \$2 50 net.				
44	10c red bro.	"	1 50	60	65	2c r'sy r'd	1893 bl'k sur.	3 50	1 75
45	" vermil'on	"	1 25	55	66	2c rose	" " "	12	06
46	12c red lilac	"	2 25	90	67	10c verml.	" " "	40	20
47	25 d'k vio.	"	3 50	1 75	68	10c r'd bro.	" " "	40	20
48	50c red	"	8 00	4 50	69	12c r'd lilac	" " "	16 50	8 00
49	\$1 00 rose r'd	"	m. i.	1 15	70	15c " bro.	" " "	75	45
50	2c rory ver	1886	35	18	71	18c dull ro	" " "	60	30
51	2c red. reprint, surcharged	"	15	15	72	50c red	" " "	2 00	1 00
51	fine o g	"	75	35	73	1 00 ro red	" " "	3 50	2 00
52	2c dull vio. used	"	05	02	74 to 79 inclusive 1894 face 55 70				
52	a 5c bl'k blue	1889	1 50	70	74 to 79 used " " " 1 08 60				
					80 to 82 " " " 1899 o g fine 12				
					74 to 77 " " " 1894 " 15				

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40	2½ pence on 6 pence blue.	\$0 06
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38	4 pence on 6 pence brown.	08
7	6 pence gray	06
41	1 shilling on 6 pence green.	30
20	5 shilling on 6 pence orange	1 50
39	1½ pence red brown & green	04
44	2 pence orange.	05
45	2½ pence ultramarine.	06
46	5 pence violet.	10
47	10 pence brown.	20

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6	1868	5 gr bistre.....		03
7	1868	1 kr green.....		10
8	1869	2 kr orange.....		18
9b	1868	3 kr rose r'ed pa'r		30
11	1868	18 kr bistre.....		25
*16	1868	1 gr rose.....		03
18	1868	5 gr bistre.....		03
19	1868	1 kr green.....		05
22	1868	7 kr ultramarine		04
25	1868	10 gr g'y pen ca'ed		15

GERMAN EMPIRE

6	1871	5 gr bistre.....		03
19	1872	2 1/2 gr orange br'n		04
251	1876	30 pf blue, pink paper ent erv....		04

GUATEMALA

66	1897	50c jubilee.....		12
*68	"	100c jubilee.....		10
68	"	100c jubilee.....		12
*70	"	200c jubilee.....		10
70	"	200c jubilee.....		12
*71	"	500c jubilee.....		10
71	"	500c jubilee.....		12

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Tuscany 1860 40 c rose, l'poor.....	75	16
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	Cat.	Net.			
Austria 1864 2 kr yellow perf 9/4	\$0.15	\$0.06	Hanover 1 gr rose en arc rose gum	2.50	1.00
3 kr green perf 9/4	50	20	Jamaica 1885-90 3 pce olive green	15	8
Austria-Lombardy 1863 2 s yellow			6 pce orange yellow	25	15
perf 14	40	15	Japan 1866 5 s deep ultramarine (scott		
Austria-Lombardy 1862 5 s rose perf 9/4	6	2	number 90)	12	5
Baden 1862 1 kr black	1.00	45	Lurbeck 1863 1 s orange	3.00	1.20
1864-68 3 kr rose	1.25	50	Luxemburg 1859-63 1 c brown	70	35
Bavaria 1849 3 kr blue	50	25	2 c black	1.00	45
1862 1 kr yellow	60	20	4 c yellow	2.50	1.00
3 kr rose	75	35	Mecklenburg schverin 1864 4 s red	70	35
3 kr delivery tax	1.75	80	strelits 1864 1/2 s orange	2.00	80
Belgium 1861 10 c brown no gum	1.50	60	1/2 s green	1.50	70
1863 1 c green	50	25	1 sqr rose	2.00	1.00
1 c deep green	60	30	Nevis 1884 4 pce gray	1.20	50
1867 1 c gray no gum	2.00	80	New Foundlan 1 1857 1 py brown violet	1.75	85
1 c gray perf no gum	30	12	1863 4 pce pab lake	1.00	45
Bergedorf 1861 1/2 s pale blue	75	30	4 pce watermar.		
1 s white	80	35	kef block of 4		2.00
1/2 s yellow	15	6	Niger Coast protectorate 1882 1/2 py		
British Honduras 1884-87, 1 py rose	25	12	vermillion	20	8
1888 50 c on 1 sh gray	1.75	85	Niger Coast Protectorate 1885 2 1/2 pce		
1891 6 c on 10c violet			pab blue	1.00	40
vedsurch	20	10	Oldenburg 1862 1/2 sqr green soul	1 1/2	2.00
1891 15 c on 6c blue			1/2 sqr orange red		
red surch	35	20	soul 1 1/4	4.00	1.50
1891 3 c brown	30	12	Parma 1852 5 c yellow no gum	80	30
6c ultramarine	12	8	Portugal 1862 5 reis brown type I	50	25
21 c yellow and blue	75	35	10 eis yellow	1.00	40
B.unswick 1856-57 1/2 sqr black	3.50	1.75	Roman States 1852 1/2 violet brown	25	10
1863 1/2 gr green	15	6	Roumania 1865 5 pa blue	10	4
1865 1/2 gr black	18	7	2 pa orange laid paper	30	10
2 gr ultramarine	10	4	Russia 1859-64 1 k perf 1 1/2	50	20
Canada 1859 1c pink	1.00	40	10 k perf 1 1/2	1.25	60
China 1897 4c on 4c rose (scott no 28)	20	8	1865 3 k perf 1 1/4	1.00	40
Columbian Republic 1865 1c rose	12	5	5 k perf 1 1/4	1.50	60
Costa Rica 1883 10c blue no gum	20	10	10 k perf 1 1/4	7.50	2.00
1887 10c orange	25	10	Livonia 1862-63 green and black	4.00	2.50
1889 5c brown no gum	18	9	1863-70 rose and green (scott		
official 1883-87 2c carmine	10	5	number 4)	2.50	1.25
10c orange			Saxony 1855 1/2 ngr gray	30	15
[scott 223]	30	10	St. Lucia 1883-85 2 1/2 pce ultramarine	10	7
Denmark 1864-65 2 s blue	75	35	St. Vincent 1882 1 py rose (scott no. 2)	2.00	80
4 s red	1.00	45	1885-91 1 sh orange	1.00	40
Finland 1866-67 40 p rose	3.00	1.25	5 pce or 6 pce deep		
France 1863-70 2 c redbrown	10	4	lake	35	17
4 c gray	30	12	St. Vincent 1893 4 pce yellow	30	12
1876 1 c green	25	12	Schleswig Holstein 1865 1 1/4 s green	60	25
Germany 1859 1/2 sqr red no gum	1.50	60	Sweden 1858 5 ore yellow green	75	35
1862-64 1/2 sqr black no gum	30	0	Tasmania 1878 2 pce pale green	12	8
1/2 sqr green	30	12	Trinidad 1882 1-2 py li ac. black	60	30
1/2 sqr yellow	1.50	60	1894 5 sh claret	3.00	1.75
1 sqr rose no gum	1.50	75	Venesuela 1863 1-2 r orange	25	10
3 sqr bistre	40	15	1864 1-2 c pale red	2.00	80
Grenada 1883 1 py rose	1.50	75	1 c slate	2.00	1.00
Hanover 1864 3 pf green Terce en arc	2.00	80	Wurtemberg 1863 1 kr yellow green	1.00	40
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2	10c black and green.....	1.25
3	25c black and violet.....	.30
4	50c black and blue.....	.75
6-1881	3 st. red and silver.....	.05
7	5 st. black and orange...	.04
8	10 st. black and green.....	.15
9	15 st. red and green.....	.15
10	25 st. black and violet.....	.60
11	30 st. blue and fawn.....	.15
12-1882	3 st. orange.....	.02
13	5 st. green.....	.01
14	10 st. rose.....	.01
15	15 st. red violet.....	.01
16	25 st. blue.....	.01
17	30 st. violet and green....	.02
18	50 st. blue and pink.....	.03
23-1884	1 st. gray violet (edln)...	.03
24	2 st. slate green (dva)...	.02
25-1885	1 st. gray violet (edna)...	.01
26	2 st. slate green (dve)...	.01
27	1 low black and red.....	.30
28-1889	1 st. lilac.....	.01
29	2 st. gray.....	.01
30	3 st. bistre brown.....	.01
31	5 st. yellow green.....	.01
32	10 st. rose.....	.01
33	15 st. orange.....	.01
34	25 st. pale blue.....	.01
35	30 st. dark brown.....	.01
36	50 st. dark green.....	.02
37	1 low orange red.....	.05
38-1892	15 on 30 st. brown.....	.02
39-1894	10 st. red (pelure paper)..	.01
40-1895	01 on 2 st. slate green....	.01
41-1896	2 leva rose and pale rose..	.60
42	3 leva black and buff....	1.00

February 2, 1896.

Commemorative Stamps of Prince Boris Baptism.

43-1896	1 st. blue green.....	.01
44	5 st. dark blue.....	.02
45	15 st. purple.....	.02
46	25 st. red.....	.04

Commemorative Stamps of the 25th Year of the War of Independence.

53-1901	5 st. carmine.....	.03
54	15 st. yellow green.....	.06
55-1901	5 on 3 st. bistre brown...	.03
56	10 on 50 st. green.....	.04

Prince Ferdinand.

Scott's No.

57-1902	1 st. violet and gray.....	\$.01
58	2 st. slate green and gray..	.05
59	3 st. orange and black...	.01
60	5 st. green and brown...	.01
61	10 st. rose and black brown..	.01
62	15 st. lilac rose and gray..	.01
63	25 st. blue and black.....	.01
64	30 st. brown bistre and gray.....	.02
65	50 st. dark blue and brown..	.04
66	1 low salmon and bronze green.....	.10
69	2 leva carmine and black..	.50
68	3 leva slate and red brown..	.75

Commemorative Stamps of Chipka Pass.

70-1902	5 st. lake.....	.03
71	10 st. green.....	.05
72	15 st. blue.....	.06
73-1903	10 on 15 st. lilac rose and gray.....	.02

Postage Due Stamps.

151-1884	5 st. orange.....	.20
152	25 st. lake.....	.25
153	50 st. blue.....	.50
155-1886	5 st. orange.....	.06
156	25 st. lake.....	.06
157	50 st. blue.....	.25
159-1887	5 st. orange.....	.03
160	25 st. lake.....	.05
161	50 st. blue.....	.20
162-1894	5 st. orange.....	.09
163	25 st. lake.....	.12
164	5 st. orange, (pelure paper).....	.05
165-1895	50 on 50 st. blue (imperfurate).....	.12
166	30 on 50 st. blue (perforated).....	.15
167-1896	5 st. orange.....	.02
168	10 st. purple.....	.03
169	30 st. green.....	.04
170	5 st. orange (water-marked).....	.02
171-1900	30 st. emerald green (gray paper).....	.04
177-1902	5 st. dull rose red.....	.02
178	10 st. gray green.....	.03
181	20 st. dull blue.....	.06
179	30 st. brown violet.....	.04
180	50 st. orange.....	.15

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1857—½ py. green.....	8.00	*10c 1893 Hawaii black.....	.25
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1859—12½c green.....	.35	15 different Luxemburg.....	.20
1865—2c green.....	.12	5 different Luxemburg, official.....	.10
1868—6c brown.....	.18	*3 different Samoa.....	.06
1869—1c yellow.....	.35	*5 different Samoa.....	.15
1869—1c orange.....	.35	50 different Africa, only.....	.30
*8c registration.....	1.75	100 different Africa, only.....	1.50
5 different Newfoundland.....	.03	100 different South & Cent. Amer.....	.45
10 different Newfoundland.....	.10	10 different Uruguay.....	.07
30 different Newfoundland.....	1.00	20 different Uruguay.....	.25
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20 different Spain.....	.03	5 different Servia.....	.15
50 different Spain.....	.09	*5 different Servia, 1904, mask.....	.40
40 different Japan.....	.15	6 different Servia, 1905.....	.15
15 different Japan.....	.03	10 different Greece.....	.05
50 different Australia.....	.13	50 different Greece.....	.75
20 different Australia.....	.05	*8 different Liberia.....	.20
160 different Australia.....	.90	*19 different Liberia.....	.65
200 different Australia.....	3.00	10 different British Guiana.....	.10
14 different Sweden.....	.02	6 different China, ½ to 10c.....	.10
30 different Sweden.....	.10	10 different Bolivia.....	.05
10 different Canada.....	.01	20 different Bolivia.....	.18
25 different Canada.....	.10	10 different Chili.....	.07
40 different Canada.....	.60	30 different Chili.....	.75
1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20c Canada King.....	.10	BEIGIUM PARCEL POST—	
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50c United States 1903.....	.05	1903, 8 different, cat. 35c.....	.09
\$1.00 United States 1903.....	.25	1903 complete, 14 dif.....	.50
10 different Straits.....	.03	10 dif. Costa Rica.....	.10
5 different Straits, King Hd.....	.08	20 dif. Dutch Indies.....	.20
50 different French colonies.....	.25	50 dif. Asia, only.....	.20
40 different Hayti.....	1.00	100 dif. Asia, only.....	.90
10 different Brazil.....	.05	10 dif. Tunis.....	.10
25 different Brazil.....	.25	4 dif. Seychelles.....	.12
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100 different British colonies, only.....	.40	7 dif. Nyassa, 1901.....	.15
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200 different foreign (no U. S.).....	.10	7 dif. Shanghai.....	.18
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The Value of a Stamp.

By Verna Weston Hanway

Almost every collector has picked up in the course of his or her philatelic experience a rare bargain, a jewel, for the collection. At such times there is much self congratulation, self lauding and complacency. But let the incident be reversed—! Ah well! The most of us have been there.

Truth to tell these plums are but the balance that rejuvenates and refreshes the spirit of the philatelist. I can recollect that once upon a time I had decided to give up collecting (as if I would!) when a lucky bargain, a meritable gem, in fact, balanced the scales once more. The personal reminiscence doubtless recalls similar circumstances to the reader.

A certain stamp which proved to be a very poor bargain indeed also in some respects jerks up my some times jaded philatelic senses, when ever I pass it on one of my frequent journeys through the collection. The remarkable price which I in all infantile innocence paid for it in days long gone, always excites a wondering interest. It is verily a conspicuous bit in the mosaic.

Shakespeare has his Intiet ask "What's in a name," rather, "what's in a price?" The stamp either way answers the same purpose to furnish interest for the collector. Seriously, don't we look at the prices, the values, the magnitude of our collections with too serious an aspect. My collection has al-

ways seemed to me as if it was made for me, not I for it. I know collectors who seem to have been formed for no other ostensible reason, but to collect!—collect!. The scales lean too far in one direction sometimes. It brings up the old question of the chief end of man, as sought by the christain, the atheist: the heathen and the man of civilization; the aesthatic and the barbarian. The chief end of man is to live and let live. And if collecting comes in the course of living well and good. It tempers the life, adds piquancy to the same and as such let us not bring materialistic views into it.

I do not wish to seem to regard the subject in too frivolous a view. Many a man has earned an honest living by catering to our whims. Many a collector has aquired a respectable fortune by judiciously spending the dollars, the pounds, or the francs as the case may be. But it is not so to you and I, dear reader. To us the collecting leisure is as wine to the stenner of life. Let the other fellow earn his bread and potatoes as others, but let us be ever content with the sparkling dancing, merry wine.

Occasionally we hear of a person who perfers in his passion for stamps, taking Beelzebub's highway to the long, straight road of the honest collector. The plums gathered or plucked on this highway are sometimes of fabulous value, licious and tempting of aspect, but ashes, dear reader, at the core, Stamps to us who have the passion

are sometimes acquired at a sacrifice of some other luxury, but it is difficult to realize that there are those who can recklessly sacrifice the luxury of a soul—nay the necessity, to and in such an instance evil passion.

The value of a stamp? Is it worth it? I ask.

Why needlessly recount, re-add, ever rehearse the value of a collection? If the materialistic worth is of such value to you as a collector, if you must know the worth of your collections, in the accounting subtract three-fourths of the value as representing infinitely higher worth—pure pleasure, an educating, simple pastime.

If occasions should demand the sale of the collection, occasions sometimes will, then dear fraternalist, but only then is there sufficient reason for materialism in our hobby. The sweetest pleasure in collecting, however, is gained by treating the hobby as a sweet drink, to be drunk to the dregs, to be absorbed into your system, into your heart and soul. The sauce to your life, the wine to your dinner. There is the value of a stamp.

Counterfeits and Their Detection.

(Continued.)

By R. R. Thiele.

HAITI.—The second issue of Haiti—the perforated variety of the first issue—is unique among stamp issues in that for years the entire set was duly chronicled with a different perforation, until at last it was discovered that the entire set was a fraud on the government. Hence collectors now no longer prize the 1882 issue per-

forated 16. But the first—imperfurate—issue is represented in many a collection by rank forgeries and it takes a good eye to detect them. Look out for the forgeries I am about to describe; they are exceedingly deceptive.

The originals were typographed from electrotypes, all taken from the same original die, which had no indication of value. The figures of value were inserted on the plates by means of movable plugs. The printing was rather indifferent, so that not a few philatelic writers have claimed this issue to have been lithographed. Hence it is not surprising if the lithographed forgeries prove deceptive. They are evidently all from the same die or engraving, as is shown by several small defects which recur on each value (I have the full set of forgeries, from 1 to 20c).

As I already said, the figures on the genuine stamps were inserted by means of plugs in the plates. These did not always fit as closely as they ought to have done and as a result a faint horizontal line of color is often seen below the figure of value and above the base line of the shield. The counterfeiter no doubt copied a specimen showing such a line for he has it also, exactly alike on all values of the set; but he evidently mistook it for an ornamental line, for on all of these forgeries he has made the line curved, so as to follow the outline of the shield, while on the originals it is often fragmentary, but always straight. The figures of value are pretty well imitated. On the 1c the figure 1 is rather too short as compared with the original; it is placed somewhat too high, so that its base is about at half the height of the C in CENT, while on the original it is on approximately the

same level as the word CENT—at least this is the case on the single specimen of the 1c I have at hand. The 2 is quite an exact imitation, except that the lower left corner is rounded instead of being square, as it should be. The 5 is so well imitated that I find no differences to describe. The stem of the 7 on the original is perfectly straight, while on the forgery it is very slightly curved. The 3 is too thick and clumsy. On the original the lines of the 3 taper slightly towards the ends, but on the counterfeit the lines are of equal thickness throughout. The 20 again is very well imitated, too well in fact, to find divergencies.

The head is beautifully imitated, except that on the originals much more of the forehead is visible than on the counterfeits. The shading of the neck on the originals terminates in a line running diagonally toward the drapery; on the forgeries the line of the shading runs straight up and down. The head-dress of the figure of Liberty is divided into four folds; the fourth fold runs towards the letter D. On the original all of the folds are shaded at the top; on the counterfeit there is no shading in the upper part of the head-dress from E to H. The colorless line surrounding the head—or rather the central circle—terminates at the upper corners of the shield. In the original it is not connected with the shield; on the forgeries it runs into the right upper corner of the shield. On the originals the flagstaff points directly into the left upper corner; on the forgery it points a trifle below it. The shading of the flags also differs from the original; but it is difficult to describe the differences. The lettering is very good, except that the letters on the forgery

have too small serifs.

I have two other forgeries in my collection, one of the 2c and one of the 5c, but I must defer their detailed description for another time, as they are entirely different from each other as well as from those just described.

(To be continued.)

Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps.

(Continued.)

By R. R. Thiele.

The Indian Native States meet with but little favor among collectors, with few exceptions. I admit that there are some features connected with them which would seem to justify this, notably the difficulties presented by their inscriptions and the speculative character attaching to not a few of them. Still there are exceptions, at least to the speculative charge, and thus the stamps of Hyderabad have a solid standing among collectors. The fact that they are, in a way, local should not detract from their standing; surely the stamps of a state of 83,000 square miles with twelve or thirteen millions inhabitants should rank at least as high as, if not higher than the issues of a miniature state like Monaco or San Marino.

The first issue is No. 2 in Scott's Catalogue, the oblong pattern, issued in 1869, it seems, although the date on the stamp, 1283 of the Hegira, corresponds to 1866-67 of our era. It is said to have been engraved by Te la Rue & Co. The sheets contained 160 stamps in 16 horizontal rows of 10 each. This corresponds with the currency, 16 annas making a rupee, so that the sheet had a face value of 10 rupees. The rupee of Hyderabad, by the way, is not the same as that of the

Empire; it is known as the Halli or Halle Secca rupee and Morley's Philatelic Journal lately informed us that 128 of them are worth 100 of the Empire.

The second issue is composed of Scott's Nos. 1 and 3, the so-called "Skeleton Type." These were no doubt of local manufacture. They were printed in sheets of 240 stamps, arranged in 16 horizontal rows of 15 each. As the reader, if he is good at mental arithmetic, can easily compute for himself, this gives the sheet of the ½ anna a face value of 7½ annas and that of the 2 annas a face value of 30 annas; these values, to make sure, are given in marginal inscriptions on the sheets. Each stamp in the sheet was separately engraved, so that there are 240 varieties of type of each value. The plate of the ½ anna was badly damaged by cracks early in its existence, and in consequence, when reprints were made in 1880, the upper seven rows were cut off, so that the sheets of ½ anna reprints contain only 135 stamps, in 9 rows of 15 each; those of the 2 annas are like the originals.

The third issue, whose design has remained in use to the present day, is again of British engraving—by Te la Rue & Co., I believe—though of local printing. The sheets contain 240 stamps, in 15 rows of 16 each. This gives the sheets the following face values:

Sheet of ½ anna.....	7½ rupees
Sheet of 1 anna.....	15 rupees
Sheet of 2 annas.....	30 rupees
Sheet of 3 annas.....	45 rupees
Sheet of 4 annas.....	60 rupees
Sheet of 8 annas.....	120 rupees
Sheet of 12 annas.....	180 rupees

These values are also given in marginal inscriptions on each sheet.

The ¼ anna on ½ anna provisional

of 1900 is of course arranged as before, but the definite ¼ anna of 1902 forms an exception. The sheet of this stamp contains 96 stamps, arranged in 16 horizontal rows of 6 each. The face value of the sheet, therefore, is 1 rupee 8 annas (1½ rupees). I have no idea why the sheets were made so much smaller.

Alwur—also known as Ulwar—is another important Native State though not nearly as large as Hyderabad. Its postal issues are models of self-restraint, compared with certain other countries. The stamps are native lithographs; the legend connected with the Kandjar or dagger in the center has lately made the rounds of the philatelic press, so that I shall not repeat it here, though it has rather a murderous interest. The stamps of both values were last arranged in sheets of 150, 10 horizontal rows of 15 each (they are now obsolete, the post-office having been absorbed by the Imperial postoffice). The arrangement is not particularly convenient, the face value of the ¼ anna sheet being 2 rupees 7 annas and that of the 1 anna being 9 rupees 6 annas; 160 stamps to the sheet would give better results. From certain indications it appears that there were also sheets of this number. The sheets of 150 of the 1 anna as well as the ¼ anna are made up from transfers of 6, 2 rows of 3; in the case of the 1 anna the stamps in each transfer differ enough to form six type-varieties, repeated throughout. But other sheets are known of the 1 anna which are made up of transfers of 8, 2 rows of 4; this points to sheets of 160. Oddly enough, of this latter kind—transfers of 8—a sheet of 70, 10 rows of 7, is also known. The reasons for this are unknown—but then these Native States

are a law unto themselves, anyway.

And while we are dealing with the Native States, we might as well take a look at the stamps of Bhopal, the important state which so long was under the rule of a Begum or female nawab, but has now again passed under male rule. Its stamps are exceedingly perplexing to the collector by reason of the numerous stones employed and type varieties thus produced, but we do not propose to enter into all these. The $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ anna stamps first issued were of square design; these were lithographed (like all the later ones). The sheets contained 20 stamps, arranged in 4 horizontal rows of 5, there being as many type varieties as stamps in the sheet. The arrangement is without reference to the currency, the sheet of the $\frac{1}{4}$ anna being worth 5 annas and that of the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna being worth 10 annas. The $\frac{1}{2}$ anna with single outline (Scott Type A2) of the same year also came in sheets of 20, but arranged in 5 horizontal rows of 4: the arrangement of the $\frac{1}{4}$ anna is unknown. Scott No. 5, $\frac{1}{4}$ anna, was in sheets of 20, 5 horizontal rows of 4: as there were two stones of this, there are forty varieties. In 1881 more values of this type appeared (Scott Nos. 13-18); in this issue the sheets contain 24 stamps, 6 horizontal rows of 4. This gives a little better results, as witness the following:

Sheet of $\frac{1}{4}$ anna.....	6 annas
Sheet of $\frac{1}{2}$ anna.....	12 annas
Sheet of 1 anna.....	1½ rupee
Sheet of 2 annas.....	3 rupees
Sheet of 4 annas.....	6 rupees

There are 24 type varieties of each value. The $\frac{1}{2}$ anna was again issued in 1886 (Scott No. 29), but in sheets of 32, 8 rows of 4, so that the sheet was just worth 1 rupee; the 4 anna of the same year (Nos. 30 and 31) is in

sheets of 24, as before. The $\frac{1}{4}$ anna of 1889 (Nos. 34 and 35) is in sheets of 32, 8 rows of 4, worth 8 annas. In 1890 the same type was used for supplies of the $\frac{1}{4}$, 1, 2 and 4 annas (Nos. 36-41), but this time they were all in sheets of 24, 6 by 4, while the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna of 1891 (Nos. 46-47) came in sheets of 32, 8 rows of 4. The 1 anna re-engraved in 1894 (not listed by Scott) is in sheets of 24, 6 rows of 4, again. In 1895 the square design was once more used for the $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ anna (Nos. 65-68) and the same in somewhat better form for the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna red (Nos. 69-70); all these are in sheets of 8, 4 horizontal pairs. The face values of these can be computed even by the kindergarten.

In the next instalment we shall take a look at the other designs of this state.

(To be continued.)

Number Of Postage Stamps.

According to the Universal Standard Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the world, the total number of all known varieties of postage stamps issued by all the Governments of the world up to the present time is 19,242. Of this number 205 have been issued in Great Britain, and 5,711 in the various British colonies and protectorates, leaving 3,326 for the rest of the world. Dividing the totals among the continents, Europe issued 4,089; Asia, 3,628; Africa, 4,005; America, including the West Indies, 6,095, and Oceania, 1,425. Salvador has issued more varieties of postage stamps than any other country, the number being 450. Poland and Wadhwan have each found a solitary specimen suffice for their postal needs.—Westminster Gazette.

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J W Higson, and Chester Myers.

The fourteenth regular meeting was held August 22nd with twelve members present. Hugo Gref, 4545 N. Market St., and S. B Hopkins, 1345 Clara Ave., were introduced as visitors and proposed for membership. Their applications were referred to the Executive Board. It was voted to defer other business until the next meeting, and the evening was devoted to a final inspection of exchange books, before their withdrawal for accounting.

Respectfully,

T. C. MANN, Asst. Secy.
1416 Hickory St.

The fifteenth regular meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held September 5th at the usual place with eleven members present. The first exchange circuit of the Society was closed by the return of members' books and the distribution of statements of account to each. The total cash value of stamps removed on the circuit, exclusive of a few books still outstanding, amounted to \$67.10, indicating a catalogue valuation of about \$200. In the absence of several officers, further business was deferred to the meeting of September 19, and the

evening passed off with a series of interesting auctions.

Respectfully,

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The Chicago Numismatic Society.

The 20th regular meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1123 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Sept. 1, 1905, President W. F. Dunham in the chair.

Alexander Klappenbach and J. J. Lindman of Chicago were elected to active and L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb., to corresponding membership.

A paper on the subject of U. S. Necessity Money was read by Ben G. Green, accompanied by an exhibition of the Bechtler and Morman Private Issues of Gold.

A Masanic medal was donated by Wm. Poillon of New York. Spink's Numismatic Circular and the Numismatist, both for August, were received since the last meeting, as well as the auction catalogues of Lyman H. Low and Ben G. Green and the catalogue of Adolph Hess Nachfolger, Frankfurt, Germany. The members present indulged in some interesting Numismatic discussion. Adjourned till October 6th.

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THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION MEET.

The Week in Brief.

AUGUST 5.

First delegate, D. T. Eaton, arrives.

AUGUST 6.

8 a. m.—President Deats and Chicago delegates arrive. Breakfast at Commercial club.

2 p. m.—Visit to Minnehaha and boat ride to Snelling.

8-12 p. m.—Informal gathering of clans in room 112.

AUGUST 7.

9 a. m.—Party visits Falls of St. Anthony and mill district.

12 m.—Ballot closes and credential committee meets.

7:30 p. m.—Special car to Wonderland.

11:30 p. m.—Informal reception, room 314.

AUGUST 8.

7 a. m.—Credential committee meets.

10:30 a. m.—Mayor Jones welcomes convention.

11 a. m.—President Deats' address.

12 m.—First group picture taken by Journal staff photographer.

1-5 p. m.—Renewing old acquaintances and committee meetings.

5 p. m.—Leave on G. U. for Wayzeta.

5:30 p. m.—Tour of Lake Minnetonka on steamer Victor.

9:30 p. m.—Leave lake for city, G. U. R. R.

11:30 p. m.—Reception, Chicago branch, in room 112.

AUGUST 9.

10 a. m.—Second business session.

2:30 p. m.—Official photograph taken.

2:35—Chartered car leaves for Minnehaha.

4:15 p. m.—Special car leaves Minnehaha for Fort Snelling.

5:30 p. m.—Band concert, Snelling.

5:57 p. m.—Flag lowered.

6:45 p. m.—Car leaves for city.

9:00 p. m.—Banquet at Commercial club.

AUGUST 10.

10:30 a. m.—Final business session.

2:15 p. m.—W. C. Stone makes customary adjournment motion.

3:30 p. m.—Farewell reception, room

7:30 p. m.—Chartered car for concert at Lake Harriet, Fancirelli's band.

8:30 p. m.—Departure Chicago and Milwaukee delegates.

10:30 p. m.—Reception Dr. Sullivan's residence.

AUGUST 11.

10 a. m.—Party visits St. Paul.

11 a. m.—Inspection of new state capitol.

1 p. m.—Luncheon at Capitol Cafe.

3:30 p. m.—Visit to Wildwood, White Bear Lake.

6:00 p. m.—Visit to Como Park.

8:00 p. m.—Party attends performance at Unique theater.

9:30 p. m.—Further departure of members.

10:00 p. m.—Party makes a second Wonderland visit.

AUGUST 12.

10 a. m.—Party visits public library.

12 m.—Tour in milling district.

2:30 p. m.—Party attends Lyceum theatre.

8:00 p. m.—Party leaves St. Paul on steamer, south-bound.

8:20 p. m.—Party leaves on G. U. west.

8:30 p. m.—Last Chicago delegate leaves.

Convention Notes.

(By E. R. Aldrich.)

In the discussion at Pittsburg before the vote for convention seats was taken it was said if the meet was held at Minneapolis: "I know very well it will be a poor convention. * * You will see the attendance there." I have not the exact number in attendance, but I think it was greater than Pittsburg, but there were more out of the state members than the "Smoky City" mustered. At Pittsburg members were present from eight states; at Minneapolis from ten.

If I counted noses rightly, the out of the state attendance exactly equalled that of the Springfield meet, there being twenty-three members at each

from without the boundaries of the convention state, and exactly the same number of states represented. At Clayton there were twenty members present resident outside of York state and eight states represented.

There were present this year nine members who were in attendance at the Minnetonka meet nine years ago. They were Aldrich, Annan, Beshler, Broadstone, Deats, Friend, Martin, Severn and Smith.

H. S. Swenson, who was a member and in attendance nine years ago, attended several sessions and I understand applied for reinstatement. Welcome back, Harry.

W. R. Young of Minneapolis, a member at the time of the 'Tonka meet, but now out of stamps, was with us on the lake excursion renewing old acquaintanceship. I hear he rendered considerable service in assisting the arrangement committee.

It was much regretted that our old friend Doebelin was not with us, but that his thoughts were was proven by a telegram received from him and received with enthusiasm by the convention.

"Honor to whom honor is due" was this year's motto and two hard workers for the association's welfare from its very inception were honored, Stone with the presidency and Wolsieffer with the sales department.

The Association knows a good thing when it gets it and that's why Eaton lead the vote on directors. If every organization could have such a hard working, conscientious, energetic secretary its success would be assured.

H. G. Smith with his previous experience will again be custodian of the funds and a valuable addition to the board of directors. By the way, when

you get the year-book be sure and look up that speech of his at the banquet.

The retirement of C. L. Annan from the board of directors will be regretted by all. He was a careful, faithful officer and in a quiet way did much for the success of the Association.

When H. E. Deats was elected president a year ago it was known that it meant a successful year for the Association. That it has been so goes without saying and the Association's only regret is that there is no manner to further honor such an efficient officer. May he long remain, as he is, the leader of American philately.

C. E. Severn represented the official journal. None know him but to love him, and it was but another opportunity for him to cast the chains of friendship around new conquests. Charlie is still after the contents of that satchel, but why? He couldn't use "chestnuts" in the weekly.

It was H. N. Mudge's first convention but we trust he'll now get the habit and be a regular attendant, and of course he can't come without Mrs. M. They were delightful additions and the musical life of the meet, but wasn't it cruel to stop with "If you want any more just sing it yourself." But we won't; we'll wait and have a new duet at Boston.

E. M. Rosenthal was another genial companionable representative from Chicago. His effort at the banquet was especially noteworthy, in the words of Dryden:

"When he spoke, what tender words
he us'd
So softly, that like flakes of feather'd
snow,

They melted as they fell."
But then right beside him was such an inspiration.

Henry Ades Fowler represented the Stamp Lovers' Weekly and will be another of the new members of the directorate. He hasn't changed since last we met in 1893 and is the same genuinely good fellow. His familiarity with matters at Fort Snelling made him the "chaperon" on that occasion.

With hearty grip and genial words of greeting Massoth of Chicago hailed old acquaintances and made new ones. He is the same cordial, happy Frank as when we first met years ago and he was a Hoosier from Hanover Center. Chicago hasn't changed him a bit.

And P. M., OUR P. M., for he belongs to the entire Association, not the Chicago branch, was there. How he found any time for play with the amount of work he did it enigmatical. Don't know how it happened, but on one matter we really voted the same way.

Kankakee isn't Chicago, but it's awful near it, so near at least that Moisant has absorbed all the characteristics of a "Windy Cityite." As he won all his side bets from P. M., he will be sure to go to Boston.

Accompanying the president was the charming Mrs. Deats. It was, I believe, her first convention, and if she enjoyed it half as much as the convention did her attendance she will never miss another one.

A. C. Stewart with his big bunch of Put in Bay postal cards arrived late Monday night, accompanied of course by Mrs. S. We wouldn't let him stay unless Norma came with him. They made a good fight for Put in Bay for convention seat but the proxies held by Branch No. 1 members were too much for them. If the promised support is held it will win out for 1907.

From Tiffin, O., came J. S. Copper

and wife, and it was their first convention. They are a very pleasant couple and may the pleasures of many future meets be theirs.

Mrs. Martin was indefatigable in seconding the efforts of her son Eben in endeavoring to make the visitors enjoy themselves. No one will ever think of the '05 meet without a recollection of her charming affability.

Mrs. H. G. Smith renewed acquaintances made in Detroit in '99 and formed many new ones. Several of the lady visitors enjoyed luncheon at her home on Wednesday and reported a most enjoyable occasion.

Among the Minneapolis members no visitor will ever forget Mr. and Mrs. Whitely. He with his genial cordiality and she with her happy, sunny nature shedding a sweet spirit of gentleness over all.

Those in attendance at the first Minneapolis meet will remember a charming little girl who attended some of the excursions, Miss Cora Ericson. This year she was also present and added cordiality and enjoyment to the excursions. May we not have to wait for another Flour City meet before we again see her at a convention.

Two charming young Minneapolitans, Miss Alice Wheaton and Miss Nina Emerick added grace, merriment and enjoyment to the social events. They evidently thought the stamp bunch, or at least the younger part of it, just right.

One of the pleasurable anticipations is that Frank Beshar may be at the meet, and there was no disappointment in it this time. He was there, the same companionable, whole-souled fellow as always. May his shadow never grow less.

Was the West's editor there? Well,

part of him was. We have grown so accustomed to associate his smile and his camera with his genial personality that when either is absent, something seems wrong. The smile was there, he couldn't leave that home if he tried; but the camera, where, oh where was it?

The collectors of Minneapolis are justly entitled to the gratitude and thanks of the members for they certainly did entertain royally. Everything was done that could possibly add to the visitors' pleasure. Hats off to the entire Minneapolis branch.

W. H. Schaffner enjoyed himself so much at Pittsburg that although he had placed a proxy he couldn't stay away. That the Northwestern members were pleased to make his acquaintance goes without saying.

C. C. Johnson headed the Cream City delegation and was the same pleasant companion he was at the 1900 meet. They do say a "black cat" button always means a good fellow.

From "Beerville" also came our old friend Thiessan. He staid over at St. Paul most of the time that being his old home but he didn't miss any of the sessions.

Chas. Loelle of Milwaukee is a most delightful personage. The writer begs at this time to return tardy thanks for the considerate loan of a fine Stetson on Sunday evening.

F. S. Parmalee came from Omaha and thoroughly enjoyed the meet. If he don't get more members the next year in Omaha than Beshier does in Kansas City, he stands the dinner at Boston.

When a man comes from "Among the Clouds" he certainly should hold the medal for distance travelled, so

Frank H. Burt was this year's long distance champion.

H. W. Legg of Boston tucked the next meet in his vest pocket and took it home with him. To be just to all sections the next meet should be in the East and while Put in Bay might be more convenient for some of us, the convention decided wisely in going to the home of the festive baked bean and baked clam. Whatever cards he won with it must have been hearts were trumps with him.

From Kansas City came W. P. Kelly. He is a first-rate good fellow and was, I believe, the only one left in Minneapolis the Sunday after the meet.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stewart and F. J. Beshier ran up to Benson and spent a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich and viewed the grain fields of the great northwest.

Just prior to leaving the city, Messrs. and Mesdames Stewart and Aldrich were entertained at dinner by Mrs. E. Boswell at her home on Franklin avenue.

(To be continued in our next number.)

Stamp-Collecting Statistics.

A Philatelist has compiled an interesting table of statistics of the number of stamps from all countries issued during the past sixty years. From this statement it appears that the collector who would have an absolutely perfect collection must possess 19,242 different stamps. Of these, the Republic of San Salvador has more issues to its credit than any other country. The number up to June 30th was 451. Oceania has 1,425 varieties, Asia 3 628, Africa 4,005, Europe 4,089, and America 6,095.

Texas Tax Tags.

On July 14, 1905, there went into effect a state law regulating the sale of mixed feed within the state of Texas.

Section 5 of the law provides that the manufacturer, importer, agent or seller of concentrated feeding stuff, (meaning thereby to include wheat bran, wheat shorts, linseed meals, cotton seed meals, pea meals, cocoanut meals, gluten meals and feeds, maize feeds, starch feeds, sugar feeds, dried brewers' grains, mait sprouts, hominy feeds, cereal-ive feeds, rice meals, rice bran, rice polish, rice hulls, oat feeds, corn and at chops, corn chop, ground beef of mixed fish feeds, and all other materials of similar nature) before the article is offered for sale, shall pay the director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station an inspection tax of 20c per ton for each ton of such concentrated feeding stuff sold or offered for sale in the state of Texas for use within this state, and shall affix to each lot shipped in bulk and to each bag, bundel or other package, a tag to be furnished by said director stating that all change specified in said rector are paid. The director of said experiment station is hereby empowered to prescribe the form of said tags and adopt such regulations as may be necessary for enforcement of the law. Less than two months has passed since this law went into effect, yet we have three varieties of tags Fint, ordinary shipping tag, 2 2-916x5 1-4 inches with an impression 2x3-3-4 inches

made with rubber stamp in violet ink. Designs, single line larger with ordinary type inscribes "This certifies that the inspectors tax has been paid on this feed," in two lines followed with autograph signature of "John A. Crag," with inscription lower right corner. Director experiment station, college station, in two lines in lower left corner in two lines, "Good for 100 pound sack." These come in strips of 4, cut or rouletted 1.

Second. Same as first except ink used was black and the tags are single.

Third. Ordinary shipping tags 2; x 4; inches. No border, but type-set and printed. Same inscription as on first except the words "Good for 100 pound sack" are across the string end of the tag. Also above are the words "The State Printing Company, Austin, Texas" in one line.

The law provides that the tags shall be cancelled with user's name and address, also the inspection test of Protein and Fat.

The rubber stamp tags were used owing to being impossible to get the printed ones out in time, and they are scarce, especially well centered ones, as four out of five that I have seen are badly printed and out of center.

J. D. BARTLETT,
Hico, Texas.

The German Government is receiving \$20,000.00 daily from pictorial postcards passing through the mails. 1,446,938 is the average daily number.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

Keneta on Hawaiian stamps means "cents." Elna Keneta signifies two cents.

Great Britain adopted postcards in 1870 and over 76 millions were used the first year.

R. O. surcharged on Turkish stamps stands for "Roumelic Orientale" or Eastern Roumelia.

The first two stamps of Schleswig Holstein were printed on paper having a silk thread through it.

The first stamp auction took place at Sotheby's Sale Rooms, on March 18th, 1872, but was not considered a success.

The smallest stamp issuing country in the world is the Republic of San Marino the area of which is only 33 square miles.

Genuine Bergedorf stamps have fifty five small circles round the arms in the centre. Forgeries generally have less.

Impressos in Spanish denotes newspaper postage, and certain stamps specially issued for the purpose in Spanish speaking countries are so inscribed.

The oldest Post Office in Great Britain is to be seen in the little

Cheshire village of Motham The building dates back to the sixteenth century, and has the figures 1584 over the doorway.

Every stamp in Great Britain and Ireland does not contain a portrait of King Edward. There is an interesting one which bears the likeness of a member of the canine creation. This is affixed to dog licences in Ireland.

Central American Stamps.

The stamps of Central American republics have always been favorites with young collectors. The bright colors and finely engraved specimens have made the pages of albums appear very attractive. The sets of stamps issued by some of these countries have been quite numerous, so that there has been little difficulty in securing a representative collection of the various issues. Such countries as Salvador have furnished also a large number of provisional stamps made by the use of different surcharges. The regular issues have been printed in many instances in the United States, while the provisionals have been manufactured on a printing press in the country where the stamps have been issued. It thus happens that some of these stamps are not discovered by those making notes of new issues for the stamp papers, and they, therefore, may not be found listed in the catalogues. Collectors who have opportunities to secure large numbers of Central American stamps are fortunate, as they frequently succeed in finding new and scarce varieties. -St. Nicholas Stamp Page.

Canada Tobacco Bands.

Tobacco Custom.

Excuse— I. Moens gives as the oldest 1864 Arms with V R on both sides, excise above and Canada below. There are 3 sizes, the largest 49x707 mill. All black creamy paper. In my opinion a band very hard to get in perfect condition.

II About 1867 size 33x488. Second: 27x28 Vint. Cap III. stamp in oval in center like the issue of postage stamps of that year. Said paper, Black, Perf. 13, Watermarked. Inscription: Gross weight 9 lines, Cigars 8 lines.

III About 1868 size 43x488. Legend XXXI Vint Cap III. Vintona in oval, center white with different inscription, Water marked said or wove paper. Red or blue, Perf. 10x12. Here I can mention a band with name of Windsor which is not catalogued.

IV. 1881 size 20x240. Oval in center with different inscription, Perf. Wmh. Town names: Montreal, Quebec, Semi monthly return No. (black) Warehouse entry (red) Tobacco reworked (listre numeral blue), Canada leaf only (green, No in blue) also one surcharge 1-15 lb. red on green.

IV. Similar, size 236x20 legend: Canada leaf only. Band for Division of Quebec, Windsor in green, Montreal violet. Inscription in French: Tabac Canadien en Torquette for Sorel, Trois Rivieres Joliette, Colour green.

One surcharged for Sorel 1/2 lb. red on green.

VI. 1883 size 115x63 Victoria and Numeral, Black Perf. 12.

1867 same as excise of that year colour blue, inscription 8 lines for gross weight, 7 lines for cigars 1868 same as excise, blue. Different inscription.

There are also other bands for cigars since 1883. For liquors.

Seal labels, Inscription: Excise seal label (vermillion) and lock label excise (blue)

In 1887 Band for coal oil 197x45 legend: Canada Inspection Petroleum. Blue or red.

Short time ago I read an article in some paper that the average contributor to stamp lore are mediocre, rehash or copied from catalogues. This may be. Now, not everybody is able or has the right to dive into the archives of governments, or post office departments or business account of the printer. Even so often are articles published teaming full with dry documentary matters, why certain perforations were made etc. uninteresting to many readers. What does it matter where all these news are gathered, as long as they find a reader. It might be translations from the German, French or Spanish. Items out of papers of years gone by and many other ways without claiming of being original, so long as it interests the readers. Society news are original, but are they interesting? Somebody's name appears in print, that is about all. Let us all go on a hunt for new original stamp wisdom.

Revenue collecting opens a different field. You have to look for them in other places. People connected with Customs, Law offices, Police matrons, Banks, Insurance offices, Drug stores etc. can, may be, procure same. You will find it not so easy a task.



DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY.

By L. G. Dorpat, Box 37, Wnyside, 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.

237. Mr. R. Ellsworth Call, A. M., Ph. D. and manager of the Nebraska Book-Mart, David City, Neb., may be able to supply the information wanted. He had before coming to David City, done business in the old book line for many years in New York City and has a good deal of knowledge and experience in this field. He is desirous to hear of persons interested and will send his catalogue giving particulars upon application.

243. In the July number of the WEST are two particularly awkward printer's errors. Under No 218 in the second paragraph Miss A. L. Swift is called "Miss Smith" and under 243 by inserting an "r" for a "c" the printer made Ireland out of Iceland. Probably he thought that because Ireland had been spoken of before (in the first paragraph) it had to be Ireland again.

232. Mr. T. M. Morrow of St. John, N. B. gives information about a precancelled Canadian stamp from Bridgeburg, Ontario—opposite Buffalo, U. S. A.—with error "Bridg-

burg" (b before d). It was used by the Dr. Pierce Medical Co.—Further particulars desired regarding Canada precancelled stamps, especially documentary evidence.

NOTE: During summer collectors seem to have few questions to ask. As the winter approaches there will be more, and I shall be well pleased to get them, and, if I can, to answer them. The readers of the WEST should not hesitate to make use of this department under the terms of the heading. (Dorpat.)

251. Why have July and August 31 days each? This is not a philatelic question, but as it happens that information is at hand, we may as well answer it, especially as it may after all have some bearing on the date marks on stamps. Our present almanac is an inheritance from the old Romans, who began their year in March. Then with them July was Quintilius, the fifth, and August Sextilis, the sixth month. In honor of Julius Ceasar the name of Quintilus was changed to Julius, from which our "July" is an Anglized form. Later the sixth month was by the Roman Senate, to please the emperor Augustus who had been especially fortunate in that month, called Augustus, and, lest Augustus be offended by having a shorter month in his honor than Ceasar the Senate took one day from February (then the last month) and gave it to August to make it equal to July. This has been retained ever since. September, October and November as the 7th, 8th and 9th month still retain their old numbering in their

names, though they now are the 9th, 10th and 11th months respectively. During the French revolution the months and names of months were all changed, but with the return of order the common system was again adopted. Russia retains the old Julian system by which it is thirteen days behind our numbering of days, which was introduced by Pope Gregor XIII, on Feb. 24, 1582, and is called the Gregorian system. In dealing with Russian dates of cancellations, of documents and the like, this must be remembered or else a confusion will be the result. I do not remember whether Servia, Bulgaria and Romania employ the old Julian or the newer Gregorian system. Who can tell?

145. What is Toned paper, as mentioned by Scott in connection with Virgin Islands' Stamps? It is so slightly colored that it goes for white with some people, and might be called a white paper with a bluish, greenish, yellowish or reddish hue or tinge, as any stationer with a good assortment may easily show it. The "toned" of the Virgin Islands, in particular, is yellowish.

146. What post cards have been issued by Jamaica? In 1877 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 3d, printed red and blue or white cardboard, border formed of crossed lines. Then the same values on white and on bluish, on smooth and on ribbed cardboard with border formed of floral designs, two sizes 111x71 and 106x72 mm. There is also a variation in regard to the thickness of the card, a period missing or one too much, or an ornament

inverted, so that 6 to 36 or perhaps 72 or more varieties may be counted. The stamp of these is circular. In the same year the same three values were issued with a stamp the same as the adhesive.

248. What is meant by the "knife" of an envelope? Soak an envelope so as to loosen the gum and then spread out the flaps so as to get the whole form of the paper (out of which the envelope is made) to lie flat before you; the "shape" of this paper is called the knife. It is a misnomer. In reality the envelope has no knife, but the envelope-machine has one by which the shape for the envelope is stamped out of the sheet; from this the shape has been called knife too, because the pattern will vary according to the form of the knife in the machine.

249. How are the U. S. Telegraph stamps (Scott's Nos. 1900-2194.) used? I have no information regarding these stamps and do not remember having seen anything about them except the list in Scott's catalogue. If any of our readers are in possession of facts relating to their history issue and use they would confer a favor by submitting the same for publication, the more detailed the better.

250. Should not all steamship, railroad, express, private and local stamp be omitted from the catalogues and albums? I think not. As they have done actual service, they are worthy of recognition. In many instances their history is quite interesting and instructive. They might be kept separate from the general

government issues, in which case they could be treated in special catalogues (or departments in the general catalogues) and collected in special albums. If this were done there would, however, be some difficulty in assigning a proper place to semi-official issues; such as the first issues of Peru, Uruguay and the postmaster stamps of the U. S. and the stamps issued by temporary governments such as the Aqainaldo and U. S. confederate stamps. It seems best to list and treat them and to leave it to the individual whether he will collect them or not.

A Few Curious Excuses.

By LEON V. CASS.

During the eight years I have been engaged in dealing in stamps I have sent out approval selections to thousands of collectors, and below I quote a few of the curious excuses given by parties to whom I have written requesting the return of or payment for selections sent them previously :

One collector made returns after a delay of about six weeks, stating that the delay was caused by the spring rise in the waters of the Mississippi river, which had burst the levees and surrounded his house so that the family had been living at a friends' on higher ground for two or three weeks, and as he had left my stamps in the endangered house, he could not get them. He writes: "I rowed over to our house, secured your stamps and herewith return them." Let us hope the water subsided and left the house on its original foundation.

Another delinquent writes as follows: "Received your letter, and

the stamps are locked in the book case. Mamma is gone to Baltimore and won't be back for two weeks. Yours truly, S - B-."

We are led to suppose by the above that the lady has the key to the book case, in which our stamps must still remain, as they have not reached us at the present writing.

Another collector gives vent to his feelings in the following epistle: "Yours of recent date at hand. If I received the stamps I returned them. If I kept any I paid for them. If I did not receive them I won't pay for them. If you did not receive them I will not pay for them, as I do not intend to stand for the reliability of Uncle Sam's postal clerks. Yours, etc.,

L - M-."

Another collector gives the following brief excus: "Yr's rec'd. Yec'd stps. To busy to look 'em over before. Enclose pay and stps. not w'd. Yr's, M-."

Another writes as follows: "Your letter of the 23rd at hand and contents noted. I rec'd the stamps and would have answered sooner, but our family has been unlucky of late. First my brother had both arms cut off by the cars. Then my twin sisters came down with scarlet fever and our house was quarantined. Next I fell down stairs and broke my collar bone. Mother has nervous prostration and our cook left on account of the extra work required of her. Yours, T- M-."

We are afraid T. M. drew on his imagination, but are too well pleased to get our stamps back to question his veracity. Let us hear from some of my brother dealers on the above subject.



Conducted by VERA WESTON HANWAY

"Public Opinion" for April 22nd says as follows:

"London physicians say that flat life is driving women insane by its monotony, and with regard to that assertion some dispute has arisen. The theories of the London physicians is that the economies of the flat have taken from women a large part of the work that used to occupy their attentions, while the restrictions with regard to children have reduced to a minimum the duties of motherhood. If a woman does not take up with books, art, business or church work she is seized with ennui and may, as many have done, become a mental wreck. The other side of the proposition is that women relieved of the drudgery of household duties—the eternal round of cooking, cleaning and keeping things in order, find leisure for something better."

Almost every reader of the WEST has known countless men and women, more particularly women, who were effected with some form or other of nervous prostration. Either grinding work or the lack of work

generally cause such conditions. Physicians repeatedly advise a change, either of occupation or surroundings, more often the latter. It is a physiological fact that a change of any sort, either of employment or environment, will conduce to the rest and relaxation of the nervous system. The laborer coming from his hard day's labor as a rule finds his rest and relaxation in a newspaper and his family—the literary or business man or woman in gymnastics, physical culture or physical exercise. Thus the rule of opposites works with unfailing ease, keeping back those insidious enemies of mankind, disease, insanity or death.

Many eminent scientists have advanced theories connecting the monotonous, barren existence of some women with the nervous degeneration of the human race. The woman is sent to the seaside, the mountains, and often urged to take up a business career—anything, it matters not what, but it must be a total change.

The advice given by an eminent

physician to a care-worn business woman will prove good advice for every woman to follow. It was, briefly, tersely "Hunt up a hobby horse, and ride him."

In the paragraph quoted from "Public Opinion" it will be noted that London physicians assert that women who live in flats must have some occupation. I could wish that it were possible to induce the physicians who have aroused the discussion current, to give publicity to the fact that a hobby would be such an occupation. The theory of mental and physical safety by the aid of a hobby is no new one. Personally I have known of persons rejuvenated in body and mind through collecting postage stamps—but any hobby will answer the same purpose.

On the other hand there are other women beside the women of the cities, whom ennui drives insane. There are what might be termed the women drudges of the world. The vast multitudes who day after day drudge on, who day after day go over and over again the same care-worn, fretful, drudging existence. You know them and I know them—They may be met with in all classes, in the higher or the lower. Picture it to yourself dear reader—would you like to live those women's existence? What a blessing would a quiet little corner be in which to spend the precious moments snatched from the day's turmoil—to spend them enjoying that greatest of pleasures, a well rounded collection. Forgotten would be the worries and cares of the housewife, the petty jealousies of the society woman, or

the nerve-racking anxieties of the woman of business. It would be a healthy pleasure, a healthy pastime, and conducive to a properly poised mental and physical condition.

Mr. Leon W. Cass touches upon the importance of Philately as a health renewer in a particularly happy manner in the *West* for December, 1903.

"Some fad might well be cultivated. The tonic effects of travel as a change of scene cease to be effective when the depressing physical effects of the steady grind have been carried to the last extreme. It is difficult to prescribe rest in small and frequently repeated doses for the restless, driving man of affairs. To such a hobby is of the greatest use. It may become a valuable aid to the acquisition of renewed health."

I like to think that in the days to come a hobby will be recognized as a tonic surpassing in effectiveness any other. The dawn of the new era is at hand. Men and women restlessly demand some mental occupation for their leisure moments. This restlessness either finds an outlet in reading or in some pleasurable and diverting pastime or hobby.

Even in asylums the question of diverting occupation for the insane leads gradually to a hobby as a most effective employment. In the Ville-juif asylum in Paris, described by M. Leon de Montarlat in the *Monde Illustré*, the question of occupation for the insane has been carefully studied. Every artistic, mental or physical employment is allowed to the patients as they desire. Thus the boundaries of the dark country

of madness are well defined and the gradual regeneration of the mental faculties possible.

Let all collectors do something to further the spread of this new cure and soon we will have a regeneration of the nervous energies of the race.

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I have been favored with a photograph of an extremely interesting collection of china, the property of Mrs. Mary A. Hopper, of Patterson, N. J. Mrs. Hopper has a large collection of china, pottery and old furniture, as well as a collection of souvenir postal cards numbering six thousand.

With the advent of the new canceling machines, which are now in use in all the large Postoffices of the country, came many complaints of letters being torn and mutilated. An order has gone forward notifying Postoffice employees that letters containing an inclosure of a bulky or flexible nature must not be run through the canceling machine, but shall be kept separate and canceled by hand. Out of the revenue arising from special delivery stamps Postmasters at first-class offices are allowed carfare for the messengers who carry them. None of the offices, however, is allowed to spend more than \$10,000 per annum for this purpose. Where messengers are not available any salaried employee can be called upon by the postmaster to deliver the special-delivering letter.

An Old Catalogue

By C. CLIFTON BRINK,

Doon, Iowa

Philanthropists possess the faculty whereby all nature makes mankind akin, the word "stamps" is the open sesame to a collector's heart, be he young or old.

I found a collection mounted in one of the fifth editions of Scott's albums, in the hands of a gentleman some forty years my senior, which, led to many interesting talks with regard to stamps in general. Curiosity having already the better of me, I turned the pages to find curiosity mingled with surprise, for here were many stamps which were wanting in the spaces of my album. A longing possessed me to own that album with its fairyland of stamps.

As we turned the pages, I said, "And what are these last pages of the book?" "Those pages are just the advertising section." Nevertheless, these had to be reviewed and proved a catalogue of the twenty-eighth edition of Scott's celebrated catalogue.

Next came the overhauling of the collection, stamps of rare value to the collector, having the marks of age, were evident. Stamps issued by the Confederates for blockade postage to Europe, the 1859 one cent of Hawaii and match and medicine stamps of the civil war period.

Then the chief breeze which fanned my flame of desire for ownership, the catalogue. The list compared in size with the album,

six by nine inches, printed upon paper similar to ordinary newspaper with illustrations about twice the size of those in the present issue, and quite as good although the appearance of the page is not so neat and attractive as when smaller prints are used. Forty-three pages comprised the list and five more complete the entire advertising section.

The list opens with Alsace and Lorraine and ends with Wurttemberg, thus completing the forty-two different stamp issuing countries for which prices were published therein. About half of these have no illustrations whatever.

I was anxious to know the price of the stamps of the Confederate States of America at this time. Turning to the United States I began to look for the name, but no price was to be found. I knew very well that this list was published after the Confederates began issuing stamps, so beginning with the first pages the search was renewed. The Confederate States were found with other countries, the names alphabetically arranged. This way of listing was strange to me and I hastened to find other examples. The same page showed the name of a country which could not be found in the present list unless looked for under the heading of The Protected States of India. This country was Deccan (Hydersbad), which was only found by turning page after page, for no index was in the list as purchased. The collector using this list to find a country, no matter how great the

need of haste, must turn page after page until the required rating is found. Collectors could not refer to the top of the page for the name of the country as now for on one page is giving the heading "Price Catalogue." its opposite heading "Postage Stamps." Nearly all the stamp issuing countries are to be found as described of Deccan. Much of the spelling in the list is after the English form, in use in England at the present time, as under Germany, Southern States the list gives the date of issue, and then in italics these words, "Figure in circle, coloured paper." Note the spelling, in our present list, "coloured" would be spelled "colored." In looking for the description of colored paper you will find the color itself given in italics. Where there is no illustration the stamp is described as "Figure in circle," "Figure in octagon," etc., whatever the case may be.

The illustrations number one hundred and twenty-seven. Two of these illustrations are not found in the present lists, viz: The one of the postoffice department of the United States, and the one of the envelope stamp of the same department. Many show large perforation around the edges while others do not. Very little attention seems to have been paid to perforations but water marks are mentioned, also the silk threads in the Prussian envelopes.

The wording in the columns is very peculiar, this for example from Argentine Republic 1864. "Head Rivadavia Wmk., A. R., some unmarked." Look at the wording above this issue in the present edition.

(To be Continued)

The Collector's Garner House.

By Verna Weston Hanway.

Those who are interested in matters connected with postal affairs know of many curious postoffices but perhaps the most curious in America is the one which stands in Beebe Plain, a town half in Vermont and half in the province of Quebec, Canada. This old postoffice was built about seventy years ago exactly on the line between the United States and Canada, so that it stands in two countries and serves the postal needs of two nations. This combination post office is conducted by two persons, father and daughter, the father being the post-master for Canadian Quebec and the daughter the post-mistress for Vermont.

Another very curious postoffice was until a short time ago used in Argylshire, England. It was situated in the lonely hills between Drimnin and Barr, three miles from any human habitation. It consisted of a single slit in a rock, closed up by a nicely fitting stone. When any letters arrived at Drimnin for the district of Barr they were conveyed to the rock by some shepherd or crafter who happened to be passing that way. Having been strapped in and the slit closed they remained there until some person from the other side came in that direction, when they were taken out and delivered at their proper destination. It is said that no letter was ever known

to have been lost at this primitive post office.

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The province of Quebec is well known to the curio collector as a successful hunting ground. So many curios and antiquities are coming from this district that it seems reasonable to expect that ere long the most valuable and most interesting curios will have passed into the hands of tourists and collectors from other countries. When it is too late Canada will awaken to the realization of its lost opportunities, only to regret the historical objects that have forever left the country of their birth.

Huge, handmade vessels of copper and brass are rapidly slipping through the fingers of inappreciative owners. China from old English or "habitant" potteries, real old delft, is in great demand and sells for very good prices. Grandfather's clocks, old "colonial" furniture spinning wheels, rare old books, engravings, any and every variety of curios are offered to the tourists who annually visit the city of Quebec.

Shops whose business is to supply the demand for curios are found on every hand, and staffs of collectors are employed by them to scour the country. As a rule the curios cost little, therefore the proceeds are so much profit.

Naturally many attempts are made to sell bogus curios to the collector. Some dealers are selling "old clocks" for five dollars that are only fit for kindling wood. Genuine curios, however, are numerous, and the

collector who is diligent may easily pick up genuine bargains. A collector recently purchased for a nominal price twenty-three pieces of long used delft.

The only thing to be regretted and that will be regretted by future generations of Canadians is this wholesale selling of things that go to make history.

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Many crowned heads are known to be ardent collectors in one form or another. Among them King Victor Emanuel of Italy ranks foremost. From his early boyhood he has studied numismatics, first with the dilitantes interest, then with the deep, unswerving interest of the scientist. The book he has recently written upon the subject asserts the interest with which he regards the science. He possesses an extremely unique collection.

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Genuine Thackeray letters bring high prices. A full page letter of the great satirist, in which he deals somewhat unmercifully with Cardinal Newman, recently sold for \$200. As Thackeray wrote two hands at will he has been in several instances successfully imitated by a skillful forger who has succeeded in duping many persons. He has never quite succeeded in imitating the "T" of Thackeray's signature, nor has he ever attained to that delicacy that is noticable in the great author's more familiar upright writing.

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Edward Rausch of Philadelphia recently completed, after twenty-

three years' toil, what is from many standpoints the most remarkable vase in the country. As it now is, completed, it is covered with four thousand coins of all nations, all ages, all classes, and all values, representing in actual money seventy-five thousand dollars. Spanish coins of the time of Pizarro, rule edges with American coppers; the fat silver coins of ancient Greece soldered against crude African money, bolts and bars that might be used as weapons with good effect.

Africa is further represented by coins in the shape of a horseshoe. Sicilian spoon money and Japanese oblong coins, the Nuremberg time speck of gold, the smallest coin in the world, measuring only one-eighth of an inch in diameter; the Japanese bars and forks that passed as money when the world was younger; Roman money that the Ceasars may have touched, shell money of some savage race—not one period in the world's space of time, not one curious coin from the countries that have come and gone with the seasons has been left unrepresented on this unprecedented vase.

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Many young men who are staggering under the price of violets at this holiday time of the year, will doubtless collapse when they learn of one blossom for which the price, \$1,000, was paid by J. C. Vaughn, a Chicagoan. The flower was the *gladiolus principes*. There are few flowers so attractive to the floral connoisseur, with every tint and color except black, the *gladiolus* offers

a setting which is rainbow-like in its gorgeousness. In the past year as many as sixty-five different varieties of the flower have been grown, but no other variety contains so many points of excellence as the one purchased by Vaughn.

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Mr. Bryan, that great admirer of Jeffersonian principles, has recently acquired what is said to be a genuine Jeffersonian punch bowl. He is much elated over the acquisition.

The second type is the collection which there may or may not be rare specimens, but all of them are carefully hinged in their spaces and are watched by their owner to see that no harm of any sort befalls them. Neither torn nor heavily canceled specimens are allowed a space, and the care of the collector is such that it is always a pleasure to turn the pages of his album and notice the changes that are being made in the way of additions tending toward completeness.

Stamps have lately been arriving from Nicaragua surcharged with a "B" in large type. This stands for Bluefields, on the east coast. This ruling has been adopted owing to merchants sending to the interior for their stamps, as the currency is in their favor there. This is how Canada came to surcharge the Bill stamps of Nova Scotia "N.S." in early days, and it was to prevent their being bought in Ontario and sold at a profit. Nicaragua now adopts the same method.

What the Standard Catalogue Should Be.

By Henry Herbert Huff.

The catalogue that is to serve as the price medium for the buying, selling, and exchanging of stamp to the stamp collectors of the United States, in fact, of the world should not be issued by any one stamp firm nor should any stamp firm have any thing to do with it more than offering it for sale. Further, I should advise that the same catalogue be used the world over. The trouble, inconvenience, and labor thus obviated would be very great, as everyone knows. The catalogue I am thinking of I would choose to call the "Standard Stamp Catalogue of the World." It would be published in all the different languages necessary but always with the same subject matter. The work of compiling it and placing of values on the different stamps, I should have assumed by a committee composed of prominent and experienced philatelists chosen from the more influential (in stamp matters) countries of the world. Representatives of the larger stamp firms and auction houses would be numbered among the members of the committee. By having so many intelligent philatelists to consult, a value very nearly correct could be placed upon each stamp and collectors would not have to worry over the great difference in the prices of our different catalogues or deplore that certain stamps are marked too low or too high. A committee, as I have suggested, could arrive at a price for

certain stamps that would be very nearly their true value. I do not favor the idea that stamps should be marked at their wholesale price but at a price where a reasonable discount would make a retail price that would be a source of profit to dealers when they made a sale. I think it pure foolishness that some stamps, as is now the case, should be marked at several dollars and sell (retail) for 25 cents or so. This extreme catalogue discount business has made philately, seem a boy's play and foolishness to new collectors and some collectors and it is time that it be discontinued. If each stamp be marked at a price just 50 per cent higher than their average retail value and the more common ones 100 per cent, would have a more reasonable system of price marking. The minds of these several persons composing the compiling committee would be promotive of many new ideas and the stamp catalogue, in arrangement and contents, could be greatly improved. In the Standard catalogue, which exists at present in imagination only, might be included a brief history of stamp collecting, definitions of philatelic terms, etc.

The matter of minor varieties (by means of different styles of type) could be so arranged that even young collectors could use the catalogue intelligently. The compiler's attention should be to make it indispensable to every class of collectors. The committee could offer prizes for the best suggestions regarding its make up.

The Standard catalogue should be the foundation of every philatelic literature library. But you say, what is the use of laying down the rule that every collector must invest a certain sum in a standard catalogue when you can get but so few to purchase one of those we already have? The answer is easy. In nine times out of ten the reason why they do not purchase a catalogue is that they feel that they have not fifty or seventy-five cents a year to invest in this form of philatelic literature. The newly planned Standard catalogue would solve the problem. So large would be the issue that it could be produced profitably to retail at 25 cts. a copy and possibly less. At this price nearly every collector except the very stingiest one (which we hope are few in number) would provide himself with a copy. I think the ideas advanced in this article will solve all the problems in relation to stamp catalogues that are now before collectors. This subject is worthy of discussion, so kindly give the new suggestion consideration and let collectors know your ideas about the catalogue question.

There is a cession just at the present time in the great interest in stamps which has existed for a number of years past. The desire to possess stamps, however, never leaves the true collector, and it is only a question of time when there will be a greater amount of collecting than ever before. The world's issues, however, have become so great that many are likely to confine their collecting to the stamps that are issued in and for the United States, its colonial possessions, protectorates and near neighbors which are likely, sooner or later, to come under one or another of these heads.

A MYSTERY.

By Old Grill.

"Wilson," said Grill one evening, "I'm going to run down into the country tomorrow for a few days rest. I had planned to go alone but I wouldn't mind having you come along if you like."

"You display about the same degree of enthusiasm," said Wilson, "as the lady who sent out one-hundred invitations for her party and then remarked that she hoped 'not more'n half of 'em would come.' If you expect to receive my regrets in this instance, however, -I'll have to disappoint you, as I've been contemplating some such move as you mention."

"All right," said Grill, "your decision makes it unanimous. We'll start at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon and that will bring us into Plum Hollow in time to take supper with Mr. Silas Stackbrush and his wife. I've never had the pleasure of meeting them but their place was recommended to me as being not any worse than the average. I'm willing to risk it if you are."

"Agreed," said Wilson. "I'll be ready."

Seven o'clock the next evening found the two sitting on the back "stoop" of the Stackbrush homestead discussing over their cigars the beneficial effects of rural environment upon jaded nerves.

From the pond in the meadow, hard by, came the measured croaking of a bull-frog; in the barnyard a huge porker grunted his satisfaction with things in general, and in the "hen-house" back of the old stone barn they could hear the subdued commotion of fowls going to roost. Altogether, Grill and Wilson agreed that it was a pleasant change from the smoke and dust and turmoil of the city.

It was—for a few moments. Then, under cover of the gathering darkness, and as if by pre-concerted plan, a horde

of mosquitos from an adjacent marsh charged upon the unfortunate pair.

They came in companies, regiments and battalions and with all the fanatical bravery of the Japs, and utterly unmindful of the fact that one of their enemies was a metropolitan detective, advanced to the attack.

It is not on record that any human being or collection of human beings was ever awarded better than second prize in a contest with Plum Hollow mosquitoes and the present instance proved to be no exception to the rule. Overwhelmed by superior numbers, and utterly routed, Grill and Wilson executed a disorderly retreat to the "settin'-room" of the Stackbrush domicile.

Here they found Mr. Silas Stackbrush occupied in rubbing his "specs" preparatory to the audible reading of the Weekly Monitor for the enlightenment of himself and Mrs. Silas Stackbrush who, by the light of the kerosene lamp that stood on the pine table between them, was engaged in the knitting of a pair of red woolen socks presumably intended for her liege lord.

Now, Mr. Silas Stackbrush is not what might be called a finished reader. When he speaks, it is with a kind of nasal twang that produces an effect upon the auditory nerve not dissimilar to that made by the filing of a cross-cut saw. Add to this the fact that the news in the Monitor was a week old and it will be readily appreciated that the situation aroused no marked enthusiasm on the part of the guests.

Before the hands of the little old clock had pointed to "eight" Wilson and Grill had laboriously mounted the dark, narrow stairway that led to the floor above, and had repaired to the rooms assigned to them for the night.

At about four-thirty the next morning Grill started up out of his sleep at a sound

which in his semi-consciousness he attributed to the clang of a fire-wagon. Then, when he had fully recovered his faculties, he realized that he was not in the city. But where was that bell whose peals were rending the air? He hurriedly threw on his garments and hastened below where he found to his supreme disgust that the alarm was merely the original Stackbrush method of announcing breakfast. Needless to say, his discovery awakened no pleasurable emotions and, wishing to wreak revenge upon someone, he borrowed the bell and mounting the stairs to Wilson's room, startled that gentleman out of his sleep by shaking the ponderous bell until his arm ached.

"Hurry up, Wilson," he said, when the latter had risen up in his wrath, "it's almost five o'clock; you'll be late for breakfast."

After a rather hearty meal the ruffled feelings of the two had been soothed in a degree, and they set about devising plans for the day.

"I think I'll take a stroll along the creek and do a little sketching," Wilson announced.

"Alright," said Grill; "I'm going down to the post-office."

Wilson discovered that the scenery in the country round about was more than usually attractive and Grill found pleasant diversion in talking with Captain Sigsbee who was post-master and proprietor of the general store. Consequently, it was late in the afternoon when they met at the Stackbrush home.

"I hardly expected," said Grill, "to find a philatelist about here."

"You might be depended upon to discover him if there was one in the vicinity," said Wilson.

"Captain Sigsbee," said Grill, "who is the postmaster here, told me that he has made a practice of keeping all the large denominations of stamps furnished him by

the government and instead of returning those not disposed of, has paid cash for them to the department. In consequence he has whole blocks of 15c Lincoln and 24c Independence, etc.

"I bought a number of them from him; he's quite a pleasant old chap and I spent an agreeable day with him."

"I've had a glorious time myself," said Wilson. "But I feel as though I'd been following a plow all day and I'm as hungry as a wolf. Lets go down to supper before they get a chance to start that fire-alarm of theirs."

That evening, remembering the disastrous encounter with the mosquitoes on the night previous, they took refuge in Grill's room where a window-screen would protect them from the onslaught of the insects. Here they smoked contentedly for a couple of hours when Wilson, looking at his watch, announced that it was ten o'clock, and declared his intention of retiring. As he arose to go, he remarked, "That whip-poor-will out there is having a big time all by himself."

"It's pretty late for whip-poor-wills to be calling," said Grill.

"What of it?" demanded Wilson. "That's their privilege, isn't it? I'm pretty tired," he added, "I think I'll go to bed."

II.

Shortly after breakfast the next morning, a man walked hurriedly up the path from the gate to where Grill and Wilson sat enjoying a quiet smoke.

"Why, hello Grill!" exclaimed the visitor. "I don't know whether you remember me—Bill Haskins, the sheriff who helped you to arrest those counterfeiters five years ago?"

"Why, sure enough!" said Grill. "But how did you know I was stopping here?"

"I didn't," said Haskins; "that's the funny part of it. There's been a big robbery down at the post-office and Captain Sigsbee sent me up here to arrest a

stranger that he said was stopping here and that he said was down at his place yesterday and seemed to be mightily interested in some of the stamps that are missing. It's a good joke on you. Grill. He thinks you're the thief. If you'll come down to the store with me I'll straighten out matters. I'm awful glad to see you but the question before us now is, 'Who is the thief?'

Grill, Wilson and the sheriff proceeded to the post-office, where they found Captain Sigsbee in a highly agitated frame of mind.

After being assured by the sheriff of Grill's identity the Captain informed them that he had lost a large number of stamps of current issues, together with many valuable specimens of older dates which he kept in the safe.

"Was the safe locked?" asked Grill.

"I am not certain," said Sigsbee; "it may not have been."

"Anything else missing?"

"Not that I am aware of."

"Better take a careful look around and see," said Grill.

Captain Sigsbee made a hasty inventory of his stock and finally announced that he believed a few articles had disappeared. "But they don't amount to much," said he. "I believe there's three razors and a razor-strap gone; also three cakes of soap that were left in this box here and if I am not mistaken a few cigars from the counter are missing."

"This information should be of service," said Grill. "Mr. Haskins," he continued, "could you furnish me a horse and carriage; I should like to take a drive."

Haskins looked puzzled but said that he would be glad to comply with the request.

"I'll be back here shortly," said Grill. "I want to go up to our boarding-place before I leave."

While Grill had been talking Wilson had been quietly looking about the store. His

look betokened the possession of some bit of information that he was striving with difficulty to conceal and Grill noted it as he was about to leave.

"Are you going to walk up to the house with me, Wilson?" he asked.

"Yes," said the latter.

On the way Wilson burst out suddenly, saying, "I suppose you have decided that the thief has left town and you are going to pursue him with the horse and carriage. Now, as a rule, Grill, I have great confidence in the accuracy of your deductions. But in the present case, permit me to inform you that you are working on a wrong back, altogether. The party you are looking for will be found within the precincts of this little village."

"So?" queried Grill. "Then you think there is only one culprit?"

"I am sure of it," said Wilson.

"May be you're right, but it appears to me that there's more," said Grill.

"While you were making arrangements with the sheriff for facilities to carry you away from the whereabouts of the thief as fast as possible," said Wilson, "I was doing a little investigating on my own account, and I found a package which had been left with the postmaster to be mailed. On this package was a stamp of a denomination the same as some of those stolen. I would suggest that you hurry back to the store and find out who left that package. Whoever it is, is the guilty party."

"One of us must be wrong," said Grill, "because I'm working on a different clew. A few hours will tell which is right."

After arriving at their rooms Grill made some hurried preparations for his trip.

"Would you care to take a ride with me, Wilson?" he asked.

"No, thanks," said Wilson. "I don't care to be a party to any wild-geese chase."

"Very well," said Grill. "I shall prob-

ably not be back until evening."

III.

At about six o'clock that evening Grill arrived at the Stackbrush place looking rather worn-out, and apparently not in the happiest frame of mind. Wilson interpreted this mood as betokening failure in his mission and bantered him accordingly.

"I decline to be interviewed," said Grill, "until after supper."

Half an hour later when they had found comfortable seats in Grill's room, the latter remarked, "Wilson, you remember that whip-poor-will that you heard calling last night about ten o'clock?"

"I recall that you seemed to be unduly interested in the bird," said Wilson, rather sarcastically. "Was there anything particularly startling about the make-up of that whip-poor-will?"

"Well, he was rather an abnormal specimen," said Grill; "he weighed, I should judge, in the neighborhood of one-hundred and fifty pounds."

"You don't say?" said Wilson, drily. "It'll be a pleasant day tomorrow if it doesn't rain, won't it," he added, yawning.

"His note struck me as not striking quite true," continued Grill, "and after you had gone to your room I determined to investigate. You probably noticed yesterday that they have been painting the house here. By chance the ladder they were using was left directly under my window and I descended it to the ground and proceeded quietly in the direction whence the whip-poor-will call had come. Just beyond the hedge fence yonder I heard a subdued conversation. 'Bill,' I heard a voice say, 'if my face needs a razor as bad as yours and Jim's does, I must be a real handsome-lookin' gent.' I couldn't catch any more of what was passing between them, so I returned to my room. As the extra furnishings of my apartment consist of a home-made wash-stand and

a pitcher with a broken nose I concluded that there wasn't anything here that would be missed much if anyone broke into the house, so I went to bed and forgot them. This morning, however, when Captain Sigsbee told us that along with the stamps that had been stolen, he missed three razors and three cakes of soap, my mind reverted to the conversation I heard last night between the three men, and I connected them with the crime and also concluded that they were probably strangers here.

"I persuaded the sheriff to accompany me in a drive and we proceeded on the turnpike which runs south of here."

"Why should you choose that direction?" asked Wilson.

"Because it seemed to me the natural route for the men to pursue: to the north, the country is hilly and to the east and west it is almost impassible just now in some places. My deduction proved correct for we learned from parties along the way that three men had been seen to pass earlier in the day. About ten miles from here we came upon an old vacant building and through a window I espied three men shaving. We surprised them and found they had the booty we were looking for. We invited them to accompany us back to the village and they are now guests of the sheriff who has taken them up to the county seat, five miles from here."

"But how about that package that I saw this morning?" asked Wilson.

"That was left there by Captain Sigsbee's little girl," said Grill. "Now, I think I'll retire. Tomorrow morning I'm going back to the city where there's less mosquitoes. If I have to work, I'd prefer to do it in civilized surroundings."

"There's one proposition on which I agree with you," said Wilson. "I'll be ready to accompany you in the morning. Good-night."

Here is a table that is well worth cutting out and pasting in the cover of your album for future reference. Aside from stamps issued to commemorate some special events, the table shows ordinary postage stamp changes of U. S. Prior to the dates here given there were no ornaments in the upper corners of the stamps. There was a 30c and a 90c, which were supplanted by the 50c and \$1. Cut out this table for reference:

Denomination.	Face.	Color.	Date of Issue.	On Watermarked Paper After—
1-cent	Franklin	Blue	October 10, 1894	April 29, 1895.
1-cent	Franklin	Green	January 17, 1898	January 17, 1898.
2-cent	Washington	Carmine	October 5, 1894	May 2, 1895.
3-cent	Jackson	Purple	September 24, 1894	October 31, 1895.
4-cent	Lincoln	Velvet brown	September 11, 1894	June 5, 1895.
4-cent	Lincoln	Red brown	October 7, 1898	October 7, 1898.
5-cent	Grant	Light brown	September 28, 1894	June 11, 1895.
5-cent	Grant	Blue	March 8, 1898	March 8, 1898.
6-cent	Garfield	Light maroon	July 18, 1894	August 31, 1895.
8-cent	Sherman	Lilac	March 25, 1895	July 22, 1895.
10-cent	Webster	Milori green	September 17, 1894	June 7, 1895.
10-cent	Webster	Light brown	November 11, 1894	November 30, 1898.
10-cent	Special delivery messenger boy	Blue	October 10, 1894	August 16, 1895.
15-cent	Clay	Deep blue	October 15, 1894	September 10, 1895.
15-cent	Clay	Olive green	November 30, 1898	November 11, 1898.
50-cent	Jefferson	Orange	November 1, 1894	November 9, 1895.
\$1.00	Perry	Black	November 15, 1894	August 12, 1895.
\$2.00	Madison	Sapphire blue	December 10, 1894	August 13, 1895.
\$5.00	Marshall	Gray green	December 10, 1894	August 16, 1895.

No clerk in the United States Postoffice or employee is permitted to break the seal of a letter or package to determine what it contains. If suspicious of its contents they can refuse to receive it for transmission. All mail matter for foreign countries must bear a legible postmark—one which can be plainly read. Letters conveyed in vessels not regularly employed in carrying mail shall be subjected to double rates of postage. Jewelry can not be mailed to Egypt; tobacco can not be mailed to France; ~~articles of~~ clothing can not be mailed to Hungary; Russian paper money can not be mailed to Russia.

Every Postmaster in the United States has orders to notify patrons of the office that the Government does not hold its officials responsible for letters which do not have the stamps affixed in the right-hand upper corner of the envelope. Stamps placed elsewhere are apt to be mistreated or mislaid, and the letters held for some time as unpaid. Should counterfeit stamps be discovered on mail matter it must be held for postage, and not delivered until the name and location of the sender are discovered. Postmasters at all State capitals are supplied with specimens of the counterfeit stamps, and in doubtful cases they may be used in identification.

Our Illustrations.

D. H. MUNGER, PRES. M. P. A.

D. H. Munger was born in early 80's in Geneva, N. Y., but removed early in his life to Corning, where he has since resided. Mr. Munger began collecting stamps twelve years ago and then quit. Five years ago he began again and has since been a very active philatelist. He founded and acted as president of the Metropolitan Philatelic Association, the second largest stamp society in America. He is at present Honorary President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of this society. He is also an A. P. A. member and contributes largely to the philatelic press. In him philately has a good energetic adherent.

W. C. LAWRENCE

W. C. Lawrence born in 1858 at Bucksport, Me. Is a stationary engineer by profession.

He has been interested in coins and stamps since 16 years old, but there has been large spaces between his periods of collecting and at present is not adding to his collection of 3000 var although is buying, selling and exchanging many U. S. stamps, U. S. revenues in fine condition preferred and is turning his U. S. postage and M & M into U. S. revenues and shall make them a speciality because of lack of time.

He has made many friends in the past three and a half years by his square dealing and "your money back if you want it" methods.

Mr. Lawrence intends to issue a neat price list of U. S. revenues soon.

Mr. Lawrence does not buy "any old thing" but buys only what is a pleasure to send to particular customer although the 10c order receives as prompt service as the \$10.00 one, as he wishes to use all alike.

A collector should pick his dealer and stick to him as long as possible as the dealer will usually make it his interest to do so as it is for his interest to do so. He believes stamps in good condition well bought are a good long time investment as well as a source of enjoyment to the collector.

PUBLISHER SAYS:

This number, combined two months, by delays of the printers being sick and lack of help, ect. It is supposed to come out the last of the month.

The meeting of the American Philatelic Association, Twentieth Annual Convention has been told on another page, and the Metropliation will be given in the next number. Our mailing machine is getting most all of the subscribers on the list.

If your name or street and other addresses is not right, drop us a card at once. We hope to use a still larger number of cuts in the next number and have some very fine ones to use, for all kinds of collectors. Any news that interests collectors you know of, or you see in any papers, we would be pleased to hear of, for we wish to help all kinds of hobbies.

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is was taken when only aboutt half were there: other photos we hope
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 See Union Souvenir Card Club.



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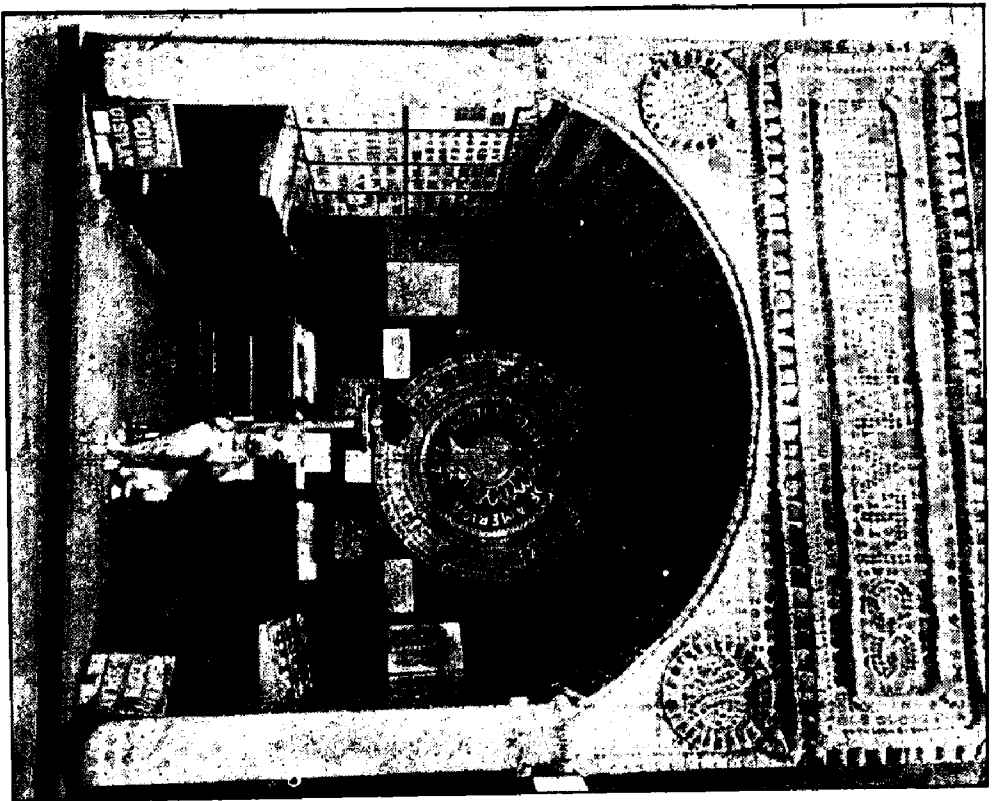


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With War Bonnet, Crow Indians, "The Life Among the Indians"



See page "Where One Dollar is Worth Two," Our Journal by Dr. Heath.

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some discussion the following points
were decided upon.

1. Members who join before Jan.
1, '06 will continue in good stand-
ing till Jan. 1 '07 without extra
charge.

2. The association will soon have
a representative in each of the
leading foreign countries.

3. Fiscal Stamps will be identified
for members free of charge if sent
to some one of the Executive com-
mittee.

4. The association will charge a
commission of 15 per cent on all
stamps sold through the Sales Dept.
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CURIO DEPARTMENT

BY ROY FARRELL GREEN.

A fourteen-page letter, written by Mary Queen of Scots in January, 1562, stating that she had under consideration the formation of a large party of the nobility, was sold at auction in London the other day for \$4,500.

A heavy anchor which it is believed has lain for 130 years at the bottom of the Kennebec river, was recently brought to the surface of the water in a great sturgeon net by two business men, Messrs. Rafter and Gardiner, who fish the river for sport. The anchor or grapnel is believed to be a genuine Revolutionary relic, lost in the river by Benedict Arnold's ill-fated war party of 1,100, which it will be remembered was sent by Washington, in 1775, to Quebec by the way of the Kennebec river and through the forests of Maine. Two miles below Gardiner, Maine, in Colburn's yard, Arnold's command halted long enough to construct 200 bateaux with which it was proposed to transport troops and supplies through the northern waters. The bateaux were pulled through rapids and swift water by means of anchors such as the one recently found by the two Maine business men. The grapnel which was brought up in the sturgeon net

has a stalk some four feet long and carries five curved arms welded to its base. It was evidently fashioned of wrought iron over an anvil.

What is probably the most ancient letter in the world was discovered not long ago in some excavations being made in the province of Attica, and is said to have been written four centuries before Christ. It is engraved on a leaden leaf, and runs as follows: "Mnesiengos sends his greetings to those in the house and informs them that he is in good health. Please send me a blanket, or some sheepskins, etc., etc."

A psalter which once belonged to Boswell was sold at Sotheby's, in London, not long ago, for \$75. It contained the following inscription: "James Boswell, 1763. I bought this for two pence at Greenwich when I was walking there, with Mr. Samuel Johnson."

A report comes from Berkeley, Calif., that a valuable fossil, an ichthyosaurus, has recently been discovered in the limestones of Nevada. It shows the anterior half of the vertebral column, one side of the pectoral arch complete, the first two segments of a pectoral limb, and

nearly the entire skull. It is said that the type of limb in the present specimen is "more primitive than any yet discovered," a fact which makes the discovery one of the greatest interest to geologists all over the world.

William E. Curtis, writing in the Chicago Record-Herald, tells of the regents of Mount Vernon having obtained possession of some valuable relics of General Washington which they have been trying to get hold of for several years. The most important is a writing desk, which Washington in his will bequeathed to Dr. Craik of Alexandria, and which has ever since been in the hands of the Craik family. The family would never sell nor loan it, but by the death recently in Louisville, Ky., of the head of the present family, who passed away without having made a will, the desk was sold with other effects at auction and the regents of Mount Vernon bought it for \$1,600 after lively bidding. The desk is of mahogany, inlaid beautifully with maple, standing about eight feet high with a book-case on the top. The chair which belonged with the desk was also secured by the regents very lately from Mrs. Andrew Jackson, widow of a grand-nephew of the late president, they paying \$500 for it. This chair was likewise bequeathed to Dr. Craik, but got adrift and passed into the possession of another branch of the family. This chair became General Jackson's in 1829 and he used it while in the White House, and took it with him to the Hermit-

age at Nashville after the end of his second term, where it has since been.

The Mount Vernon regents are now trying to obtain a shaving stand which was bequeathed by Washington to Dr. David Stuart of King George county, Va. It belongs now to the Robinson family of Georgetown, who demand \$3,000 for it, a prohibitive price. It is a simple piece of cabinet work of mahogany, waist high, three feet long and fifteen inches wide, with a marble slab and a mirror on hinges, which drops down over the top. A pocket camp shaving case, with brush and razors, and a military telescope, both of which were used by Washington during the war of the Revolution and were bequeathed in his will to Dr. G. S. Stuart of Alexandria, were recently obtained by the regents. The dial, which in Washington's time stood in the center of the quadrangle at the rear of the mansion, is in the possession of W. F. Havemyer, the sugar king, who has it in his library in New York City. Mr. Havemyer has been approached by the regents several times with a request for its restoration to its original position at Mount Vernon, but he refuses to give it, loan it or sell it, and will not even allow a fac simile to be made.

A Bloomington, Ills., dispatch under date of June 4 says that notable discoveries of relics of the mound builders have been made by N. D. McEvers, near Montezuma, on the Illinois river. In a mound about 80 feet in height he excavated many

implements of war, with fully 1,250 discs of flint, each about three or four inches in size. Mr. McEvers is said to have tunneled 30 or 40 feet into the mound. Indications being promising he secured the presence of B. R. Bushnell, president of the Missouri State Historical society, Dr. McGee, president of the Anthropological society of St. Louis, and others. Mr. Bushnell declared the relics the finest work of the mound builders he had ever seen.

J. D. Bartlett, who will be pleasantly remembered by the stamp collectors who were active some twelve or fifteen years ago, he then being a resident of New Jersey and for one term president of the Sons of Philately, is now living at Iredell, Texas, and writes the Curio Editor that in his locality are to be found beautiful specimens of fossil claims. He would like to hear from geologists and general collectors.

From Easton, Maryland, comes a report that many Indian skeletons have of late been found at Sand Hill, about a mile from Cambridge. A large portion of the high bank at that point was undermined by the ideas, and fell into Choptank river, leaving scores of skeletons exposed. They are seated row upon row, one above the other, and are evidently of a prehistoric day, as the remains are exceedingly brittle, and crumble at the touch. Many of them are of such great size as to show a race of men far larger than the modern Indian. The teeth of some of these

skeletons are found to be in an excellent state of preservation. Indians' beads have been found upon them, in some instances, but no implements of the war or chase.

The American Society of Curio Collectors will issue on October 1st a splendid quarterly, containing a roster of society members, their names, addresses, data as to what each member collects, whether they wish to exchange specimens, and if so, what kind and what for. Besides the roster there will be interesting essays on collecting, pictures, and much valuable matter. Members of the society will receive it free. This quarterly without doubt will be issued regularly thereafter October 1st and will be a delight to members and collectors in general. For further information address the Curio Editor—Roy Farrell Greene.

A fellow in Hazleton, Iowa, saw in a paper where a certain firm offered 11 cents for 1902 pennies. He sent them fifty of the coppers of the 1902 mintage. He received an immediate reply, saying that just as soon as he sent 1852 more pennies—sufficient to make up the full number of 1902—he would receive the 11 cents. Then he went out behind the barn and kicked himself.

The vitality of the snail is remarkable. One that was glued to a card in a museum for four years came to life on being immersed in warm water. Some specimens in the collection of a naturalist revived after they apparently had been dead for fifteen years.

Where One Dollar Is Worth Two

To revel in lucre; to see gems beyond price; to witness a perfection in art of over two thousand years ago, now lost to man; and to view the rarest, oddest and most curious mediums of exchange from all the world during the past thirty centuries, is the reward of a visit to the numismatic exhibit in the manufactures building at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

The space occupied by this exhibit is novel in its decoration, paper money entering into every part. More than three thousand pieces of a face value of ten thousand dollars are used in the ceiling and wall coverings. This paper is not of the currency of the times, but of former days, and is more than a memory of the hundreds of millions of private bank issues of the "Wild Cat" period that they became worthless in the hands of the people. The lettering and insignia are produced from coins and medals.

Within this canopy of Monte Cristo propensities are exhibited several thousand coins, many of them the most prized of metal gems. Evidences of the earliest coin period, about 700 B. C.; the beautiful gold and silver products of ancient Greece and Rome during the centuries immediately preceding the Christian Era, showing a perfection in die engraving and metal stamping which seemed to die with their producers, the equal of which man has not achieved, are shown in contrast to the crude coin products of the medieval ages. Coins of suc-

ceeding centuries showing artistic improvement lead to the world's metal money of today, almost complete sets of which are exhibited.

Coin oddities of the world are almost completely represented. The "freak" pieces of Ancient China of an age of which there are no authentic records, including bridge, dress, key, razor, ingot and oblong shaped pieces; the hat money of the Ivory Coast; fish hook money of Ceylon; canoe-shaped pieces of the Shan States; boot and shoe money from Syces; amulet coins of the Orient; the bullet money of Siam, from the 1-32 tical, size of a large pin head, to the walnut-shaped four tical pieces; the square and diamond shaped pieces of India, and the oddities of maritime countries all contribute to this exhibit of "freak" coins of ages now past.

Coins of unusual materials are evidenced by the glass coins of Egypt, porcelain tokens from the Orient, pasteboard from Old Holland, and many other substances including lead, bell metal, and clay representing money mediums long ago discontinued. The copper plate money of Sweden, which history tells us was transported in a cart with each small transaction, is represented by several pieces; the largest, of the value of four dalers, is about ten inches square and weighs six and one-half pounds. The widow's mite denarius, and the shekel of Israel of Biblical record command interest. The extremes of Numisma are shown in the smallest and largest circular coins: the

one a 1-32 ducat of Nuremburg in gold, less than a quarter of an inch in diameter, the other a silver quadruple ducat about four inches in diameter.

Among the numerous rare and historic coins of America, are: the first silver coins of this country, issued in 1652 by Massachusetts, include the Pine Tree shilling and three pence; the various metal pieces of the Colonists, the first experimental pieces of the U. S. Government, among which is the Continental dollar of 1776; the half dime of 1792 made from the private silver plate of George Washington; the first U. S. coinage for circulation, copper 1792, silver 1794, gold 1795, and some of the rarities including pattern pieces; the "Stella" or four dollar gold piece; the 1804 dollar and the only coin of the Confederacy, a half dollar in silver, all appeal to the interest of the numismatist.

The territorial and private gold issues command attention, particularly by the Pacific coasters. Following the gold finds of '49, and the rush of population to the Western slope, the Government permitted private gold producers to stamp a money value on pieces of gold of certain weight and fineness; many of these pieces are octagonal in shape. The then hazardous methods of transporting currency from the East caused regular mediums of exchange to be decidedly scarce on the coast, and these private gold pieces continued to be issued some year after establishment of the

United States Mint at San Francisco in 1854, and for many years this was the most popular currency of the coast.

Several varieties of fifty dollar gold pieces, "slugs," as they are best known to the coasters, are exhibited, with companion pieces of various denominations from twenty-five cents up. The very rare 1849 "beaver" money of the Oregon Exchange Co., the Pike's Peak gold coins of Colorado, the Bechtler issue of Carolina and the Mormon pieces of Utah are all worthy evidences of historic periods.

Political history is marked by the exhibit of "hard time" tokens, war cards and satirical pieces; and encased postage stamps used as coins tell us of the small change scarcity during the first years of the Civil War.

Colonial and Continental currency, some printed by Ben Franklin in 1754 and bearing the imprint "To counterfeit is death," the early "Wild Cat issues; postal and fractional currency. Confederate, private, and state bank notes are represented in the paper money exhibit, which is supplemented by an almost complete collection of United States stamps. A central exhibit piece is a five foot facsimile bronze cent, more than twelve hundred of the present type entering into its composition. One of the richest pieces of coin jewelry ever produced, a gold belt composed of Lewis and Clark souvenir gold dollars, is exhibited.

The novel and educational ex-

hibit is made by Farran Zerbe, under the auspices of the American Numismatic Association of which he is vice president. Mr. Zerbe's sentimental interest in numismatic subjects, and his association with the Exposition as sales manager of the Lewis and Clark souvenir gold dollars, has prompted this unique display, which, in numbers, oddity, rarity and value exceeds anything of the same character ever collectively exhibited at any exposition.

Mr. Zerbe had charge of the sale of the Louisiana Purchase gold dollar at St. Louis last year, which sold at \$3 each.

"I am the only man," says Mr. Zerbe, "who ever sold 50,000 dollars at \$3 apiece."

The Lewis and Clark gold dollar sells at \$2 and is at least 33½ per cent more popular than the St. Louis dollar was.

"WIDOW'S MITE" IS FOUND.

Ancient Coin Picked Up on Farm Near Berlin, Wis

Experts of the University of Wisconsin hold that an ancient small coin picked up in a field of the Allard farm near Berlin by Anton Disterhoff is a genuine "lepton" or "widow's mite" of bible times.

The coin is copper, three-eighths of an inch in diameter, with a design representing two cornucopias and a poppy on one side and an inscription on the other, "Jonathan, the high

priest and the senate of the Jews," in Greek.

The coin, when found, was inclosed in a small metal box and is supposed to have been lost by one of the French missionaries who visited Wisconsin in the early half of the seventeenth century. It was worth about one-twentieth of an American penny, but now has considerable value, as it is one of very few in existence.

In the ancient Cathedral of Genoa a vase of immense value has been preserved for 600 years. It is cut from a single emerald. Its principal diameter is 12½ inches and its height 5½ inches. It is kept under several locks, the keys of which are in different hands, and it is exhibited in public, then only by an order of the Senate. When shown to the public it is suspended around the neck of a priest by a cord, and no one else is allowed to touch it. A decree passed in 1476 forbids any one going too near the precious relic.

To Collectors.

When sending a number of cards out, the words "Post Card" can be crossed off and the words "Printed Matter" substituted therefor and the cards can be mailed to foreign countries for one cent, but nothing more than the name and address should appear on the reverse side. This will amount to quite a large sum when a number of cards are sent out.

THE BIBLIOMANIAC.

A Corner Devoted to the Lover of Rare and Curious Books.

By Verna Weston Hanway.

E. Fairjux Taylor, in an extended and thorough article on Bibliography in the Encyclopedia Britannica gives much information in regard to the branch termed Bibliomania. Incidentally he contributes the following paragraph :

"In a literary sense, a book, to deserve the title of rare, should be a work of some merit, not one whose obscurity is due to its worthlessness. Curious books, however, depend very much on the pleasure of the collector; and the jollies and caprices of the collector are summed up in the word "Bibliomania." Some copies of Tubervill's Book of Hunting, 1611, were bound in deer skin; and a story is told of Dr. Askew having caused a book to be bound in human skin, for the payment of which he was prosecuted by the binder. German bibliographers reproach us with an undue passion for book curiosities. Bibliomania forms the title of an amusing work by Dr. Dibstin, who, although accused of a leaning to this weakness, knew well how to value the intelligent study of books. The practice was satirized as early

as the time of Brandt (see his Ship of Fools). It prevailed in England chiefly during the last century, and it reached its height with the sale of the Duke of Roxburghe's library in 1812. (At the time of this sale the Valdarper Boccasio of 1471, all to the Marquis of Blandford after a spirited competition with Earl Spencer for £2260, about \$10,170). The time, however, has passed away when the passion for collecting rare and curious books without regard to their usefulness, merit or beauty, was too often a failing with well educated people. The love for uncut and large paper copies of vellum and first editions, and of illustrated books has been regulated since bookmadness was attacked by the Abbe Rive, Dibstin and Dr. Ferrier, and the Rev. James Beresford. Modern book clubs have done an important service to bibliography by reprinting scarce old books."

It is true indeed that the period has passed when the collecting of books without discrimination of literary merit, of worth or beauty, was justly judged a species of madness. A sauer mood of collecting has resulted, which has brought untold benefits to the world by recovering the lost and buried wisdom of the ages, of centuries of sages. The passion, or liking, pastime or hobby, is still dubbed bibliomania, but its adherents of today care little for the half playful designation awarded them—bibliomaniacs.

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Hints to Buyers of Oriental Antiquities.

By C. W. Anderson--Neary.

Most people are naturally interested in antiquities and many wish to possess at least some small object as a souvenir of the ancient world and of course a genuine antique is the most characteristic and appropriate memento that can be selected as appertaining to particular localities. It is most annoying however to carefully treasure up some modern imitation only to discover afterwards when too late that it is worthless, especially if same is intended as a gift. So far as Egypt goes and parts of the nearer east, the following are a few hints for intending purchasers which should enable them to avoid buying imitations and to distinguish the genuine from the false. Of all Egyptian antiquities, the sacred scarab was the most popular in ancient times and it is not strange that today scarabs should find great favors amongst collectors. Antique scarabs are not petrified beetles as many people suppose, but were manufactured representations of a god. From remote times the Egyptians worshipped the living beetle which they called Khepera, they thought it never died and that the sun was a large ball being slowly pushed across the heavens by a gigantic beetle. The scarab was so popular amongst ancient Egyptians that visitors took away specimens to be worn as ornaments and soon

other ancient countries began to manufacture them, notably Phoenicia, Cyprus, Greece, Etruria, Sardinia and Carthage, but in those places no religious significance was attached to them. The scarab was deeply venerated by the old Egyptians, a cult akin to that of the Holy Cricket of Madazascar. Thespesian said, "The Egyptians venture not to give form to their gods but use symbols of occult meaning." A black or a green beetle were both regarded as emblems of Ra, the god of Ptah, the creative power of re-birth, resurrection and immortality. Every beetle was held to be male and self-produced, the 30 toes symbolized the days of the month and the pellet in which it rolled along its eggs was a type of the sun movement. In Egyptian philosophy the scarab is the living creature that sprang from the mud of the subsiding Nile year after year. It was connected with astronomy and used as an amulet of sovereign virtue for the living and for the dead. One of the hieroglyphics of Khepera, the Egyptian Creator, is a pictured scarab to whom it was sacred and he is shown with a scarab in the head as he was self-created and father of all gods. As an emblem of immortality the scarab was used by embalmers to replace the heart of the mummy, hence the "Stoney Heart" of the Prophet Ezekiel XI. 19. Scarabs were once current coin and as the emblem of fertility were eaten by women. They are now worn as jewels and usually found made of green basalt, but are often blue,

brown, black and etc. and often engraved with deceased name, titles and etc. in hieroglyphics. "King" and "Queen" and other royal scarabs are usually of gold, silver, precious and semi-precious stones, indeed Egyptian scarabs were made of all sizes and materials and at times were employed steatite, shist, granite, lapis lazuli, carnelian, amethyst, ivory, bone, bronze, glass and glazed pottery. The soft stone scarabs covered with blue or green glaze are the most frequently imitated and old scarabs which have lost original color through being buried in damp tombs are frequently re-glazed to detect this a magnifying glass should be used to examine a suspected scarab and one must carefully look over the edges for any small chipped places or cracks to note if the enamel filled them up in which case the coloring is modern. Close examination is necessary as after re-coloring an old scarab the forgers often chip off one or two small bits to mislead a careless buyer. Those familiar with the ancient enamel can tell a modern surface by appearance and color as the new enamel never has the same soft tone and quality as the antique. Another class of forged scarabs is composed entirely of new materials throughout, to detect these one must possess a slight acquaintance with the form, meaning and arrangement of hieroglyphics, as the shape and glaze of the scarab itself would deceive the layman. The usual imitations are of small size with bright green glaze and are easily told after

small experience. Those made in Italy are beautifully cut shams of yellow, green or Prussian blue with dull finish, the United States (ever up-to-date) turn out similar frauds. The common pressed glass and false turquoise imitations deceive no one, but the amethyst, carnelian and so called lapis-lazuli scarab are imitated in great numbers and it is not safe to purchase these except from a reliable person. When the stone is transparent, however, one may observe the piercing, which in the ancient scarab was drilled from each end and the hole presents a bent appearance and is a trifle smaller in the center than at the ends. New scarabs of this sort are usually pierced straight through, but smart forgers are now beginning to pierce them from opposite ends in the old manner, so this observation is not always a safe means to detect new work. The lines cut on these scarabs should present the same sort of finish as the surrounding stone and at least in some places show a polished surface. But few of these antique semi-precious stone scarabs were engraved on the base at the time of manufacture, though they sometimes bear a small square with two crossed lines, the usual custom was to cover them with a gold plate bearing an inscription. Specimens of this class of Egyptian scarabs engraved during Greek and Roman times have been found but those still retaining the original gold cover are exceedingly rare. The beautiful paste and soft pottery scarabs are seldom imitated.

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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.

A description of the celestite deposit of Put-in-bay, Ohio, was lately given by Mr. M. L. Fuller, before the Geological Society of Washington. The deposits of this form of native strontium sulphate occur in a number of small caves, one of these caves is called Crystal Cave, it seems to be a natural geode from ten to fifteen feet in diameter. Some of the celestite crystals are a foot or more in diameter. Most of these crystals are of a pale blue color, but some are almost white with a virteous lustre. The interiors of these caves are continually washed by the waters of Lake Erie. This has long been a famous celestite locality. Celestite bears a decided resemblance to various forms of calcite but is easily distinguished by simple chemical tests.

In spite of the great advances made in chemistry and metallurgy in the last few decades, certain recent archaeological discoveries would seem to prove that the ancient inhabitants of America were more skilled in these branches than our present day workers. In mining for copper in northern Michigan many ancient workings have been discovered, which contained various tools of copper, tempered

to a hardness and durability, which our modern metallurgy has failed to produce. Little can be ascertained of these ancient miners, except the facts of their great skills like the embalming methods of ancient Egypt, the tempering of copper seems to be a lost art, to be rediscovered only after long and patient research, or by accident as has often been the case.

Itacolumite is the mineralogical name given to the variety of quartz known as flexible sandstone. This is a very rare species and only one deposit has so far been discovered in this country, that in North Carolina. Another noted locality, the one where the minerals was first noted is a province or state in India. Itacolumite is a peculiar metamorphic schistose rock accompanying talcose slate and shists composed principally of quartz grains hydrons mica. Its flexibility is peculiar, bending as though made of short points. This flexibility is very likely due to the presence of the hydrons mica. The itacolumite of India, unlike that of North Carolina, has peculiar neiroglyphic markings extending through it and due to some metallic impurity.

The largest and heaviest meteorite ever discovered was brought back by Lieutenant Peary's last Artic Expedition. Its weight is 75,000 pounds and it conveyed through the streets of New York to the American Museum, of Natural History by thirty-four horses. At the Museum it has

found a permanent resting place on a massive pedestal, especially built for it. The meteorite is twelve feet long, eight feet high and six feet wide. The composition of the huge projectile is typical, being a mixture of iron, nickel and cobalt.

This immense meteorite is one of three, located by Ceary and brought to this country. The two others were brought back on a former trip, but this one the largest had to be left until the last trip.

It is claimed that Esquimaux have for centuries used these immense masses of iron as sources of their knives and other weapons. For the last century, however, the immense masses have not been used for this purpose, as the natives were able to get their knives and weapons from traders. The names given to the three meteorites by the natives were the Dog, Woman, and Tent, the Tent being the largest one and the last to be brought from Greenland.

It is supposed that the three meteorites fell during the prehistoric glacial period, when an immense armor of ice covered most of the earth. This would account for their being unbroken, and show by what means they had been gradually deposited on firmer ground.

Now that they have found a resting place in America's greatest museum of natural history, thousands will have an opportunity to see them. Lieutenant Peary is to be congratulated on his contribution to science.

Red Eagle

By PERCY MEAD.

An old Indian chief Red Eagle, who was probably ninety-five years old, stalked into my cabin having traveled nearly sixty miles without food. He had stayed with me many a night before. This night he told me this story.

"In this beautiful, where you now live was once my beautiful home, where we had fine times chasing the countless buffalo and deer over the prairies, here we lived in peace with the whites until one fall long ago when a small party of pale faces came into camp and we invited them to remain the night with us. They cheerfully accepted, and we having no fear of them left no guard. About midnight we were awakened by a member of the party and was told if we moved we would be killed on the spot. Soon another pale face came and gagged and bound us. They took our furs and hides and many other articles which we had made. They went away after all had been tied save one small buck who released us soon.

We then set upon trail and caught them at dawn. We took our things back and tied and gagged the white men here, moved our camp down near Vrica or Big Lake. We were soon shut up in a small place and kept by the government. Here the old man broke down and big tears rolled down his cheeks.

Autograph Collecting

By A. H. Wright

A familiar saying is that eternal vigilance is the price of success. We might paraphrase this and say eternal vigilance is the price of a good collection of autographs.

The collector must be vigilant in keeping an eye on the newspapers and magazines in order to get the addresses of those people to whom he would apply for autographs. Many a time has the writer thus secured an address for which he had long been looking. It may have been that of some retired army officer whose signature was needed to complete a certain group, or it may have been that of some former cabinet member or senator who was passing his last days quietly and out of touch with the activities of the world.

A word as to this group collecting, hinted at above. There should be system in autograph gathering as well as along any line in which it is hoped that success will be obtained. For instance, the collector may be completing a group of cabinet officers. There is a great satisfaction in securing any new signature which will bring the group nearer perfection. Collect them and arrange them by presidents. Any collector can secure the present cabinet by polite requests, but the cabinet of President McKinley can only be completed now by gift or purchase as death has entered that group only recently, removing Postmaster General Payne. There

are no members of cabinet farther back than that of President Johnson now living and there is but one member of the Confederate cabinet now left. The writer began his collection in 1886 and has seen hundreds of people pass away whose autographs he secured by applying in personal letters.

Military and naval officers, authors, clergymen, senators, congressmen, foreign potentates and diplomats, all these naturally divide themselves into groups, and there maybe others which will suggest themselves to the collector.

In writing for an autograph always remember to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope with a card to be used by the person to whom the request is made. Have a uniform sized card of good quality, one with sufficient glazing not to "fuzz" up when a pen is used on it.

Have a small note book handy in which to enter addresses as they are found in daily readings. This will be a time saver and will often be a spur to continued activity along this chosen line of collecting.

Never make a letter of application long. State your request as briefly and as respectfully as possible. Do not try to "soft soap" any one to whom you are applying. As the popular saying is, it makes them tired and you are less likely to get the desired signature.

For the first hundred or so of your signatures, keep them in clean envelopes and avoid handling them more than is absolutely necessary.

When you have enough to start a group, get a good album, with fairly stiff pages and a good binding, and follow either one of two ways in mounting them. You can cut four small slits in the page in which to insert the corners of the cards or you can put just a touch of library paste on the back of each corner and thus attach them. Never paste a card down tight, that is, by putting paste over the entire back. You will find occasion now and then to remove a card and if it is easily taken out it will not be harmed in the process.

The almanacs issued annually by some of the larger metropolitan papers serve as excellent check lists when groups of senators, cabinet of officers, generals and the like are being collected. Have one on hand.

OWNS RARE ARROW HEADS.

L. O. Bliss, Retired Merchant of Iowa Falls, Has Collection of Considerable Value

L. O. Bliss, a well known retired merchant of Iowa Falls, Ia., is the owner of the most valuable collection of arrow heads to be found in this country. This collection represents the work of about forty years and a monetary value of several thousand dollars. A lover since boyhood of antiquities, Mr. Bliss has sought to make his collection as complete as possible.

Competent authorities say that

there are but seven styles of stone and flint arrow heads, and in Mr. Bliss' collection these various styles are represented by many specimens.

He has about two thousand arrow-heads and is now at work classifying them. The collection represents all parts of the country, as he has gathered them from all parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico.

One of the rarest in this splendid collection is what is known as the "eagle" arrow, which is made in the shape of an American eagle. Mr. Bliss is of the opinion that this arrow comes from the tribes that founded the city of Mexico, as the eagle is said by historians to have been the emblem of the tribes that are credited with locating on the present site of the Mexican capital.

Only Two \$60 Bills Now In Existence

The only two sixty dollar bills in existence have been found. One belongs to an eastern collector and the other to Mrs. Julia Turton, of St. Louis. They are worth \$1,000 each.

"My mother was a Bryant," said Mrs. Turton, "and the bill was one of several paid to my grandfather, Colonel John N. Bryant, who fought in the war of 1812, by the father of Mark Twain. The payment was made in connection with a land deal in Tennessee. The bill was an inheritance of mine, but I never realized its value until I saw it mentioned in a despatch. I value it as a family heirloom".

A Visit to the Mineral Localities of Roxbury, Conn.

Where the railroad leaves the Housatonic valley at Hawleyville and turns into the narrow valley of the Shepang river, celebrated for its wild and rugged scenery, among the famous Litchfield Hills of Connecticut.

As the train stops at the little village of Roxbury Station, famous for its mine hill granite quarries, where a large force of men is employed in getting out great blocks of beautiful shining gneiss.

A half mile north from the station through the woods are the old Mine hill mines. A pleasant and easy walk brings you to the silver steel mines, as they are called by the natives, who will tell you the finest steel in the world was made from the ore which was roasted and shipped to Pennsylvania. The dump composed of great quantities of beautiful shining, bronze colored siderite, tarnished by being exposed to the weather.

Digging and spending a little time some beautiful specimens may be found. Crystals of siderite intermingled with quartz, crystals generally small in pockets or veins. Some quartz crystals are an inch in diameter and five or six inches long, penetrating the carbonate of iron, though seldom terminated. Veins of bright yellow pyrohedrons frequently found in perfect crystals showing beautiful striations, and some iridescent often found in masses of pyrite siderite galena quartz sphalerite; altogether the galena I

found in cavernous crystals, the sphalerite massive, the pyrites were found an inch or more in diameter. There were many beautiful specimens taken from the mines when they were worked about forty years ago.

What a collector enjoys is the finding a piece of rock and pounding it until all the corners are broken, so you can hardly break it any more with a small hammer and wishing you had a sledge, knowing it would open a shining vein, and when you get the piece small enough to roll it under a shady tree, for its hot work that we are not accustomed to. You can't stop to rest (as you must catch the next train) in hopes the next stroke of the hammer will bring what you are looking for. Then you can go to the entrance of the mine where the air rushes out cold as ice coming from some of the other shafts of which there are several.

The mine has been abandoned over thirty-nine years and at one shaft they say it is down four hundred feet. You can throw a stone and after a long time hear it strike the water. At the mouth of this shaft exposed on the surface is a rusty mass of rock where the carbonate is mostly decomposed or changed to limonite. The old furnace where they roasted the ore is mostly in ruins, still standing at the foot of the mountain near the village.

Many other attractive and interesting may be found in the vicinity and no doubt there are many I have not seen. Among those I know of are fine specimens of blue cyanite in

white quartz, also gray crystals weathered out on the surface of the mica schist and black tourmaline in good crystals; chlorite and ripidolite in the garnet mines with some ilmenite, also quartz crystals staurolite in all the garnet mines; some very large crystals a mile or more south though I never found a good twinned specimen; then there is albite zoisite epidote, and like many mineral localities no one to show you around or who is interested. You simply have to go it alone.

From my buggy I saw a rock in the stone wall that was composed of beautiful veins of chalcedony in yellow jasper with some sparkling drusy cavities. Of course I took what I could carry and that's the time I was lucky enough to have my hammer with me. And on a door step where an old lady said it had lain for thirty years or more was a mass of siderite crystals half an inch in diameter and none of them bruised the piece.

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Kansas City as the Home of a Prehistoric Race.

The stranger visiting either of the two Kansas Cities would hardly believe that where now stands a cut stone mansion or a row of brick flats that fifteen or twenty years ago was one of the best localities for the archaeologist in the west.

Situated as these cities are, at the mouth of two large rivers, the high bluffs on either side afforded the Indians an ideal place for villages. High points for the observation of the enemy, the rivers teeming with fish of large size, the woods full of game, and with plenty of water to float his canoe, what more could he wish? It is no wonder that a collector in those days could not follow a new-turned furrow without some reward. Where were the good localities, you ask? Anywhere. Along Turkey, Brush or Jersey creeks or near a clear, cold spring, one was sure of finding something. On the Kansas side of the line, what is now London Heights, Brighton Hill and Heathwood were good spots. Great quantities of pottery, but in broken fragments (the writer has about twenty-five different varieties of markings in his collection), arrow and spear heads, scrapers and occasional ax, hammer stone and pipes were found. What is now Kern Park was another favorite spot. In the old Northrup park were several mounds of the mound builder, although I have opened several nothing of great value was ever found—several pieces of crude copper ore

and a small tomahawk of hematite, the most worthy. Others had better success, and several very good axes were found. By the size of the forest trees growing on their mounds, they were evidently very old.

On the Missouri side there were localities equally as good. Before Washington Park was opened as a summer resort it was a splendid locality. At the base of an old elm, it is said that a collector found twenty-five or thirty arrow points. Axes were found there and in the old corn fields where now stands Mt. Washington.

In grading the spot where the old Exposition building stood a number of graves were plowed up, unearthing skeletons and various stone implements.

The mound builder was also a resident on either side of the Missouri river from the mouth of the Kaw to the mouth of the Missouri above St. Louis. Many of these mounds have been opened and numerous relics found.

W. H. PLANK.

In answer to an inquiry, I would say that the largest national bank notes issued is for \$1,000, and 24,000 of these are outstanding, and 93,500 five hundred-dollar notes. When ordering circulation a bank may apply for bills of any denomination commonly used. Ten-dollar and twenty-dollar notes are the most popular, there being nearly 200,000,000 tens and \$150,000,000 twenties in circulation.

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Publication seems to have been overlooked from 362 to 370. These should have appeared in previous number.

I regret to report the sad death by drowning of A. A. Blanchard, Montreal, Que.

RESIGNED.

262. J. A. D. Parke, Buffalo, N. Y.
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The above was dropped through error.

Yours faithfully,

F. B. ARCHER,

Sec'y-Treas. Canadian Philatelic Soc.

"Juliet's" House Sold.

Juliet's house in Verona, where, according to tradition, Shakespeare's heroine lived, was sold, says the "Echo de Paris," by auction for the small sum of \$880.

Up to a short time ago the house of the Capulets was used as an inn, being styled the Osteria del Cappello. It is an old brick structure, with pointed windows and a quaint Italian balcony, bearing on the key-stone of its arch a cardinal's hat in high relief, the insignia of the great Capulet family.

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 91. Percy W. Inglis, Malhono Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada, historicals and foreign.
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 93. Miss Helen Hensley, Los Gatos, Calif.
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103. L. Crandall, Ithaca, N. Y.
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110. Miss Pearle M. Blanks, Bx. 122, Los Gatos, Calif.
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112. S. Roy Marshall, Vineland, N. J., prefer foreign colored cards posted from place depicted.

Nos. 30, 39 and 84 have stopped exchanging for awhile.

NEW MEMBERSHIP LISTS.

The Pacific will get out its new membership lists in October, one will be sent to all the old members and hereafter all the new members will receive the complete lists with their membership card.

Send for application blanks: free.

NORMAN L. SIMS, Sec'y.
San Rafael, Calif.

Fellow Members:

A number of complaints have reached me in regard to the failure of the official journal to reach certain members. The facts of the case are these: This spring issuance of our organ has been irregular the April number being followed by June, which did not appear till July, and there being no May number. No one regrets this more strongly than the Pacific officials, but it is not their fault, and all such complaints should hereafter be sent to the publisher of the paper. **Prompt service, following change of printers, is promised hereafter.**

A membership list will be issued when our membership totals 100,

which will probably be this month, as it is very close to it at the time of writing. This list will be sent to all members, and should be valuable, as every name in it is strictly reliable.

Now that the campaign for 100 members is over, one for the 200 mark is now open!

J. A. D. PARK

Life Among the North American Indians.

BY DR. F. D. SNYDER.

"Where is my home—my forest home?
The proud land of my sires?
Where stands the wigwam of my pride?
Where glow the council fires?
Where are my fathers' hallowed graves?
My friends, so light and free?
Gone, gone,—forever from my view!
Great Spirit! can it be?"

One of the most interesting tribes of Indians that ever inhabited the United States, is slowly but surely passing away. I refer to the Crows, who were at one time located upon the headwaters of the Yellowstone river, but are at present living on their reservation in the valleys of the Big Horn and Little Big Horn rivers, in Montana.

They are divided into the Mountain and River Crows, and while they once numbered many thousands, there are now less than three thousand. They work their land, and raise great herds of cattle and horses, and it is said, they have over fifteen thousand head of horses.

In an early day, they extended their hunts and wars into the Rocky mountains and were at that time great enemies of the Blackfeet. They are tall,

straight, graceful fellows, and the most richly and tastefully clad of any Indians on this continent.

The Crows are especially honest, nevertheless they had the name of being the fondest of horseflesh, the property of others, of any Indians on the plains. They, however, have a high sense of honor, and being fearless and proud are quick to punish, or retaliate. It is said that they derived their name by the way they would fly across the plains and over the mountains and take horses from some neighboring tribe, and apparently fly back again, over the mountains, without being detected, so they were called by other tribes, Crows.

No race of people on the face of the earth could present a more picturesque and thrilling appearance than a band of Crows. They are great horsemen, their forms and native gentlemanly grace has not been deformed by squatting in canoes nor their eyes bridled by scowling on the glistening sun reflecting on the water, like many other tribes, but are just as nature intended they should be.

The costumes of the Crows are very beautiful, their principal ornaments being beads, bears' claws, bones, feathers and porcupine quills, while among the women, elks' teeth are a valuable ornamentation. With all the North American Indians they have no equal, taking especial delight in dressing in rich and gorgeous colors. They also take great pride in their hair, which is black as a raven's wing, well oiled with bear's grease, and is of great length, often reaching to the ground. This extraordinary length is confined entirely to the men.

At a time of mourning, when some friend has been lost, they cut their hair off in places, as much as they

think they can afford to spare, while a woman who mourns for a husband, or child, is obliged to cut her hair close to her head, and so remain until it grows out again, ceasing to mourn as it gradually grows to its former length.

Like all other tribes, they have their medicine man, who is a very old man by the name of White Bear. He is one hundred and one years old. The name medicine is one that has somehow come into general use along the Canadian and United States frontier, synonymous with mystery and all physicians in Indian tribes dealing in (or professing to deal in) mysteries of various kinds are denominated (in the phrase of Indian country) medicine men. Such a person is sure to accompany a party on a visit to a neighboring country or on their war or hunting excursions, as physician and surgeon to the party, and also as soothsayer, astrologer, conjurer and caterer for everything that need be procured, through the supernatural aids of incantations and hocus-pocus.

The tepees or tents are all made of straight poles, tied together at the top, with a flap opening at the top, to let out the smoke. They were at one time all made of skins, but as they became more civilized and the buffalo became scarce, the skins gave way to the more easily obtained but less ornamental canvas.

The plains are silent, where this once numerous race of people lived. The streams run as of old, but sing no songs of the olden times. The nodding pines bend a welcome to the newcomer, but tell not of the past. Herds of cattle now usurp the buffalo range. Soon they will be known only in history, for they are going, going fast, and there are no monuments left to tell of their past glory.

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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.

August Report.

In spite of the fact that the mercury has ranged close to 100 degrees in the shade the interests of the A. S. of C. have not flagged in the least. We can look back through nearly nine months of hard work and anxiety and feel that good progress has been made. We are out of debt this year's expenses have all been met, and we have a snug bank account as well. We have one request to make in regard to

the payment of dues:—don't send personal checks. The banks all charge 15c to cash them and when you take that out of 50c there isn't much left. We have had only three such cases this year and in every case the individual very graciously made the exchange to a money order. Our good president doesn't say much about what he is doing,—he is too busy for that, but the secretary appreciates the way he has of stirring up an interest in Society matters. A large number of the renewals this month are entirely due to personal letters that he has written. We know of at least 100 letters that have gone out from Arkansas City the past two months. Since the first of January your secretary has written 1,042 communications. Interesting personal letters to the president and secretary have come in since our last report. Mr. D. E. Brown of Glacier, Washington, tells of a profitable trip 7,000 feet up Mt. Baker; the finding of some rare sets of bird's eggs and fine fossils. G. Montague Butler of Golden, Colo., writes the president of the strenuous life he is living. He is now professor of geology in the Colorado School of Mines. Mr. E. L. Bangs, the efficient superintendent of our numismatic department, enters a very just complaint that coins have been sent to him to be identified and returned without the proper amount of postage. Remember this, our Identification Bureaus are free as far as the naming of specimens go, but you must include postage for their return if you wish them back again; otherwise they become the property of the superintendent. Mr. Bangs has at considerable expense to himself returned many of them, others had no address so that he was unable to do so. The last apteryx published by C.

Abbott Davis, of Providence, R. I., contains interesting matter on the American Osprey by Hathaway; Water Mites by Walcott of the Nebraska State University; Unios by Davis; and Spingidae by Dearden. We had read of the new, rare gem found recently in California, called the Kunzite, but until this month had never seen one. One of the big-hearted members of this Society, Mr. Albert Everitt of Escondido, California, sent us one for our cabinet. Our specimen is a delicate lavender bar about 1½ inches long. These gems are valued at from \$10 to \$15 a karat. The readers of West would be grateful to Mr. Everitt if he would tell us in an article more about this gem. Mr. D. A. Browne of Astoria, Oregon, sent a generous donation of beautiful post cards illustrating points of interest in and about his home city. He sells these cards at 25c a dozen and would be glad to correspond with members who buy or exchange stamps or coins.

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 249. James Wilson, Jr., 2723 C St., Philadelphia, Pa.

APPLICATIONS.

- Harry H. Parsons, 141 S. Main St., Winchester, Va., age 28; Oc., dyer. Collects curios, fossils, war and Indian relics, museum goods; wishes to exchange. Ref., Brodstone.
 Miss Verna Weston Hanway, Dallas, Pa. Ref., Brodstone.
 Wm. C. Polk, 91 Lester St., Providence, R. I., age 20. Oc., student. Collects shells, minerals, stamps.
 shells, minerals, stamps. Ref., C. Abbott Davis.
 Frank Philo, 131 West Patterson Ave., Columbus, Ohio, age 14; Oc., student. Collects and wishes to exchange stamps and Indian relics. Ref., Coover.
 D. M. Inlay, 253 Riverside Ave., Spokane, Wash., age 43; Oc., curio dealer. Collects anything that the people will buy. Ref., Bulls and Greene.
 R. C. Crane, Sweetwater, Tex., age 41; Oc., lawyer. General collector; specialty, coins old paper money, stamps, rare books and papers. Wishes to exchange U. S. and foreign stamps for Gt. Britain and her colonies and American continent. Ref., secretary.
 Robt. G. Dupre, Canton, Ga., curios, stamps; specialty, civil war relics. Wishes to exchange. Ref., Greene.

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CORRECTION.

In July West, D. A. Growne of Astoria, Ore., should read D. A. Browne.

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Secretary's Report.

Fellow Members:

Having been unable to attend our convention, I wish here to thank you for your support and re-election of me to the post of Secretary-Treasurer again. I assure you that I will give my earnest endeavors and better work than ever. Of late my health has been quite poor but now after considerable treatment I feel like myself again. Although I am sorry Mr. Munger could not again accept the Presidency, I feel confident that in Mr. Wendt we have a willing and active M. P. A. officer. A number of considerably important items were taken up at the convention and next report will contain full accounts. The delay in mailing has caused omission of same in this issue.

Our year-book will appear rather late on account of Mr. Munger being laid up by poor health for some time and also on account of additional work. It will probably be in your hands, however, before our next report and it will contain valuable information for our members.

It was decided at the convention to have two official organs and permit each member to have either or both

by paying this schedule. Applications cost 25c to which you are to add as your first year's dues the following amounts:

25c extra if you wish the "PHILATELIC WEST."

50c extra if you wish "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News."

75c extra if you wish both papers.

It is compulsory that you accept one of these papers and payment of dues in advance. The dues per year will be as stated above. The rates for foreign members will be somewhat in advance on account of the postage. Full information in the year-book.

Am glad to report the following new members. Let us all work together and help the Society grow.

Fraternally yours,

F. A. MUELLER, Sec'y-Treas.

New Members.

W. E. Shoudy, 477 S. Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y.; proposed by Munger.

H. F. Thompson, Box 2569, Johannesburg, Transvaal, Africa; proposed by Howard.

Robert E. Ramsey, Rocks, Md.; proposed by Milford.

Carl Crandall, 316 Hector St., Ithaca, N. Y.; proposed by L. Crandall.

Howard Crandall, 316 Hector St., Ithaca,

N. Y.; proposed by L. Crandall.
 Louis Desmorios, Los Gratos, Calif.;
 proposed by L. Crandall.
 R. E. Sheerer, 1020 W. Race St., Pottsville, Pa.; proposed by L. Crandall.
 J. W. Mazach, 6 Wooldridge Ave., Cleveland, O.; proposed by L. Crandall.
 Wm. C. Polk, 91 Lester St., Providence, R. I.; proposed by Solomon.
 C. Abbott Davis, 1131 Elmwood Ave., Providence, R. I.; proposed by Solomon.
 Edward S. Dodds, Alden, Mont.; proposed by Munger.
 J. B. Aldred, 126 Franklin St., Buffalo, N. Y.; proposed by Munger.
 E. Marks, 521 Euclid Ave., Toronto, Ont.; proposed by L. Crandall.
 L. H. Kjellstedt, I. C. S., Scranton, Pa.; proposed by Park.

Toby Fisherman, 1309 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Mo.; proposed by Wendt.
 Norman L. Sims, San Rafael, Calif.; proposed by Park.

Sidney H. Coleman, R. F. D. No. 1, Gage, N. Y.; proposed by Munger.

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W. A. Imbler, Compton, Calif.
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 A. F. Distelhorst, 129 Syracuse St., Milwaukee, Wis.
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Treasurer's Report.

July 7th to August 23th.

Receipts—		
Applications and dues.....	\$16.00	
On hand July 7th.....	22.20	
		\$38.20
Disbursements—		
Young, ballots.....	\$ 5.00	
Munger, mailing ballots.....	3.82	
Kirby, envelopes.....	1.00	
West, for report.....	2.80	
Frank Kirby, on losses.....	2.00	
Postage.....	1.75	
		\$16.37
Balance on hand August		
23th.....	21.83	
		\$38.20

Notice to All Members.

You are requested to send your correct name and address, also stating what paper or papers you wish for the

official journals of the Society, at once to Mr. F. A. Mueller for file. Kindly attend to this so that it will be unnecessary to personally write you and ask these questions. You may send your dues at the same time and we will send you new membership cards showing how far you are paid up. A red card denotes that you pay 25c a year dues and receive the "Philatelic West," a blue card denotes that you pay 50c per year dues and receive "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News;" a yellow card denotes that you pay 75c a year dues and receive both official journals. Those not paid up at once will be dropped from membership list in the year-book.

Personals.

Next month's issue will contain full convention reports.

Note how we are growing. Write for blanks and get to work. Compliments are due L. Crandall, trustee, for his active work in securing new members. By the way, both he and Mintz, the other Ithaca man, are busy-bodies. They have organized a club for Ithaca. Friend Mintz puts out, moreover, a very creditable philatelic sheet under the name of the "Philatelic Advertiser." Nine numbers have appeared so far and may there be a myriad to follow. Hats off to the Ithaca organization.

That year-book! Some say when is it going to be issued? I'd like to know. Remember good things come slow.

The man who wields this department is short of copy this month.

Election results at the Second Annual Convention of the Metropolitan Philatelic Association, held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., from August 14th to August 16th, with headquarters at the International Hotel:
 President—Wendt, 44.
 Vice-President—Nugent, 28.
 Secretary-Treasurer—Mueller, 75.
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 Counterfeit Detector—Beck, 29.
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 Trustees—Munger, 73; Brodstone, 45; Solomon, 37; Crandall, 30.
 Total votes cast were 75.

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A Letter from Our Vice-President.

Dear Members:

It pleases me very much to see THE UNION increasing so rapidly, which, evidently is due to the efforts of its members. I wish to thank all who have helped the Society, and also earnestly urge all other members to co-operate with us, and thereby make THE UNION the largest and best Society in the world. Souvenir card collecting has increased very much in the last three months, therefore try and induce your numerous collecting friends to join THE UNION. Application blanks can be had from the Secretary. I earnestly request members to answer all cards promptly. I remain
Faithfully yours,

HERMAN J. FUNK,
Vice-President.

Luis G. Aznar, Preciat.

Mr. Aznar, whose photograph appears in the center of this magazine, is a native of Campeche, Mexico, one of THE UNION'S most active members, and possesses a very fine collection of cards. He also deals in cards, and his large stock of curious views of Old Mexico is well worth looking into by those in the market for first class cards.

- 253. E. Hayakawa, 59 Monzencho, Nagoya, Japan.
- 254. Thomas J. Callender, 1678 Berlin St., New Orleans, La.
- 255. Andrew Baldwin, 2107 Union Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.
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- 257. L. C. Austin, Keystone, W. Va.
- 258. William Oye Rae, Kobe, Japan.
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- 261. Clarence C. Parks, Polo, Ill.
- 262. G. C. Brown, 8 Salmon St., Woodstock, Cape Town, Africa.
- 263. Mrs. P. J. Davies, 45 South Road, Spring Ridge, Victoria, B. C.
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- 265. Robert Lee, 116 Mason St., Greenwich, Conn.
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- 269. Donald Stuart, St. Thomas, Ontario.
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- 273. Chas. Stehm, Eureka Springs, Ark.
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- 277. Dr. H. M. Benian, Commercial Square, Gibraltar, Europe.
- 278. N. Sato, No. 7 in 12 Bunchi, Takagicho, Akasakaku, Tokio, Japan.
- 279. Maurice Mayer, Box 225, King City, Missouri.
- 280. Miss Orilla Garland, 19 Grove St., Augusta, Me.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

- 89. W. A. Imbler, from 1095 West 46th St., Los Angeles, Calif., to Camp-ton, Calif.
- 183. Harold F. Kennerley, from 434 Yamhill St., Portland, Ore., to General Delivery, Portland, Ore.
- 201. Harry G. Boyd, from 717 Bangs Ave., Asbury, N. J., to 717 Bangs Ave., Asbury Park, N. J.
- 216. Miss Sadie C. Donohue, from Miller-ton, N. Y., to Stanton, N. J.
- 219. Roy Marshall, from West Av. and Montrose St., Vineland, N. J., to Box 362, Vineland, N. J.

RESIGNED.

- 89. W. A. Imbler, Compton, Calif., respectfully requests that all members refrain from sending him any more cards for exchange.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

- 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70.

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CAMERA NEWS



Editor, F. J. CLUTE. San Francisco

Don't Be Too Ambitious.

right and no doubt produce fine results.

By Willar H. Slayton, St. Louis, Mo.

About a year ago I started a friend in as an amateur photographer and did not see him until a few days ago. I was out to his house to see him and talking things over I of course asked how he was getting along with his photographi work. He told me all about it. He had tried every developer on the market. There was not a brand of paper or a printing process that he had not experimented with. He knew more about photography, such as it was, than any professional in the city. At the same time, he did not have a decent print that he could show me. What was even more surprising, I do not think he had more than a dozen good negatives. Those no doubt were accidents. He had used several cameras, in fact, I think he owned about five. He knew the names of more lenses than one could find listed in some of the big catalogues. Talking the matter over he was ashamed of his poor results but blamed it all on the material he had been using. He had not been able to find a plate, developer and paper that fitted together. As soon as he could do that he would be all

“But you ought to go over to Wilson's house and see his work,” he said. It seems Willson was a mutual friend of ours a few doors down the street and so we called down there. My first friend clam-ed all the credit of having taught Wilson what he knew about photography but he had evidently taught him a whole lot that he did not know himself or else Wil-son had refused to learn a lot that he could have told him about plates, developers, papers and the like. Wilson was using the same camera he started out with. He was so used to it that it came as handy to him as using a knife and fork. He did it without thinking about the different adjustments and the like. He was using the same plates he had started with and knew just how they worked. My friend who had taught him the business had dicared that brand long ago. The developer was the same way. The pupil stuck to the one he had found fairly good at the start. All the prints were on one kind of paper and they were the finest prints I ever on that par-ticular brand. That was simply be-cause he had learned how to work

it to perfection. In striking contrast to the poor showing of his instructor was his own fine collections of prints. He showed us several large albums all filled with good prints. Of course some were better than others, but the average was very high.

And in all this is a moral that a lot of us should take to heart. I do not advocate one's making photography simply a grind and a plod after the largest possible number of pictures of a certain standard. We should always strive to make our work as good as possible and in order to do this it is necessary that we learn what is being put on the market as new. But in doing this, let the main part of our work be done with material which we are at least on speaking terms. There will be more pictures to our credit, we will get better pictures and the satisfaction will be greater. There is a certain amount of interest, no doubt, in experimenting. By all means do your share of it, but do not be continually running from one thing to another, always changing and never content with your materials. Some of the best workers in photography are using material that we would think is about ten years behind the time. The dealers and the magazines are pushing all these new things. They pay a larger profit and they think the interest is kept up by their doing so. In some cases they may be right but in a good many other cases it would be better if

they led the beginner to find satisfaction along a less troublesome road. Nine out of ten who give up the work do so because they have no results to show. This is the position of my friend whom I called on. He was tired of the work at the end of a year.

Saving Clouds.

I have been using one of those "Perfecto" Sky-screens that the Mohawk Manufacturing Company are selling and find it one of the most useful pieces of apparatus I ever tried. It is not alone in taking clouds on the same plate as the landscape that it comes in handy. I recently made a series of interiors and used it in the same way to shade the top of the rooms. One has to take but a few interior views to find that a print showing the carpet, which is often very non-actinic, dark and devoid of detail, with the upper part of the view very light, is not pleasing. It is the lower part of the room that one wishes to see most clearly. In the ordinary photograph it is just the other way. With the "Perfecto" screen all this is corrected. And do not run away with the idea that you can secure the same result by printing the upper part of the view a little longer. The difference between over printing an over exposed part of a negative and using this screen to hold back parts that will come over exposed. The only right way is to make the exposure right to start with. You can do that with the "Perfecto" Sky screen.



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- 3 G E Bixaer, Newark, N J, 61
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- x9 E Strochech, Reading, Pa, 218
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dolph

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Park Ave.

805 Lawrence E Higgins, Omaha,
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Opinions on photographs are as plenty as summers musquitoes in N. J. Opinions, like a poor lens, do not cut outside of a very large center—A. Bogardus, St. L. & C. Photo.

Politeness and good work are the capital of the photographer, The grouty man will always cry "hard times" with out seeming to know that he is the origin of emptiness.—A. Bogardus, St. L & C. Phot.

Cloth Prints.

You will have to see one of these prints on Lusterine photo cloth before you can imagine how beautiful they really are. You may have seen some on blue print cloth or even some on the poorer qualities of photo cloth, but the prints on Lusterine have a quality that is all their own. The tones are a very pleasing brown, almost black. The amount of detail one can secure is remarkable. The latitude in printing is wonderful and it requires no special negative to secure good results. All one needs to work the cloth is a weak solution of hypo in which to fix them and a hot flat-iron does the toning by simply passing it over the print after it has been well washed after fixing. Simply wring out the last of the wash water and iron until dry. A thousand different uses can be found for the cloth. Mounted on a rough surface card they are all that a paper print could be and framed they make excellent room decorations. I have a friend who has run a freize all around the top of his dining-room made out of the prints of a large bunch of grapes repeated alternately with another print of a bunch of grain. The effect is very fine and calls forth the admiration of all who see it.

The top of the photographic ladder of fame is not full yet, there are thirteen aspirants who consider themselves fully qualified to fill any vacant spaces.—A. Bogardus, St. L. & C. Phot.



ANSWERS

Queries should be addressed to Fayette J. Clute, 10 Marye Terrace, San Francisco, California.

HENRY M.—TO AVOID ANY STAINS ON THE HANDS:—Wash the hands in a diluted solution of Citric Acid and when dry rub them well with glycerine. Under this treatment, the Pyro will have no effect on the hands.

W. F. E.: PHOTOGRAPHING POLISHED SURFACE.—When photographing interiors or special shining objects, considerable difficulty is often met with on account of the highly-burnished surface of the object. The method of dealing with things of this kind was recently described by Mr. Charles Wallis' at the Photographers Club. The subject he had to deal with consisted of polished silver ware, and their surfaces were carefully dulled by dabbing them with putty. A large sheet was arranged in front of the camera, the lens projecting through an aperture, so that there was no possibility of the operator and his difficult to photograph than flat surface. Rouge had to be put on with a shaving brush and allowed to dry, the surplus being wiped away with cotton wool, the putty was then applied to dull the bright parts.

O. M. B.—MOUNTING ON PAPER.

—The mounting of photographs on comparatively thin paper, presents difficulties to the uninitiated, but is

easy enough when the proper way is known. If the photographs are pretty thick, that is no CC platinum, or the customary final support employed for carbon, or the stouter bromide papers, there is absolutely no necessity to do more than just touch the four corners with paste, and press down to the mount with the fingers. To ensure flatness subsequent pressure under a board or between the leaves of a big book may be desirable. But if the prints to be mounted are thin, then wet the mount, and allow it to curl a little, applying the print, well pasted to the convex side and squeegeeing well down. Leave under pressure till dry. The paste employed should always be stiff and as free from superfluous water as possible. It should be used sparingly and well rubbed in.

F. H. C.: A LITTLE ADVICE—The intensity of the light has increased considerably during the past two or three months, the afternoons are getting longer, and what is of greatest importance to good work, though unfortunately given little attention by most amateurs, the temperature of the water is just about at the ideal point for chemical manipulations—between 65 and 75 degrees. The dark room is comfortable now, and on almost every hand signs of the awakening of spring are apparent. These are halcyon days for the amateur, both the snap-shooter, as well as the more seriously inclined workers. Get out your camera, take long walks afield and thereby add to your collection of negatives and your health as well.



Users of Roll Film.

Any photographer using roll film should investigate the merits of William's printing frame. You can print your roll without cutting the negatives apart and save all the trouble of their curling up and sliding around as they do when printed in the ordinary way. Besides, it allows you to keep your films in the roll, which anybody will admit, is the best and safest way. They are always in good shape, are not getting scratched, and you can always locate any particular one very easily for the reason that you are sure of remembering some particular exposure made at the same time. How often in looking for a particular negative do we find another that was taken the same day, but the particular one that is wanted cannot be found. Aside from all this, the main recommendation for the William's printing frame is the ease with which one can print from any particular negative in the roll.

When a photographer expects success without using the latest and best methods to obtain it, he is expecting a good crop from a barren soil.—A. Bogardus, St. L. & Can. Phot.

Queen Wilhelmina, now in her twenty-fourth year, is the best royal photographer in Europe. A kodak is invariably a part of her traveling outfit when making excursions through the various parts of her kingdom. Remembering her proficiency in photographic art and her taste for good photographs, the Netherlands Society of Photographers has made her a present of a richly bound album, containing seventy five views of towns and villages visited by the queen since her arrival to the throne.

The largest photograph in the world 39 ft. x 4 ft. 10 inches, is now on view in Berlin, Germany. It represents a panorama of the Bay of Naples and was on six plates, but has been printed so cleverly that the sharpest eye cannot detect the joinings.

Our columns are always open to anyone who has a story to tell or a successful formula to offer. Any extraordinary photographic experience would be of interest to others. Think of the hours of doubt and worry you have had and how happy some soul would be were he able to benefit by your experience. Write it out—we'll print it.

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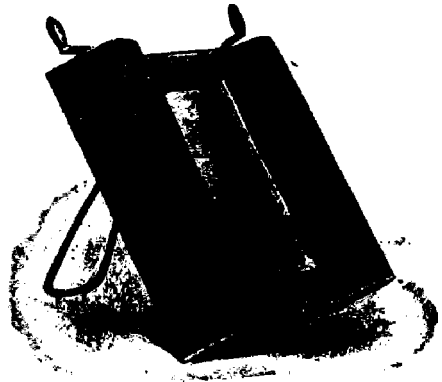
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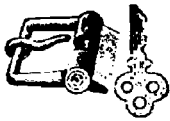
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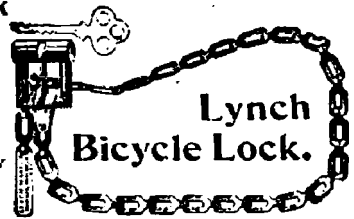
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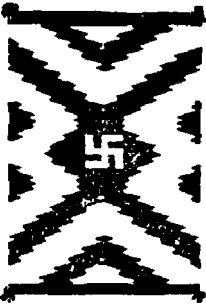
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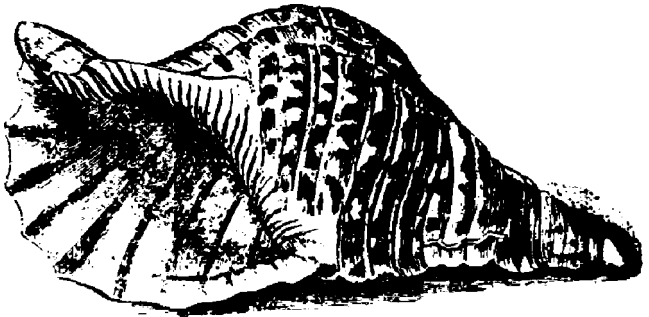
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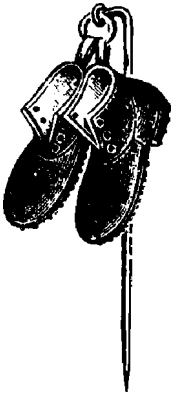


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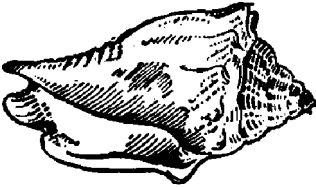
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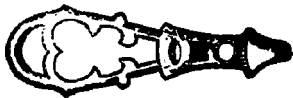
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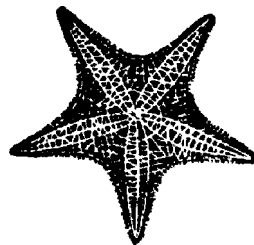
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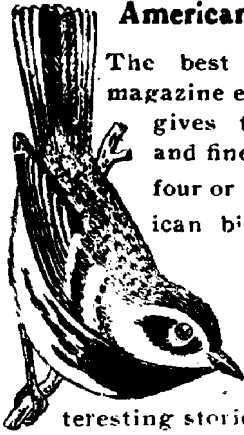
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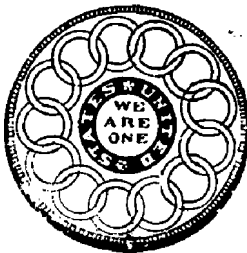
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| 8 1894 | 1c to 5s complete..... | 30c |
| 8 1895 | 1c to 5s complete..... | 30c |
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4c brown (both inverted sur-
charge..... | 50c |
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| 7 1894 | Official 1c to 1s complete..... | 30c |
| 7 1895 | Official 1c to 1s complete..... | 30c |
| 8 1896 | Official 1c to 5s complete..... | 30c |
| 4 1899 | Official 2c, 10c 20c, 50c..... | 45c |

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| 10 1890 | 1c to 10p complete..... | 30c |
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| 10 1892 | 1c to 10p complete..... | 30c |
| 10 1893 | 1c to 10p complete..... | 30c |
| 10 1894 | 1c to 10p complete..... | 30c |
| 10 1895 | 1c to 10p complete..... | 30c |
| 9 1896 | 1c to 5p complete..... | 30c |
| 9 1897 | 1c to 5p complete..... | 30c |
| 11 1898 | 1c to 5p complete..... | 30c |
| 11 1899 | 1c to 5p complete..... | 30c |
| 8 1900 | 1c to 15c..... | 10c |
| 7 1896 | Unpaid 1c to 50c complete..... | 30c |
| 7 1897 | Unpaid 1c to 50c complete..... | 30c |
| 7 1898 | Unpaid 1c to 50c complete..... | 30c |
| 6 1899 | Unpaid 1c to 50c complete..... | 30c |
| 7 1900 | Unpaid 1c to 50c complete..... | 50c |
| 10 1890 | Official 1c to 10p complete..... | 30c |
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| 9 1897 | Official 1c to 5p complete..... | 30c |
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| 11 1890 | 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
| 11 1891 | 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
| 11 1891 | 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
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| 11 1892 | 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
| 11 1893 | 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
| 8 1895 | 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
| 8 1896 | 1c to 1p complete used..... | 25c |
| 8 1898 | 1c to 1p complete used..... | 85c |
| 6 | 1c, 2c, 5c, 6c, 10c 20c..... | 15c |
| 8 1903 | 1c to 1p complete used..... | 65c |
| 6 | 1c, 2c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 20c..... | 12c |
| 11 1890 | Official 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
| 11 1891 | Official 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |

SALVADOR.

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| 7 1887-89 | 1c, 1c, 2c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c.... | 30c |
| 9 1890 | 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
| 10 1891 | 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
| 10 1892 | 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
| 10 1893 | 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
| 3 | 2p, 5p, 10p..... | 30c |
| 10 1894 | 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
| 3 | 2p, 5p, 10p complete..... | 30c |
| 12 1895 | 1c to 1p complete (I)..... | 30c |
| 12 | 1c to 1p complete (II)..... | 30c |
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| 12 | 1c to 100c complete (II)..... | 30c |
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| 12 1897 | 1c to 100c complete..... | 30c |
| 12 1898 | 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
| 11 1899 | 1c to 100c complete..... | 30c |
| 7 1903 | 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 12c, 13c.... | 15c |
| 8 1895 | Unpaid 1c to 50c complete.... | 30c |
| 8 1896 | Unpaid 1c to 50c complete.... | 30c |
| 8 1897 | Unpaid 1c to 50c complete.... | 30c |
| 8 1898 | Unpaid 1c to 50c complete.... | 30c |
| 9 1899 | Unpaid 1c to 50c complete.... | 30c |
| 5 1895 | Postal Packet 5c to 50c com-
plete..... | 30c |
| 12 1896 | Official 1c to 1p complete (I)..... | 30c |
| 12 | Official 1c to 100c complete
(II)..... | 30c |
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| 12 1897 | Official 1c to 100c complete.... | 30c |
| 12 1898 | Official 1c to 1p complete..... | 30c |
| 11 1899 | Official 1c to 100c complete.... | 30c |
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| 12—1882— | 3 st. orange02 |
| 13 | 5 st. green01 |
| 14 | 10 st. rose01 |
| 15 | 15 st. red violet..... .01 |
| 16 | 25 st. blue01 |
| 17 | 30 st. violet and green... .02 |
| 19 | 50 st. blue and pink..... .03 |
| 23—1884— | 1 st. gray violet (edin)... .03 |
| 24 | 2 st. slate green (dva)... .02 |
| 25—1885— | 1 st. gray violet (edna)... .01 |
| 26 | 2 st. slate green (dve)... .01 |
| 27 | 1 lew black and red..... .30 |
| 28—1889— | 1 st. lilac..... .01 |
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| 34 | 25 st. pale blue..... .01 |
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| 36 | 50 st. dark green..... .02 |
| 37 | 1 lew orange red..... .05 |
| 38—1892— | 15 on 30 st. brown..... .02 |
| 39—1894— | 10 st. red (pelure paper)... .01 |
| 40—1895— | 01 on 2 st. slate green... .01 |
| 41—1896— | 2 leva rose and pale rose. .60 |
| 42 | 3 leva black and buff.... 1.00 |

February 2, 1896.

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| 43—1896— | 1 st. blue green..... .01 |
| 44 | 5 st. dark blue..... .02 |
| 45 | 15 st. purple..... .02 |
| 46 | 25 st. red..... .04 |

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| 53—1901— | 5 st. carmine..... .03 |
| 54 | 15 st. yellow green..... .06 |
| 55—1901— | 5 on 3 st. bistre brown... .03 |
| 56 | 10 on 50 st. green..... .04 |

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| 57—1902— | 1 st. violet and gray.....\$.01 |
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| 61 | 10 st. rose and black brown .01 |
| 62 | 15 st. lilac rose and gray.. .01 |
| 63 | 25 st. blue and black..... .01 |
| 64 | 30 st. brown bistre and gray02 |
| 65 | 50 st. dark blue and brown .04 |
| 66 | 1 lew salmon and bronze green10 |
| 69 | 2 leva carmine and black .50 |
| 68 | 3 leva slate and red brown .75 |

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| 70—1902— | 5 st. lake03 |
| 71 | 10 st. green..... .05 |
| 72 | 15 st. blue..... .06 |
| 73—1903— | 10 on 15 st. lilac rose and gray02 |

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| 152 | 25 st. lake25 |
| 153 | 50 st. blue..... .50 |
| 155—1886— | 5 st. orange..... .06 |
| 156 | 25 st. lake06 |
| 157 | 50 st. blue..... .25 |
| 159—1887— | 5 st. orange..... .03 |
| 160 | 25 st. lake05 |
| 161 | 50 st. blue..... .20 |
| 162—1894— | 5 st. orange..... .08 |
| 163 | 25 st. lake12 |
| 164 | 5 st. orange, (pelure paper)05 |
| 165—1895— | 50 on 50 st. blue (imperfurate)12 |
| 166 | 30 on 50 st. blue (perforated)15 |
| 167—1896— | 5 st. orange..... .02 |
| 168 | 10 st. purple..... .03 |
| 169 | 30 st. green..... .04 |
| 170 | 5 st. orange (water-marked)02 |
| 171—1900— | 30 st. emerald green (gray paper)04 |
| 177—1902— | 5 st. dull rose red..... .02 |
| 178 | 10 st. gray green..... .03 |
| 181 | 20 st. dull blue..... .06 |
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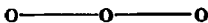
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| 3038 | \$3.00 brown..... | 15 | 06 |
| 3038 | Same, cut can.... | 08 | 03 |
| 3039 | \$5 00 red, uncut.. | 25 | 10 |
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2c, unused, o. g. | 16 | 05 |
| 42 & 43 | Canada 3c and
5c, unused, o. g. | 28 | 12 |
| 44 & 45 | Canada 6c and
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50c, used..... | 37 | 15 |
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5c Jub, unused, o. g. | 25 | 15 |
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| \$12.50 | 11.00 | 5 50 |
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| 50c Probate of Will, fine pair. | 2.25 |
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| 53 x | " " 3c rose o. g. | 4c |
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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.

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Secretary's Report.

It is just one year ago next month that acquiescing to the requests of our genial publisher and the popular president of this society, we assumed the office of secretary and treasurer. The year has been fraught with new experiences and the pleasantest one that we have to hang on memory's wall is the kindly sympathy of these two as well as many others whom we have come to know as personal friends. We believe that the year just opening its

door to the A. S. of C. C. has a richer promise of success in all lines than any previous year.

Many interesting letters have come from our members. C. Abbott Davis on one of his Monday morning tramps, investigated an old Indian oven in Massachusetts and found rich material for an interesting article. Basil G. Hamilton, one of our three Canadian cousins, is now in the office of the land commissioner in Calgary, Alta. Mr. D. O. Cummins, our most enthusiastic post-mark collector, has a collection of United States post-marks numbering 50,000, and when we asked him to send us his want list, we could appreciate the circumstances when he said that it was too big a task for there are 20,000 more to get before his collection will be complete. He would like to get the addresses of collectors of post-marks in foreign countries. Miss A. Davis of Romford, England, writes interestingly of the finds she made this summer of fossils. Those wishing English fossils would do well to correspond with her, as her fossils are not only excellent specimens but she is also able to name them. Harry M. Clark of Dana, Kan., delighted the secretary's heart the other day when he sent for some application blanks, and in about one week's interval we received a new member through his efforts.

Two of the members sent kindly remembrances. Mr. E. L. Bangs thoughtfully acknowledged his card with a beautiful postal of Washington monument in Mt. Vernon square, Baltimore. The superintendent of the archeological department sent three valuable documents from the museum in Page Hall, Columbus, Mo. They illustrate the splendid work that Dr. Mills and

his able assistant, A. B. Coover, are doing in opening Ohio mounds.

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- 2 Allen Jesse Reynolds, Emporia, Kansas, care of State Normal.
139 H. W. Grout, 204 Logan Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.
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216 F. R. Stearns, care of Sac County State Bank, Sac City, Iowa.
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sects, plants and relics. Ref., H. M. Clark.

O. I. Frisby, Lena, Ill. Age, 33. Occupation, jeweler. General collector; will exchange books, stamps, curios, etc., for coins, books, paper money, etc. Ref., Brodstone.

J. A. Kraenchi, St. Louis, Mo., 1241 Blackstone Ave. Got a lot of Indian arrow heads; where can I find out about them? Ref., Brodstone.

Bullet Hole Bibles.

In the curio dealer's private office lay a half dozen shabby pocket Bibles' each pierced two-thirds through with a round hole, like as bullet hole.

"They are bullet holes," said the dealer. "I know they are because I made them myself."

He gave a loud laugh.

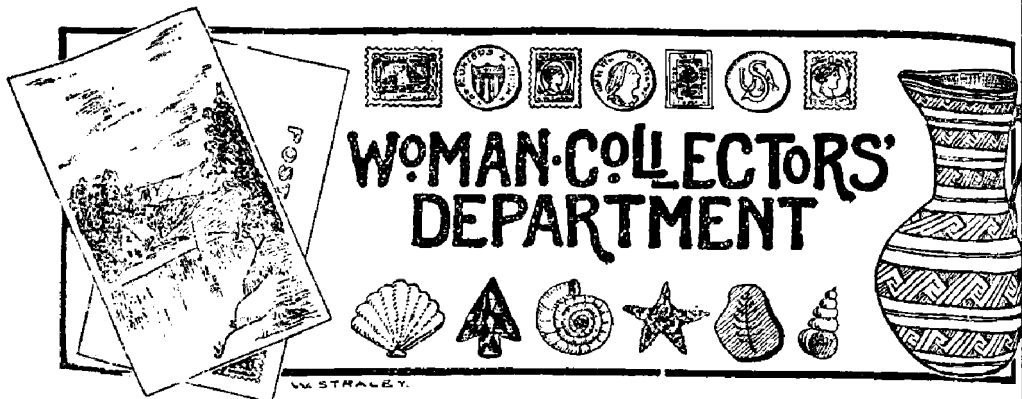
"A good many of my rich patrons," he said, "like to have among their heirlooms Bibles that have saved some soldier ancestor's life."

He winked.

"If you are a Son of the Revolution," he said, "what a nice thing it is to take down one of these perforated Bibles from a shelf in the library and hand it to your guest, saying:

"This Bible saved the life of my maternal sixty-third cousin, Colonel Adoniram McGill, in the night attack upon the British led by General Jones at Bear creek on the third day of August, and so forth and so on."

"Yes," said the dealer, "I sell a good many of these Bibles to people with ancestors. To own such things is one of the fads and fancies of the smart set."—Louisville Courier-Journal.



Conducted by Verna Weston Hanway.

Firelight Reveries

It is "between the gloomin' and the mirk," seated by the firelight's fitful glow that the collector most intensely feels that exquisite blending of feelings that is to be felt but not described, which every collector has experienced. Briefly, crudely, it may be translated as the pleasure of collecting. The collector is a flower of the simple life, the home life, never of the strenuous life. It is in the quiet hour of the twilight that the collector is to be seen at the best when * * * * "Twilight's angel hovered there. To waft from nature's rest a balm for care." When the curtains are drawn, and the logs are cracking, glowing in the old fire place.

You gaze into its depths and the flames seem to twine into picture, recollections, that you are drawing memory's, or fancy's store house.

Perhaps it is of ancient vase on the mantel there, you are dreaming. It was found in an ancient ruin in the Holy Land, cracked, and scarred by the fleeting years that add to its dignity, though they may detract

from its beauty. The years to you are rolling backward as you gaze, raising the curtain 'twixt the then and the now. In fancy you see the ancient court yard, the splashing fountain, the dark haired, hazel eyed Jewish maiden, filling this vase with the life giving fluid.

This spear was found in the grave of an ancient Roman. Your fancy conjures for you a fierce browed, soldier in his martial togs. A hero no doubt, for the spear was evidently prized. The point is very rusty. It may be the rust of the years, or it may be—and you shudder.

On one of the shelves above this recessed seat is your famed ancestor's Bible. It is shabby, thunder-worn, and the golden truths are marked here and there, indicating some thought that has given rest to the wearied soul.

And there may be purchase, as there is on the shelf where my hand rests, an old collection of poems, written by the college boys of an old, old, college in Brunswick, Maine. The earlier poems of Longfellow, and other famed poets of that day are there. The pages are

yellow and have often been turned. Here and there they are, "marred." Some would say but beautified by I, and all others who have such a volume, with quaint autographs, scrawled by the classmates, the friends and the chums. Fragrant with the love the honor they bore their beloved Weston, the editor and a contributor to the volume. You who may have a similar volume often pore over this quaint autograph album, smiling or sighing, as your eye falls upon some witty sally, or some touching wit. Once again the years seem to roll aside, and the life of your grand-sire, or perhaps even farther removed than that opens up before you. You seem to tread the old town with him. You seem to mingle with the jolly fellows, to taste the fun of those merry larks, just such larks as you perhaps have enjoyed at a later day. And you wistfully assent with the writer of those powerful articles—"Let Us Go Back!" Your eye next falls upon a beautiful painting, that once graced the palace of Napoleon Bonaparte, strange seems it has witnessed, and many a strange tale it could tell. 'Tis whispered that many a time it has eased the smarting soul, the chafing spirit, the boundless ambition of the "first of the Bonapartes." The subject is the apt portrayed one—"Madama and the Child."

In a niche nearly stands a basket woven by some Indian maiden. "Woman of the cunning craft," you murmur as your nimble imagination brings before your eyes the wigwam, the brook, the forest, and

the worker,—"all God's handicraft." You reach out your hand for the beloved album. Your eye rests fondly, proudly, on some valuable, famous specimen. The stamp is crude perhaps—but what matters that? It is one of its kind, you had often broken the commandment, "Thou shalt not envy." before you possessed it. You examine it with all the pride of a conqueror. You were compelled to gain the coveted gem at the expense of many less fortunate fraternatists. It was a dearly bought triumph—but it was a great one!

Then you fall into a reverie. Whose was the hand that sent it on its mission? Surely it did not fulfil any ordinary purpose. Tragedy, perhaps—the "old, old story"—what not? Ah! the stories hidden between the covers of a stamp—lover's collection. Stories that will never be known, but whose vibrations awaken a responsive chord in the being of this creature of imagination—the collector.

Recollections crowd upon you with ever increasing thickness. The memory of three dear comrades comes to you. This same room was a fraternal clubroom for you four in the yesterday. This same collection was founded in those days. Two have crossed the great divide. The other has ceased to exist for you these many years. The flowers on the hearth twist themselves into weird likenesses of the three, and perhaps you, as I, dash the fast gathering mist from your eyes. Ah, the old days!—the dear days! It is

only occasionally, in such an hour at this, that they live again for you.

But the twilight is fast merging into the darkness of the night. The logs are crumbling into ashes. The magic hour with all its charm is nearly past.

But you and I, follow collectors, hold its memory as something tender and sacred. Others, materialists, may deem it a madness, but if this be madness "there is a pleasure in being mad, which none but madmen know."

A few years ago the number of collectors of revenue stamps was small, but now nearly all collectors collect them. This is due to a great extent to the beauty of the stamps themselves, and then the late war with Spain, necessitating the issuance of hosts of revenue stamps of new and popular designs helped materially, as the attention of everybody was attracted to the revenues. As may be readily understood, these interesting stamps do not look nearly so beautiful to the non-collector as to the collector. The moral of which is obvious—become a collector.

Two stamps were once put into an offertory box by a lady in Georgetown, according to "The Philadelphia Ledger." They were two cent stamps issued in British Guiana in 1850. The lady had come across an envelope among her papers bearing two of these stamps. The incumbent, Canon Josa, sold the envelope, with the two stamps on it, at auction, and it realized \$1,000. The following year the same two stamps changed hands at \$3,250. The new purchaser sold them for \$3,900, to a German dealer, who sold them to a Russian nobleman for \$5,000.

How to Tell Counterfeits.

Any visitor to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing where Uncle Sam is printing the much sought-after green-backs, comes away impressed with the intricacies of the manufacturing of the paper note. Few, indeed, understand the rule of four adopted by the Government as an aid in thwarting the plans of counterfeiters. Acquaintance with the rule of four, might help many people of the outside world in detecting counterfeit money. Every note printed by the Government—national currency and not bank notes—contains a number and a letter, no two bills having the same number. These are printed, as the visitor can see, in the blocks of four as they leave the plate printer's table. For instance, a number will be found on a note, 58,383 with the letter C in the upper left hand and lower right hand corners; another, bill bears the number 79,988 D; another 42,566 B. These numbers and letters have a relation for each other and are easily determined. The last two numbers on the note determine, when divided by four, the letter to be found in the two corners. Should the last two numbers be divisible by four, with a remainder of one, the letter appearing should be A; if two remain, B; if three, C; and if the last two numbers are exactly divisible by four, with no remainder, the letter appearing should be D.

One of the "War Charity" stamps of RUSSIA, the 3 kopecs, has been found in a new variety of perforation—viz., 13½ instead of the usual 12 by 12½.

Bills of the Monticello Bank of Charlottesville, Va.

By FRED WHITTEMORE.

The bills of this bank are the most beautiful of all bills of Virginia. The first issues were issued in 1860 of the following values: \$1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, printed by the American Bank Note Co. of New York City and the second issue 1861 engraved and printed by Danforth Wright & Co., Philadelphia and New York City and this second issue is very rare, of the following values: \$2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20. There is also two values issued during the war of 1861 5 of a \$1.25 bill. The engraving of the 1860 is as follows, \$5, 10, 20, 50, 100 all with the home of Thomas Jefferson and all except the \$50 with portrait of Mr. Jefferson. On the \$10, has the portrait of Miss Blackey, of Virginia said to be the most beautiful woman in Virginia, on the \$50 has in the place of Mr. Jefferson is the Goddess of Liberty, of the second issue, the \$5, 10, 20, has the home of Mr. Jefferson, and his portrait, all of second issue with Virginia State arms, the \$6, 7, 8, 9, has different designs on the \$6 has a southern planter selling his tobacco, \$7 value, horses, \$9, value cattle. The \$1, 2, of the first issue and the \$2 of second issue. I am not able to give any description of them, less than 100 of the second issue were missed. The war issues have \$1 and 2, two varieties of each the \$1 is type set with arms at left end, the \$2 has Justice at left end, ship in cen-

ter, dated May 1, 1861, one of the \$1 has the value written in red, the \$2 is printed in red and black or lithographed, engraved by Hoyer and Ludwig of Richmond, Va. I have no others of this bank, would be pleased to hear from others.

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Secy -- Treasurer's Report

APPLICATION.

R. L. Doak, Fresno, Ohio, age 25,
a school teacher. References, W. C.
Doak and W. P. Kelley.

Respectfully,

W. P. KELLEY, Secy.—Treas.
222 Peery Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

A remarkable gas well has been discovered at Yamachiche, Quebec.

The boring had reached a depth of 280 feet when a flow of gas, salt water, sand and rocks shot into the air to a height of 200 feet, forcing drill, derricks and trappings out of the well.

It has been affirmed that recently hosts of ants have been put to flight by placing in their haunts strips of paper dipped in peppermint oil.

2nd Paper, Explaining Reuben's Long Silence and His Opinion of The Collecting Woman.

By Verna Weston Hanway.



Reuben has suffered a total eclipse since his debut way back in November 1904. Truth to tell his adventures have been so utterly outstripped by those of his near relative Jim Eazy, of McKeel Weekly fame, that he has up to now refused to have his wisdom published for the edification of the philatelic public. But since the afore-said relative,

Jim Eazy, has developed into such a "howlin' swell" (Reuben's phrase, not mine) Reuben has permitted me to once again rehash his philosophy and adventures. The fact is, however, that he really was jealous of Jim's superior attainments, and his silence was due to a prolonged fit at the sulks. But Mr. Eazy having taken to tan colored "spots" strawberry blondes, et cetera, Reuben feels that he can once more take the stage as the only original, agricultural, philatelist.

The man in the moon was gazing

down at us, pondering as he has pondered through the ages on the diocrasies of the creatures who inhabit the earth.

Reuben was no less wisely pondering, as he tipped back the chair upon which he was seated on the piazza, and reflectively chewed a straw. I waited all eager attention, for well I knew that in a few moments my ears would be made glad by my friend Reuben's peculiar and characteristic "philosophy."

"Women are queer critters" quoted Reuben at length. I started—I had not been prepared for that. "Yaas," he continued they be. I've sometimes wondered why a little word that don't weigh nothin' will rule a two-hundred and odd pound woman so that a freight train could hardly carry all she says." I began to muse on the problems of domestic felicity, when Reuben once more attracted my attention, by remarking in a confidential tone. "Fore Sary Jane and me was spliced she was fetchin, though—all marshmallows and pep'-mints. But now vinegar doesn't hold a caudle to her sometimes," with a grin. "Not but what she aint been a good wife, good's the average I reckon," he continued conscientiously.

"Had a kinder queer experience with one once 'fore I seen Sary Jane, I've learned how to be 'wise as serpents and harmless as doves' sence. Abe Wilkers used to keep the store down ter the village then. Wall he allus was a feller to joke, one o' them there practical jokers as you have mebbe heard tell of. One day he

told me he knew a girl as pretty as a peach, who lived out to Peedle Corners, and taught school in ther old red school house. He sed she had saved up lots of stamps, and that she was dyin' to trade some of 'em off for furon stamps. Old U. S. idn't fetch the prices then that they do now, but still they was kinder high 'nough ter make a fellers mouth water.

That night I went ter bed and dreamt o' peachy cheeks, old locals, and er fallin' off in that there big stack of duplicates. I woke up ther next mornin kinder confused like, but fore night I'd written a letter to that air peachy cheeked girl. A few days arter I received a letter. It was offal sweet and signed with a kinder purty name, Emmy Lou Soux. She sent me a few stamps, nothin' like what I'd dreamed on, sent purty fair ones. Fact I forgot all 'bout the value of stamps in readin' them there letters. They wuz just like po'try. Show 'em to you sometime. One said—I learned it right off.
My Sweet Friend:—

You don't know how I pine for a sight o' them there handsome features o' yours as Abe Wilkers has told m. of. I do so love the very sound o' your name. Yes I like love the singin o' the birds, the low of the cattle, the music o' the frogs, like I love the sweet balmy air of summertime, when it aint too hot to be comfortable. Last night I went out and sed ter the moon, "Will I ever, ever, ever, meet my Reuben?" The moon winked back "yes," and now once more I am exhilarated ar-

ter the dark clouds o' doubt hev rolled away."

Wall, that kinder fetched me. Seemed as though I'd dream every night of a peachy cheeked gal and I a floatin' 'round the world a la tete beche, as you'd call it now-a-days. I writ right back and told her I'd like to hev me and her join in list-inen ter the music o' the critters she'd writ of, and lookin' at ther winkin' of ther moon. She writ me that I end come over there next Sunday. So when Sunday come, though I tended the Methody church reg'lar, I rigged up in a swaller tailed purple coat with brass buttons, a yaller waist-coat, and green pants, and a stove pipe hat, as wuz the fashion them days. Great Jerusalem but I looked pretty! I was'nt no bad lookin' feller then and I wuz jest bound I'd make a good impressiou bein' as it was the first tim u' know

Wall arter I'd driv them eighteen miles behind ther old plug I was kinder tired. But when I come to the corners I set up jest ez perky ez could be. "Is Miss Soux ter home?" I inquired of the red headed, pug nosed female ez come to ter the door. "Wall I guess she be" she answered. "Could I see her?" I said kinder filg-ty. I hadn't dreamt on a chsp'ron y' know. "Wall I guess mabbe y' cud," the female spouted. "What might ye be a vantin o' her?" I—I-I hed en enagement with her. "I'd like ter see her" I seds meek as Moses. "Wall aint ye a seein o' her," she snapped? I guess I come mighty near faintin' that time. I

took a sly glance at her cheeks. Them wuz peachy all right but they wa'n't the brand I liked. Wuz kinder perserved like and I never wuz much fer perserves.

"You aint Miss Souz ez writ ter me?" I managed to spout out arter a while. Guess she seen what ailed me fer she yelled out "Wall you old mug-faced hay seed why aint I Emmy Lou Soux? Guess I wuz bapetized that air way down to the meetin' house long o' eighteen years agone, whin I was a trustin' infant." Now I aint no disputer o' a lady's word, but mabbe if you'd seen them preserved cheeks you'd a thought ez I did that a woman o' her age had orter be preparin' fer the end steal o' indulgin in such fairy tales.

"Scuse me," I sed faintly, "I must be goin'," Wall you'd orter heard how that female critter took on. She threatened me with fifty breach o' promise suits and several other inconvenient things.

Whin I got back hum I went down ter the village and hunted up that rascally Abe Wilkers. "How'd ye like your visit?" he sed when he seen me, a winkin' at the fellers that had congregated 'round. Then he began to quote from some o' my letters Wall they did sound kinder silly I'll admit from the distance of experience. "Just look et how he's rigged up! Gee Reuben! but ye looks fine. Won't ye lend me them togs ter wear whin I go courtin next Sunday?"

Wall then I kinder forgot 'bout it been' Sunday and pitched in Crickets,

but he was a sight when I got through with him! But I kinder felt like a sight next day when a dude in spectacles come along and sed ther damage for my days fun was \$100.00 to Abe and another 100 plunk to sooth Emmy Lou's wounded feelins. Wall I hiked up, but I felt mighty blue for awhile.

Soon arter that I met Sary Jane, then I had some more experience with the feminine gender. Save for one or two little incidents since then I haint bothered much with fair woo-man.

Collecting of Ribbon Badges.

Detroit, September, 1905.

My article in the issue of the West recently regarding the collecting of ribbon badges, seemed to have attracted some attention at least, and I judge there are a lot of these collectors, as I have heard from a number of collectors that would like to exchange with me since this article has appeared. Collecting of badges is not so easy as one may imagine its a game of chance to get or not. As a rule badges are worn by officials and delegates to conventions, and these are to recognize the wearer as to where he comes from and what he belongs, so as to meet those of the same order, craft or what it may be its a letter of identification in short to him. Naturally he refuses to part with same.

Of course these apply to societies, lodges and special occasions that are locally, where a member prizes his "little rag" as a member of what he may be.

There is a chance to obtain badges,

however, and that's to get in the bunch, that comes to a convention for fun, and catch them with the goods. Late comers get badges and oftentimes try and be a late comer.

Here is another good chance: The street urchin is always up-to-date, and his ambition is to get a badge to make him solid with some of the delegates, either as a mascot of an advertisement for some delegate booming a convention for the next meet. This is the kid you want to tackle. He has no use for the badge; go for him and offer him a nickle or dime, and he will most invariably take you up. You then have the badge, an addition to your collection, I have done this time and time again and got things I wouldn't have gotten otherwise.

Badges that are easily obtainable are those of social character, such as musical, canoe, boating, racing, entertainments, dances, also political, local or national. These are printed always in extras and a little effort will soon reward your wants. When it comes to elections, may it be locally or national, from the presidential candidate to the smallest office the candidate is there with his little badge,—his little physique must appear on the ribbon. So as to show his desire and to wear one on the day of election would please him immensely at the same time you have the badge to help ornament your collection. At election booths there are always "heelers," who wear from five to six of various candidates they have no use for them much and if you have a friend just go for him and get one or two, offer him a smoke, he will give it to you almost every time, as he can get another one from his candidate. I got a lot this way last election.

Here is another stunt, write to some of the candidates, stating your mission, collecting badges and to send you one of theirs. Oftentimes they oblige you. Have you collectors ever been after the printer who prints these ribbons? Say, fellows, here's a grand chance. Get next to him, and there's the chance. He always has a few left over and perhaps gladly give you one, to help you along.

Of course these are only chances, but there are chances to get these badges in a hundred ways. All you want to watch is your chance, and try and get duplicates. These are the ones for exchange purposes, everybody that has duplicates would gladly help you this way, in fact its a help on both sides. But when your collection grows and you show them, how the gentle sex envy you. The appearance and designs on them makes their mind run towards a pretty sofa pillow, and you kick and say NO, not after all my hard licks will I part with them; but perhaps you are easy and give in, and then goes your "glad rags" for a pillow. You see your finish and after a little while its done, and then even you are not allowed to rest yourself on what caused headaches and troubles. Badges have history as I said before,—some for joy, some for sorrows, others for victory and others for defeat. Yet every one is interesting and a history that's worth repeating. Collecting it is interesting to many. Show them your collection and you can always find a ribbon or two that one remembers the incident. Well, is there anyone else that has anything to say? Let's hear a little more.

HERMAN W. BOERS.

PHILATELY VS. CUPID.

By Verna Weston Hanway.

Dainty Polly Pemberton! Charming Polly Pemberton! Pretty Polly Pemberton!—what you will—! They are synonymous.

But dainty, pretty, charming Polly Pemberton was far from her usual charming self in those glorious September days last year. Why? Well, it was all on account of her BEST BELOVED. The BEST BELOVED disapproved, gravely, seriously disapproved of my dainty Polly's penchant for that peculiar (I hardly know what to call it) fad, hobby, science, designated by its adherents with the very sounding and dignified title of Philately. Other people, among whom were the Best Beloved merely called it a cranky notion for collecting old postage stamps. I do not know where Polly got them all but I think it must have been by begging them from missionaries and merchants, and that sort of people, don't you know.

But anyway Polly had lots of them. Some she said were very valuable. She had five great books filled with them. Every one she claimed were different, but to be exactly truthful there were times when I couldn't discover the difference.

Sometimes there would be rows and rows that would look exactly alike, but Polly explained it by saying that one "had more perforations," or that another had "a different water-mark," or "a secret mark," and a multitude of other things.

Polly has a den full of things representative of Philately. The walls are decorated with exquisitely framed groups of odd picture-stamps. Pictures of famous collectors are very prominent. I once asked her why the

majority of the subjects had Roman noses and she said that it was indicative of the collecting temperament. Polly is undoubtedly an authority, but the rule can't hold good in every case for Polly's nose is most piquantly up-tilted. She has hand painted sofa pillows bearing very odd illustrations of groups of stamps. Really they are awfully pretty, and to complete the stampic effect she has had a decorator make a dado of prettily mounted stamps. The room is full of such clever, odd ideas. Polly gives teas, chafing dish parties and informal receptions in it to her fraternalists. I've been to several and always enjoyed myself immensely excepting when they talked "shop."

Well, every girl who has ever had a Best Beloved knows that the proper course of procedure is for him to be politely interested in anything of interest to her and vice versa. But Polly's Best Beloved did not do as he should. Instead he informed her that her infatuation for stamps was most unprofitable and hardly sensible. Polly has a wee bit of vinegar in her disposition in spite of her sweet manner, so she replied rather sharply that she had some small capability for conducting her own affairs. The Best Beloved then became rather huffy, as Best Beloveds sometimes will, unreasonable as it may appear, and after a little scrap told her in the usual polished masculine, dictatorial tone that her love was not strong and true if she could not give up such an inane fad at his request. That only weak-minded persons passed their time accumulating useless articles. He could see that they would never be happy together if she was not prepared to make any sacrifices. Polly said she was very happy to have discovered his estima-

tion of her character. She deplored the fact that he had not lived in the time of the Caesars as that would have allowed ample scope for his talents. The result of these various remarks were that they mutually agreed to render their engagement null and void. Precious Sweetheart and Best Beloved were never to see each other more.

Polly told me all about it that evening as I was her Dearest Chum. I could see that if he had not blundered masculine fashion into taking her seriously Polly would have sacrificed even her beloved Philately sooner than part with her Best Beloved. But the density of mankind is as proverbial as the inconsistency of womankind. So they had parted but I resolved in my secret soul that it should not be forever as Polly had sobbingly asserted. I had a Best Beloved of my own and so could sympathize with Polly. That night I hatched my deep dark plot on my slumber couch.

You see we, my Sweetest Girl and I, were invited to the Coningdale's place in the Hampshires. It's the jolliest place in the world to go for a weekend. Very large, but perfectly informal. Everyone does as he or she may please, consequently everyone has a good time, and no one is bored, least of all the hostess. Polly selected the place from a host of other invitations for these reasons. You see she wanted to forget.

Mrs. Coningdale met us at the station with a trap and a cute pair of Kentucky-bred ponies. She is very fond of Polly and I and so specially honored us, instead of sending the coachman. Jimmie Hampden came with her. I'm very fond of Jimmie. In fact Jimmie and I were once engaged, but after a time mutually decided that platonic affection was better than that

sort of thing and so we are no end of chums.

Mrs. Coningdale came up to my sitting-room after she had seen Dolly safely in bed. We had arrived after a long and tiresome journey at 10:30 p. m.

"What is the matter with the child?" she queried. "I have never seen her looking so pale and wretched." Whereupon my dear hostess and I enjoyed a confidential confab, and as a result my deep-deep plot became much nearer maturation.

If you had seen the stunned look on my Sweetest Girl's face next day when she discovered one minute before dinner that the Best Beloved had arrived during the afternoon and was doled out as her escort to dinner a queer feeling would have tugged, not at your heart-strings, but at your risibilities. Polly sat the dinner out with very good grace I must admit. This was by no means her first season. As for the Best Beloved he was not seeing his first season either. His acting simply approached perfection—very grave and courteous.

Polly sought Mrs. Coningdale out almost immediately after dinner and evidently intended to surprise her with the announcement that she was leaving the next morning. Mrs. Coningdale's acting is superb as well and to all appearances she was surprised. "But Polly," she remonstrated, "I had arranged for such a pleasant time. It is too bad. And now since Mr. Mainwright has come—" "That is the very reason why I am leaving," returned Polly coldly. "Ah! I am so sorry, dear. But it need not spoil your visit. I will explain—have him leave, you know." "No, thank you. Under the circumstances I prefer to leave. I should probably have left tomorrow,

In any case," she answered decidedly.

Entreaties did not move her, as we had not expected they would. The plan seemed to work beautifully. Polly in-leave for the station, the Best Beloved really no reason for curtailing my visit. Just as the trap was about to assist on my staying as there was appeared, suit case in hand. He was leaving as well, and by the same train. Oh, it was too exquisite! Polly could not return at that late moment, for many curious eyes were watching from the veranda, especially the gossip Wren girls who were cute enough to understand the situation. The Best Beloved raised his hat gravely twice. Once to Polly, once to the ladies on the veranda, shook hands with the hostess, and they were off, followed by two fervent prayers for the safe culmination of the coincidence (?) and much gossip from the group on the veranda.

Polly and the Best Beloved waited sulkily for the train which as it happened, was half an hour late. Several times a few civil remarks were exchanged, but for the greater portion of the time Polly quietly ignored him.

When the train at last pulled in at the little station the Best Beloved, always a gentleman, courteously assisted her with her suit cases to a seat. As he did so his elbow accidentally caught in the traveling veil wrapped around her hat, from which poured a shower of rice. In astonishment they glared at each other while the persons near smiled amusedly. "What do you suppose they think?" Polly groaned at length. His eyes twinkled, for the remark was made in the old natural tones. He glanced at the rows of smiling faces, and then smiled in sympathy. "Well, really, the circum-

stance admits of but one interpretation." "Oh, that dreadful Dolly Lovington!" Polly groaned again. "What shall we do about it?" The "we" removed the last suggestion of a strain. "Well, we wouldn't want them to think we had been quarreling—perhaps we had better act the part." Polly laughingly assented to this unanswerable logic, and so successfully did they act the part, and so enchanted were they with it, that a few days later Mrs. Coningdale received this telegram:

"Mrs. Coningdale, The Poplars, X—, N. H.: Was married last night to J. M. Coming up on the 10:30 p. m. train, the 11th, to spend the honeymoon. Love to the peace-maker."

And one from the Best Beloved to me, thus:

"Thanks for rice. Will reciprocate next June. Am getting accustomed to stamps. J. M."

A rather risky plot? Yes, rather. But you see I reckoned on the sense of humor which I knew was strong in both. Still it was taking chances, and the suspense I endured until the telegrams were received was frightful.

The Best Beloved now collects stamps as assiduously as does my Sweetest Girl. Love begets love, you know.

When I was married this June, Polly and the Best Beloved sent me a jeweled box full of rice, at the bottom of which I found a superb diamond ring.

The study of pictures probably constitutes, for those who really care for it, a source of rest, delight, inspiration and profit second to none within the reach of everyday people.
—M. S. Emery.

A Visit to the Publisher of The "WEST."

It may interest the reader's to know how the writer found Mr. L. L. Brodstone at "Louis" as he is usually called at home, hence I will here relate my experience with the hope that the publisher will not form a sense of modesty cull this paper, but cause it to be printed in one of the next issues. At the same time I wish to publicly thank him for the kind reception he gave me. Before I got off the Burlington train at Superior (there are several others running into Superior, the home of the "WEST") the familiar features of my host loomed up in the crowd on the depot-platform, and a few minutes later he had me seated at the dinner table in the Woolsey Hotel, where, though the hour was late, I was served to the best satisfaction. After this refreshment I was introduced to several notables of the place, which, by the way, numbers some 3000 inhabitants and is beautifully located on the bank of the Republican river. Then we inspected the printing outfit of the "WEST," consisting of the two local printing offices, one of which is especially well appointed for a city the size of Superior, boasting one of the newest type-setting machines and other modern improvements insuring a better makeup in regard to letter-press for the "WEST" than it had in the past. Mr. Brodstone evidently is doing all he can to improve his magazine in every direction, and his friends are helping him with uncommon willingness. Our next inspection was devoted to

the publishers "den" or Mother "dens," a suit of three rooms, all filled with pictures, books and curios from all over the world. We spent quite a while looking over photographic apparatus and last but not least Philatelic treasures. Incidentally I learned of the high esteem Mr. Brodstone has for his mother and sister living abroad. I always honor a man for honoring his mother and love him for speaking well of his sister. Before night came on we took a stroll through the city, looked at the residences, churches and business places, at the mill, elevators and factories, took a view of the neighborhood from the mill-top and even went over the line into Kansas soil; coming back we went through the high school building and so thoroughly went over the whole city with its park and monument that I am sure nobody could see more of the place in so short a time as Mr. Brodstone showed me. Had it not been for the lack of time, he would have taken me out to his two farms; as it was, I only got a distant view of them from the mill-top. One thing worthy of especial mention is the new mailing machine for the "WEST." Until recently Mr. Brodstone addressed the thousands of copies by his own hands, a tremendous task, for a man otherwise so occupied and busy, but now the work is done with a machine, saving time and insuring better legibility of the address. There are many and —undable difficulties connected with the publishing of a magazine of this size, and I cannot but admire Mr. Brodstone for his daring and perseverance, making a success where many another one would have failed. He is a very active and at the same time kind and friendly gentleman, and worthy of his subscribers' esteem and support, working incessantly for the improvement of the "WEST," the magazine that even now many consider the best.

L. G. DORPAT.



Chicago Numismatic Society.

The 21st regular meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1123 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Oct. 6th. President W. F. Dunham presiding.

Correspondence was read from L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

L. Doherty was elected to active membership, and Dr. Jacob Hirsch, Munich Germany, was elected a corresponding member.

Mr. Brand exhibited some encased postage stamps, several which are rare.

Since the last meeting the Society has received Spink's Numismatic Circular, The Numismatist and The Numismatische Correspondenz, Berlin, all for September. Auction catalogues were received from The St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., G. C. Adams and Lyman H. Low, and a catalogue from B. Max Mehl.

The following books were added to the library since last meeting. Kenyon's Gold Coins of England, Hawkin's Silver Coins of England, Atkin's Coins of British Possessions and Colonies, Robertson's Hand Book of the Coinage of Scotland, Encyclopedia Britannica, 25 Vols., Gneccchi Le Moneta di Milano and Jungk Die Bremischen Munzen.

An informal auction was held,

the proceeds being turned into the treasury.

Adjourned to meet Friday evening, Nov. 3rd, 1905.

BEN G. GREEN, Sec.

PHILATELIST CELEBRATE.

The Philatelists of Philadelphia and vicinity were out in force on the evening of October 27th. The occasion was the celebration of the 5th anniversary of the Quaker City Philatelic Society and was a rare letter event in the career of this excellent club.

The program consisted of a brief review of the club's history from the time of the organization until the present, by the secretary, followed by an address of the president after which there was excellent music, vocal selections, more addresses and then refreshments and when at a late hour the gathering dispersed it is safe to say that they were all well satisfied with the evening they had thus devoted to Philately and thought more of the old hobby than before they had attended. If that was possible and let us hope that the non collectors present were made to see the error of their way in not starting a collection and sharing the joys of the Philatelists.

A new overprint on the stamps of the Transvaal is the cause of much conjecture among collectors. The surcharge consists of the letters C. S. A. R., which are understood to signify Central South African Railways—a government undertaking. Whether the stamps so overprinted can be accepted as an official issue of postage stamps is at present open to considerable doubt.

fect no great credit on the artist who drew them.—The figure 5 in the little oval under the R on the forgery nearly touches the lower line of the oval, while on the original it is well centered within the oval.—The large R in the center is pretty well imitated, though there are various small divergencies, for instance the shadow under the extreme right hand ball of the R extends much farther down than the shadow under the right hand ball at the foot of the stem of the R, just above the little oval, whereas they terminate on the same level in the original. The vertical lines in the back ground are very thin and defective on the forgery—at least on my specimen—while on the original they are quite clear and even; they seem to be spaced farther apart, too, on the counterfeit than on the original, though they are too defective on my forgery to count them. I have no specimen of this forgery with horizontal lines, though no doubt the forger has been accommodating enough to provide this also.—About the outer saw-tooth frame there is not much to be said; the teeth on the forgery are not as regular as on the original, being longer than the average in a few places, notably near the lower right corner on the vertical line. The paper of my forgery is quite yellowish; the cancellation is too deficient to describe.

(To be continued.)

St. Louis Stamp Collector's Society

President—W A Sisson, 314 Pine street
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Secretary—C Grandpierre, Jerusalem. World's Fair
Treasurer—F R Cornwall, 806 Chemical Building
Executive committee—W A Sisson, C H Dietering,
C Grandpierre, F R Cornwall, H A Diamant, Dr
J W Higson, and Chester Myers.

The sixteenth regular meeting of the Society was held September 19 with vice-president Dietering in the chair and twelve members present. The applications for membership of Messrs. Chas. Lindenschmit, Sr., and Jr., were referred the executive committee. In the contest to exhibit the ten ugliest postage stamps, the first prize was awarded to Mr. Myers and the second to Mr. Hume.

The eighteenth regular meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held October 17 with President Sisson occupying the chair and eleven other members in attendance. The present popularity of British Colonials and its effect on their future states, as well as on philately in general, demanded a considerable share of attention and discussion.

The second exchange circuit of the society was opened with the entry of several new books.

Respectfully,

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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.

252. What must I do with unsolicited consignments of stamps—must I return them, or may I give them to some beginner? That depends on what you mean by “unsolicited consignments.” If you have really done nothing to obtain them, you may consider them as face samples or as gifts to you, and you are at liberty to do with them as you please. Should the dealer or collector who sent them afterwards ask payment from you, you should give the facts to the press that every body may learn to shun such a dealer or collector as one devoid of proper business tact. On the other hand, if you have advertised your desire to receive consignments for approval or exchange, you must return all you do not want, unless you have especially stated what you want and what not. Likewise, if you have solicited selections from a dealer once, and he sends you a selection afterwards which you have not expressly solicited, you will have to return the same, unless you have clearly

expressed your desire to receive no more stamps from that dealer, previous to his sending the selection in question. Think yourself into the place of the sender. If he has any cause to think you want the stamps, he is justified in sending them and you are obliged to treat him politely by either returning them, or paying for them, if you do not return them. If unsolicited consignments are accompanied by return postage you may as well return them stating that you do not wish for any more, and, if the sender has any sense of honor he will not bother you any further. It is a very bad practice to send anything to a man which he does not want, but it is much worse to persist in bothering him with non-desired trash and asking him to pay postage on the same or to pay ridiculously exorbitant prices therefore. Such bad practice should be discouraged as much as possible.

253. What bird is that on the Wuhu 1c stamp, and what birds are those on the $\frac{1}{2}$ and 40c Wuhu stamps?

254. What birds are on the stamps of Japan?

255. By whom was the statue of Columbus on the 5c Salavador 1893 designed and executed?

256. What is the value of the Spanish stamps Scott's No. 259 and 260? They are franks issued for the gratuitous forwarding of treatises considered valuable to the Spanish public. No. 259 was issued for Senor Castell's “Cartilla Postal de Espana” (Postal Cards of Spain) and No. 260 for Senor A. T. Duro's

"Resena Historico Discriptiva de los sellos de Espana" (Descriptive History of the Postage Stamps of Spain.) These are philatelic works and it is remarkable that the Spanish government should accord them so high a favor as to permit their free forwarding through the mails and to even issue special stamps for that purpose.

257. What is the most valuable stamp of Norway? The 4 sk. 1855 with "double foot on right hind leg of lion." It is not priced in any catalogue at hand.

237. In Chicago there are two dealers handling old books; one is F. M. Morris of "The Book Shop," 171 Madison Street, the other is Mr. Baker of Baker's Book Store, 184-186 Dearborn Street, both carry large and varied stocks. Pierce & Zahn, 17th Street, Denver, Colo. claim to have a mile of shelves of old books, the largest second hand book store west of Philadelphia. In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, we find two Antiquarian book dealers, E. H. Roller, 419 East Water Street and Caspar of Caspar's Book Emporium near by on the same street. Anyone of these may be able to supply some of the desired information.

243 Mr. W. J. Dwyer, of New York, writes in regard to Greenland. This is, I think, the only country in the world that carries the mail free. It is not as you say inhabited only by seal. the capital Gothaab has a population of over 1500 people, as many as the capital of Iceland, Reykjavik has. Besides

Gothaab there are numerous other towns that are largely populated by Danish colonists. The sea on the southern portion of Greenland is never completely frozen over, not even in mid-winter. I am in communication with a great many parts of the out-of-the-way world. "If Mr. Dwyer is right,—and we think he is—then we were in error when we started that Danish stamps were used in Greenland. Perhaps the gentleman will inform us what stamps, if not Danish or Iceland, are used on letters from Greenland to other countries as for instance to the United States.

Good Old Times.

In an old French paper *le Voleur* of 1862 can you read nearly following: Stamps now exist 22 years and are objects of research quite passionate by collectors. An eccentric Englishman offers his young daughter to one who could furnish enough stamps to paper a room

Today states one statician that the total count of different stamps or retired are: 627 Europe, 41 Asia 45 Africa, 90 Australia and 268 for America. Happy times and that nearly the whole collectors of 1100 prices can be bought for \$3. Taken from Szeular Bro of markes V—

Mr. L. L. R. Hansburg and Miss Hansburg, members of the Philatelic Society of London, are at present in New Zealand, on their way to Tasmania and Australia. The object of their visit is to assist in the compiling of an historical work on the postage stamps of the various Australasian states. Mr. Hansburg is anxious to receive, from persons interested in philately, information regarding the printing (of the earlier issues especially) and notes regarding the varieties of stamps.—Melbourn "News.

The BIBLIOMANIAC.

By Verna Weston Hanway.

(Continued from last month.)

The London Saturday Review in the course of an article has the following, which is valuable in showing present-day conditions and tendencies in connection with the excerpt from the Britannica:

"Lord Roseberry talked of second hand books and book sellers, but not in the sense understood by the real lovers of books, as were the old book collectors and old book dealers. That is a race gradually, but apparently, very rarely dying out in this country. It is a lamentable sign of the times for the care for old books is a test of true culture which cannot fail. No incultivated soul can take an interest in old books, but he might in China. Their external alteration is greater. How many among our greater nobles collect books? Yet it is precisely their fathers who built up the great libraries in the past.

They made the libraries and their sons sell them. Ask Mr. Quaritch or Mr. Sotheran whence came the purchasers of rare books today? Not from this country. American millionaires can put the British millionaires to the blush; he could, that is, if the British millionaire knew enough to understand what there was to blush about."

We might find material in the above pithy paragraph for an essay on the decay of true literary culture in England, but we will not digress, anon!

Mr. Taylor in the Britannica gives

a very valuable table of books that concern Bibliomania. For the benefit of the reader who has not access to this great work we will give extracts in a future installment of these notes

Mr. Fred J. Melville, that always interesting and instructive writer in one of his letters to *The Stamp Lover's Weekly*, devotes a large portion of the space to an account of the sale of the library owned by Judge Philbrick. His Honor is one of the old school of Philatelists as well as an ardent bibliomaniac. As Mr. Melville naturally gives only the prices paid for philatelic works, I cannot give my information in regards to the other portions of the library, but as the philatelic portion is reckoned among the least of his treasures, and that section is a very simple one, the library must have been a very important one. Mr. Melville says the whole sale was characterized by ridiculously low prices, the complete library selling for only a little over one thousand pounds. A very fine *Complete Angler*, with probably two hundred pounds was sold for forty. Many of the most important philatelic works were present, and all the valuable publications issued by the London Society. Space forbids the description of the works or I should otherwise be tempted to lift considerable matter from our fraternalist's letter.

That wonderful work "*Fads and Fancies*" seemed to be doomed to have all of its intentions published for the benefits of the masses. The

reader of the newspapers does not need any reiteration of the poets about the work. If it will ever be published is doubtful. But it is certainly the most unique work that has ever been contemplated. I, as a bibliomaniac, would be glad to own a copy.

(Note: *Items of interest to the collection of rare books will appear under this heading quite frequently. Miss Hanway would be pleased to hear from any reader interested. Also to receive any information in regard to a rare work, or extracts therefrom. In every instance such information will be gratefully received, and properly acknowledged in these papers)

The American Philatelic Association Meet.

CONVENTION NOTES.

(Continued from last month.)

H. N. Mudge, one of the new vice presidents. It was his first convention, but we predict he will have the "habit" hereafter. Mrs. Mudge was with him, and together they did much to brighten the meet, being the musical part of the Chicago delegation.

H. S. Swenson took steps to reinstate much to The States faction of all. It wouldn't do for Harry to drop stamps now for he has got to develop the taste philatelic in his bright young heir.

F. H. Friend, of St. Paul, attended only the business session and many were the valuable suggestions he put forth in the committee of the whole.

Wm H. Yale was another of the

St. Paul members in attendance and all hope that it will not be his last convention but that he is with the boys at Boston.

The well known Minneapolis Journalist, A. Elsten was also untiring in his efforts for the visitors happiness. He caused that tired feeling however, to come to some of them after he got them at the top of the city hall tower, a tour of two-hundred and sixty steps. But the view was magnificent and even Beshel (between puffs) acknowledged it.

U. S. Dye, at one time called Naples home but now is a hoosier from Terre Haute, Ind. He contemplates soon going to Washington D. C. and consequently thought Boston all right.

F H. Lord, of Minneapolis, had the support of his branch for Ex-Supt. and would have undoubtedly have made an efficient officer. He never neglected an opportunity to be of assistance to a visitor

Dr. and Mrs. E D. Sullivan, of Minneapolis, while not philatelically inclined participated in several of the excursions and on Thursday evening after the concert at Lake Har- rick, entertained the visitors at their home and a couple of hours were most delightfully spent.

E. S. Stebbins, who long has been one of the leading lights of Minneapolis philatelic circles was as jovial as ever and interesting in his efforts for the visitor's comforts. Mrs. Stebbins was the same genial personality as at the "Tonka Meet.

Stanley Gibbon's Catalogue.

PART II

This is a handsome book of 544 pages 7x4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, good point on good paper and first class in all respects. The most remarkable feature claimed by the publishers is that all stamps priced in this edition were really in stock when the book was printed and can until further notice be had at these prices, which means that this catalogue is, in fact, a price-list of stamps offered for sale. Considering that the same firm has an other volume (II) issued covering Great Britain and Colonies (while part II. comprises the stamps of all other countries.) and must marvel at the tremendous stock of stamps carried. Especially the stock of U. S. stamps priced in part II. must be very fine. It is to be regretted that our government does not permit the illustration of our stamps, and that hence the spaces which should be occupied by cuts of them are blank. The cuts of all other stamps are full sized and good. Where there are die varieties these are illustrated by enlarged cuts showing the differences plainly. This feature which pertains to U. S. stamps as well as to others is a great help to the collector. So are also the numerous notes. Other catalogues will find it hard work to compete with the firm of Stanley Gibbon's Inc., and the fact that this firm issues its catalogue in two editions, one priced in English money and the other in U. S. money, shows that the numbers of this firm have the courage to meet competi-

tions on both sides of the Atlantic which they could not, if they were not able to do as much or more than any other firm. In the sight of American collectors they gain much by the employment of Mr. John U. Luff, the American authority, and the incorporation of Mr. Luff's collection in their stock, though even before that they were in possession of ability and material hard to equal. It may safely be predicted that Stanley Gibbons' prices will in most instances be the review for all other cataloguers in the world with perhaps one or two exceptions only. The arrangement of headings is not strictly according to alphabet, but rather on a geographical basis, this may not be pleasing to some busy collectors who are a little rusty in their geographical knowledge, but nevertheless it seems right and preferable to any other arrangement, because it compels the collector to brighten his rusty spots and helps him to fix in his memory points which otherwise might easily be forgotten. For instance San Marino and Roman States come under the heading of Italy, reminding us at once where these states are situated in reality. An alphabetical index in the front of the volumes helps one easily to find any country, should there be any case of doubt. The price of the book is a little higher than we are used to see it, but with the new additions every year we can not expect the old price to prevail forever. If the price is higher, there is more given for it too, and other cataloguers, if they will not bear actual loss, will have to follow suit and charge more for their annually increasing volumes.

Counterfeits and their Detections.

By R. R. Thiele

(Continued)

COLUMBIA.—The 5c black registration stamps of the 1870 issue of Columbia, both the ANOTACION and the REJISTRA are not exactly great varieties, but still, like most of the older issues of Columbia, desirable stamps, which are met with rather more rarely than their catalogue price would lead one to think. So, of course what does the forger do but get in his nefarious work upon these poor victims also—and a pretty fair he has made of it to look at the specimens before me—First let us take a look at the REJISTRO stamp. The one with the big R in the center. On the genuine, the top of the inscription COREOS NALES is a straight line; not so on the forgery. The first O here is taller than the C and the R; the second R again is taller than the E and the O next to L. The S of CORREOS is misshapen, the lower part being smaller than the upper one, instead of vice versa, as on the genuine stamp. The S of NALES is lower than the E just before it; its top surface is short instead of long as on the original. The period after NALES is a rhombus, thus (enlarged), instead of a very elongated oval, thus: (enlarged), as ought to be. The foot of the first R in CORREOS comes too near the central circle. —In the lower inscription the first U extends nearer the lower base line than either the E or U next to it; the period after the second E and the second U are mere

blots. The C of COLUMBIA is crooked and misshapen on the forgery, whereas it is straight on the original, though a little too large at the top. The first O of COLUMBIA on the forgery extends too low, nearly touching the outer frame line; on the original, on the contrary, it is the second O which extends too low, while on the forgery this letter is at the normal level. The left lower foot of the M is a round blob, instead of having proper triangular shape. The letters of the word REJISTRO are pretty well imitated; the principal differences are found in the two R's. The first R is angular at the top of the tail, thus: R, while on the original L is curved, thus: R, the second R is narrower than the first one. —The tail of the 5 of 5 CENTAVOS is too thin as compared with the original. In the A of CENTAVOS the two legs are of nearly equal thickness on the forgery, while on the original of the right leg is nearly twice the width of the left one. The lower part of the S in the word is crippled, being nearly lost in the circle, while on the original L is properly shaped. On the original the three stars at the left are of nearly equal size. While on the forgery the middle star is much larger than the upper or lower star. At the right, the upper star on the original is a little smaller than the other two; on the forgery the lower star is much larger than the upper two. The three stars at the left top and right of the central R on the forgery are about correct in size, but very poorly drawn, though for that matter those on the original re-



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R. R. THIELE.

Wauwatosa, Wis., U. S. A.

I alluded in a former review to the reprint of the I. Gildi; provisionals of Iceland. In continuation of his former information Mr. Riegels gives the following additional description, which I quote from No. 7 of the *Vertraulichbes Korrespondenz-Blatt*:

"The I Gildi of the reprints has "been printed from new type com- "position. . . . the sheet of the re- "prints shows the same varieties, "wide and narrow O, as the original, "but in different places on the sheet. "The size of the inscription I Gildi "02-03 is exactly the same as on the "originals. The perforation of all "the reprints is 12½ there is a strik- "ing difference as concerns the 100 "our regular and the 16 and 50 our "official, as none of these are known "perf. 12½. The colors of some of "the values differ." (I omit this, be- cause most of the values are the same in color) "Fortunately there "is a better distinguishing mark "which makes L possible to tell the , reprints with positive certainty.

"Without much ado a new larger "crown has been introduced as "watermark for the stamps of Den- "mark, Iceland and Danish West "Indies. It is not positively known "when this was done. The New "King's Head stamps of Iceland, is- "sued in the fall 1902, all have the "crown watermark probably the first "time this paper was used. The 25 "aur, 3 aur yellow 50 aur perf. 12½ "and service 4 aur gray, which be- "long to the last printings before the "appearance of the King stamps, do "not have the new crown. The "Danish 1 and 15 oere of 1902 exist "with both crowns. The diameter "of the old crown is 10 min that of "the new 11½ min. Just as the new "crown watermark is found on the "King stamps of Iceland. L is also "found on all I Gildi reprints, while "all reprints with this surcharge "have the old crown watermark."

In connection with this information he says that the current Danish 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 and 100 oere regular adhesives and the 1, 5 and 10 oere officials exist with both crowns. The two provisionals have the old crown; the 12 oere regular and 3 and 4 oere officials have not yet been seen with the new crown. It is surpris- ing that this change has remained unnoticed for nearly three years; if it had been a case of British Colonials it would surely have been spotted the new crown may become scarce of the new type just issued by Den- mark and adopted for all values. —By the way, isn't that new type a fright? Several of the European papers illustrate it. It is nearly the same as the prize design of the com-

petition held two years ago, except that nine little heraldic hearts have been added on either side of the design and the word Danmark is in more legible letters; the two heraldic lions at the top of the design look more than ever like two jealous tom cats growling at each other on top of a fence. And of this design is so exceedingly homely, what shall one say of the new designs for the regulars and postage dues of the Danish West Indies? If these things are the best the "new art" can produce, then let us by all means stick to the old art.

Some time ago several European papers reported the current set of Aut—— with the surcharge "Official", though their authenticity was doubtful. In No. of E 1 Coleccionista Sr. Arango of Medallin explains that he manufactured these stamps himself and sent them to two noted stamp dealers, one at Paris the other at London, just to see whether they would investigate or would accept them blindly. The Paris house would not touch them, while the London house acknowledged their receipt, but made no further inquiries. St. Arango makes this the text of some pertinent remarks on the lack of critical judgment displayed by many chroniclers of new issues.

Several of the European papers report that the Government of Columbia has abolished all the departmental stamps and that there will hereafter be only federal postoffices throughout the country. Our Columbian contemporaries have so far had no

news of this momentous decision. It therefore remains to be seen what truth there may be in the report.

Our esteemed colleague, the editor of Madrid Filatelico, in No. 90 of his paper breaks a lance for the space domain labels reported some time ago to have been issued by the Macedonian Revolutionary Committee. He compares them with the Spanish Don Car. 10 s stamps. "What," he asks, "do the stamps of "Carlos VII. represent? Placed at "the side of the stamps of Alfonso "XII., they show the struggle of two "dynasties or of two branches of the "same dynasty in defence of the "greater right. And what do the "stamps of the Macedonian insurgents represent? More than the "struggle of competing interests, "more than a civil strife they represented the heroic struggles of a people seeking to reconquer its individuality and its independence."

They may represent all this, but the fact remains, notwithstanding these impassioned words, that they are in no more postage stamps and are no more deserving of the attention of philatelists than the late Cuban insurgent labels.

Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste says of the New Chilian issue: "The wrappers and envelopes will "bear the effigy of a lady who owes "to her beauty the right to figure on "postage stamps. She is Senorita "Rebecca Matte, daughter of Don "Augusto Matte, former minister of "Chile to France and candidate for "the presidency. She is reputed to "be the most perfect type of Chilian "beauty and her effigy will be copied "not only on the stamps but also on "the coins."

An Uncommon Thief,

By Robert E. Ramsay

"Hamond old boy",— began the Select Club's leader, Mr. Boxmun, "you were lucky in finding Leslie so soon. You will become a Sherlock Holmes before long. I will make a wager that you will continue in the same line." Oh bosh! Boxmun I caught Leslie quickly I know but suppose that it was an accident of hitting the right at once. I like the line of work and will probably keep at it I have no case now and have had nothing as yet. I want a big case. One needing a few days work

The pair sat in silence both enjoying a quiet smoke. when a third member entered the room and made his way straight for Hammond. "Well Maxie," he began, "come tell us about that last case of yours. I know that Boxmun is in ignorance of it as I only caught on by Gehl casually mentioning it. "Go on Egberts you think you know of some thing." Max replied, "No Max." said the personage addressed as Egberts. "I do not know something and for that reason ask you to tell me. Now scart off."

"Suppose you boys think I am conceited" began Hammond who had become very popular among the Select Clubmen for this amateur detective work, "but I am not, at least not in my opinion, and only tell you the accounts of my cases to accommodate you, and keep you still. Well the other day just after I landed

Leslie and the \$100 check I returned to my private rooms. After a short smoke I lay down on the bed for a little snooze and do not think I had been there over five minutes when some one rapped. I called to them to enter and discovered my visitor was Mr. Smithley, a man who boards on the same floor that I do. I asked him to take a seat and he declined saying that he hoped he was not intruding or insulting but he had heard of my detective ability and had a mysterious case which he wished me to help him with. He said he was remounting a sheet of rare stamps from his album to a new set of mounts or small frames. Someone called and he went to the door. He was out not over five minutes and then with his hand on the door knob. When he returned one of his most rare specimens was missing. The window was open for the evening was very warm and no other means of entrance to the room except the door and window. He was near the farmer all the time and so knew no one entered it. I went over to his room and took a survey of the situation. It looked as if he had mislaid the stamp, for no other seemed possible. A search disproved this. I examined the floor near the window, and could find no trace of steps near it. I then asked him if there had been anything or person in the room with him. The pet cat had been with him all evening. Well, I concluded the cat was the guilty one. But how? It must have taken the stamp yet cats are not in the habit of carrying off little slips

of paper. Then the cat was missing. We searched the floor thinking the cat might have knocked it off. There was no sign of it. I returned to my rooms and sat down for a good hard think. I then decided to go and examine the floor from his door down stairs—the probable course of the cat. At the bottom of the stairs I found the missing stamp. How did it get there? I asked Mr. Smithley for the loan of the specimen. I took it to my room and examined it under a strong glass. On the face of it, I detected a small sticky spot. What was it? I then went to his rooms and on opening the door saw the cause. A sheet of this fly paper. In the corner of it was the print of a cat's paw. She had evidently stepped on the sticky substance then on the stamp and on Mr. Smithley's entering she had gone out. That was the entire case.

"Yes," interrupted Boxman who had listened interestedly, "we see thru that part but the rub comes in where and how did you follow the cat ect." Hammond started to explain. "After I could find no traces in the room, I examined the window. No mortal could enter it without a flying machine. The only thing left was the cat. It was the culprit—an uncommon thief—and then I supposed, that as the cat had been in the room all evening it was hungry and must have gone out as he entered. And if it was hungry it would go straight down stairs. I followed its probable path and unraveled the case."

The New Chili Postage Stamps.

The new postage stamps, the issue of which was approved last year, will shortly make their appearance. The denominations will be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 50 cents and 1 dollar. There will be envelopes with embossed stamps of 2, 5, 10, and 20 cents, also post-cards 1 and 2 cents for inland postage, of 2 cents for Argentina vid the Andes, and 3 cents for foreign countries.

The whole of the present issue will be demonetized from the 1st July next, and the present issue can be exchanged for the new issue at any time up to that date at any public treasury office, providing the stamps to be exchanged are in good conditions.

Some of the new denominations are much needed, as it has also been an anomaly that there has been no 3 cent stamp, considering that 3 cents is the rate for a postcard to foreign countries, and should an ordinary card be used, it has hitherto been necessary to affix a 1 cent stamp and a 2 cent. The 4 cent stamp will be useful for some newspapers, as for instance the Saturday issue of this paper, for which the postage home is 4 cents.—Chilain Valparaiso Times.

J. Terry begs to report that he had found a 10 cenbinos violet (red) Morrocco Agencies, surcharged on Gibraltar, King's Head, watermarked multiple crown, with the watermark upside down.

Reports of the Second Annual Convention W. P. A.

FIRST SESSION.

The second annual convention of the M. P. A. opened August 14th at the International Hotel, Niagara Falls, N. Y. This is an ideal place for the convention, as it abounds in interesting sports for the sight-seer. The first session was called to order in the committee room of the cataract House at 10:30 the first day. Following the address of the president and invitation among members the question of by-laws and other changes in the society were discussed. President Munger appointed the following committee to consider the by-laws and constitution and to report their findings before December 1st to the Executive Board of the society, Messrs. L. Crandall, John Solomon, Albert Distelhorst, Walter Nugent and Fred Cruse. Mr. Crandall made a motion that hereafter all applications be published in full for a month before the applicant was made a member. The motion was unanimously adopted. Various other motions and plans were suggested and discussed and after an informal discussion lasting until 1 p. m. upon a motion made by L. H. Kjellstedt the meeting was adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

The second business session of the society was opened the following day at the stated hour and all present immediately proceeded to business. The reports of various officers were read and highly ap-

plauded at the flourishing condition of our departments. Various other business held the attention of the members until Mr. Kjellstedt moved that we hold an informal discussion regarding frauds and their dealings. Mr. Kjellstedt spoke very entertainingly for a half hour upon his personal experiences and then it was moved that a committee be formed to correspond with the various philatelic societies of the world, and to unite their co-operation in running down and exposing frauds. Lawrence Mintz rose to the occasion and pointed out the fact that our motto "protection" would be doubly appropriate upon the success of this movement, and he concluded by highly seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously carried and it was further moved that President Munger be empowered to select the committee. However, Mr. Munger refused to take such steps and further asserted that he deemed the movement of such consequence that all members present should take part in the selection of a committee that were conversant with the situation. After a good deal of deliberation the following committee was selected to act in this capacity

D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.
W. E. Shoudy, Syracuse, N. Y.
L. H. Kjellstedt, Scranton, Pa.
H. D. Munger, Corning, N. Y.
J. S. Robertson, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada.

After this matter had been settled the time for noon luncheon was at hand and the meeting adjourned upon motion of J. A. D. Park.

THIRD SESSION.

On account of the rainy weather an extra session was called on the afternoon of Aug. 15th and the elections were participated in. The following are the official results:

President: H. Wendt, 44; J. H. Du Bose, 12; L. Crandall, 19.

Vice President: W. V. Nugent, 28; Emil Spinony, 31; M. L. Mintz, 16.

Sec'y-Treas. L. A. Mueller, 75.
Int-Sec'y: J. A. D. Park, 50; D. P. Eaton, 25.
Sales Supt: L. V. Cass, 59; G. C. Asly, 16.

Exchange Supt: G. C. Asbey, 35; Joseph Buck, 30; H. P. Wickham, 10.
Librarian: Miss Vera Hauway, 43; J. H. Du Bose, 23; A. H. Close, 9.

Fraud Investigator: W. E. Shoudy 26; H. Wendr, 33; M. A. Lerser, 16
Counterfeit Detector: R. J. Beck, 29; Elmer Smith, 25; G. C. Asley, 21.

Attorney: S. L. Moisant, 46; J. S. Robertson, 17; M. A. Lerser, 12.

Adv. Sub. Agent: Emil Spinony, 51; Joseph Saymon, 24.

Trustees: H. D. Munger, 73; L. T. Brodstone, 45; T. A. Solomon, 37; L. Crandall, 30; A. D. Blair, 27; Fred Ause, 25; L. M. Mintz, 17; W. V. Nugent, 14; A. F. Distelhorst, 10; R. F. Baldwin, 9; H. Mills, 8; H. P. Wickham, 5.

Official Journal: Mekeel's Weekly, 29; Philatelic West, 29; Both, 17.

Convention Seat—1906: Put-in-Bay, O., 53; Clayton, N. Y., 19; Boston, 1; Chicago, 1.

After the conclusion of the elections an informal discussion regarding our official journal was taken. The vote was a tie and seventeen wished both. After quite a heated argument in which all the pros and cons were offered, it was finally decided that both papers be used as official journals up to our next election time. It was further decided that the fees be on a basis according to what paper each individual wished, and that membership cards be issued in three colors to conform with the rates paid. The following schedule of yearly dues was decided upon as most satisfactory.

a. Yearly dues of a member desiring only the Philatelic West are to be 25c and the membership card to be red.

b. Yearly dues of a member desiring only Mekeel's Weekly are to be 50c and the membership card to be

blue.

c. Yearly dues of a member desiring both official journals to be 75c and the membership card to be yellow.

After the settlement of this matter L. Harold Kjellstedt introduced a motion that provides for the sale, if desired by surviving relatives, of collections of deceased members to the best advantage by the society without expense to the relatives. This motion was unanimously adopted and president Wendt was empowered to name a committee for this purpose by Oct 1st. The meeting was then adjourned upon a motion made by L. Amdell.

FOURTH SESSION.

The fourth session was opened Wednesday at the usual hour by President Munger.

Secretary pro tem Mintz read several communications and upon motion of body present telegrams were answered. Mr. Mintz then made a motion that H. D. Munger be made Honorary President of the society. This motion was adopted and then Mr. Munger voted that Mr. Mintz be thanked for his work as secretary at the convention. Following the idea Mr. Park arose and made a motion that a similar vote of thanks be given Mr. Kjellstedt for his highly beneficial services. After the adoption of this motion, Mr. Kjellstedt solemnly made the motion, "that the secretary inscribe upon the minutes of this convention that the last fifteen minutes of this convention were spent by the members throwing bouquets at one another." Amid the burst of ensuing laughter a motion to adjourn sine die was made. The motion, after having been put to vote and carried, the president thereupon declared the second annual convention adjourned. The members broke up and began leaving the city during the afternoon with a desire to all re assemble at Put-in-Bay next year.

L. M. MINTZ.

Attest.

Secretary pro tem.

International Philatelic Exhibition London, 1906.

The Prospectus of the Exhibition has now been practically completed and will probably be issued early in September, 1905, after it has been submitted to and approved by the General Committee, which includes many of the leading collectors, not only in this country, but also on the Continent and in America.

The Exhibition will be held under the patronage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with the present Postmaster-General and the three preceding Postmasters-General as Vice-Patrons, while the Chairmanship of the Committee has been accepted by the Right Honorable the Earl of Crawford.

The continuity of the Exhibition with that held in London in 1897 is indicated by the fact that the Duke of Norfolk, who was then the Postmaster General and a patron of the Exhibition, is now one of the four Vice-Patrons of the 1906 Exhibition.

The Committee have done and will do everything in their power to make the Exhibition of 1906 at least as successful as the one in 1897, and if they receive, as they anticipate, the co-operation and support of philatelists generally there can be no doubt about the result.

Information as to the Exhibition can be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretaries at 13 Walbrook, London, E. C., and remittances by donors or guarantors can be sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer, F.

Reichenheim, Esq., 29 Holland Villas Road, Kensington, London, W. The Committee will be glad to receive further promises of financial support.

Donors and Guarantors to the Exhibition will be entitled to tickets of admission.

H. R. OLDFIELD, Hon. Sec.
L. L. R. HAUSBURG, Asst. Sec.

Condensed Telegraph News

England in 1861, issued telegraph stamps, then followed in 1864, Spain and Prussia. In 1866 Russia and Belgium. About 45 countries made use of them, up to present time, but many have discontinued the use of separate telegraph stamps and use the ordinary postage stamp issue with generally a special distinguishing cancellation. There were about 1000 issued with perhaps 250 added for varieties. Philippines, Cuba and England issued the greatest number.

The highest priced unused are:
Bavaria 2fl. 50 hr. equal 50 fr. equal
\$90 Catalogue.

Bavaria 4fl. 40hr. equal 10fr. equal
\$40 Catalogue.

Wautemberg 35 kr. \$20 Catalogue.
Jummo cashmer 20 rupies \$15.

A high priced used one is England 1881, 3rd carmine (plate 5) for \$15. But there are a goodly number of cheap ones. Mostly all perforated. Ceylon, India and London can hardly be had in used condition in two pieces only. An attractive field and an easy one as far as straight and separately telegraph issues are concerned.

Notes.

The Postal Guide for September, 1905, brings a list of punishments for mail robberies and the rewards given to persons who cause the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators. For train mail-car robbery accompanied with threatening the life of the mail clerk the punishment is imprisonment for life, and the reward for arrest and conviction is one thousand dollars. The whole population of the U. S. is by rewards offered constituted as a grand army of watchman for the safety of the mails, even the rural route mail boxes in front of the farmer's houses or at the road-crossings are protected from malevolent interference by rewards of from fifty to two-hundred dollars. Uncle Sam wants his mails to be safe and wants everyone of his boys to help him in making and keeping them safe.

The Canal Zone now after August, 31, 1905—has the following post-offices: Ancon, Corozai, Pedro, Miguel, Paraiso, Celebra, Empire, Matachin, Gorgona, San Pablo, Gaberuilla, Bohio, Gatun, Cristobal, La Boca. By comparison with previous lists it will be seen that some names of former lists are omitted and others substituted. Whether the names were simply changed for existing offices or whether old offices were closed and new ones opened is not evident from the material in hand. The above list is designated as "complete" by the Postal Guide.

Damaged stamps, envelopes or cards can be redeemed at the post office, if unused.

The Rarest Stamps.

A French newspaper reader, who had requested the infallible Paris editor of his choice to indicate a few of the rarest stamps in the world, has received a response which, though it will doubtless be trite enough for collectors, may be of sufficient casual interest for the ordinary reader, if only as indicating the preponderant position occupied by British stamps among the tit-bits of philately. Out of twelve stamps quoted, seven are of British Colonies, four of them heading the list. The seven are:—Guiana, 1856 1 cent, red; Guiana, 1850, 2 cents, rose; Mauritius post office, 2d., blue; Mauritius post office, 1d., orange; Canada, 1851, 1 s, black; New Zealand, 1872, 1d., brown filigree; Natal, 1857, 9d., blue.

The WEST columns are always open to collectors and dealers of all kinds and well wishers who have something to say for the "good of the order." We invite correspondence, news items; experiences and criticisms from all who are mixed up with all kinds of hobbies. The editorial policy of the magazine is to say what it thinks, without worrying about consequences; and correspondents may observe a similiar suspension of rules.

A Saxony stamp of 1851 was sold in London September 21, 1905, for £53. Forty-seven pounds was paid for a red-and-blue penny British Central African stamp, and £38 for an 1861 Cape of Good Hope penny blue stamp.

THE KING OF HOBBIES.

Stamp Collecting Regarded as the King of Them All—More Persons Engaged in It Than Any Other.

Among the scores of hobbies and fads none is held so high nor has so many devotees as the collection of stamps. Neither is this grand old hobby engaged in only by a select few; the poor can by the aid of a few cents amass a good collection while the rich collector invests perhaps thousands of dollars in it, knowing that he will get good returns for his money.

The collection of postage stamps as a pastime and recreation began almost with the invention of the postage stamp itself and for two-thirds of a century this noble hobby has made a steady increase. Today in the United States alone there are 700,000 participants, which is only a small percentage of the total number in the world.

Not only is stamp collecting engaged in as an amusement, but above all the knowledge of history, biography and geography. As an investment, many prefer to invest in a collection of stamps than real estate.

The value of stamps is not determined by the age, but by their rarity. The highest price paid for a single postage stamp was \$7,200, which was paid for a Mauritius stamp. The highest price paid for a United States stamp was \$4,500,

which was paid by the Earl of Crawford.

THE SMALLEST COIN.

It is said that the smallest coin in circulation is the Maltese "grain," a minute piece of bronze worth only about one-twelfth of a penny and about one-half an inch in circumference.

POSTMARKS AS A HOBBY.

While the collection of postmarks is engaged in very extensively, yet many persons disfavor such a collection on account of its incompleteness. There are constantly springing up small postoffices in every part of the world, the postmarks of which it is impossible for every collector to receive. The summer resorts which close during the winter and the winter resorts which close in the summer are also impossible opportunities for the participant.

There is no value attached to them as with stamps or coins; hence it is not a paying investment for the person who after much expenditure acquires a fair collection and after tiring of it finds no opportunity to rid himself of them with any profit.

It is "tween the gloomin and the mirk," seated by the firelights fitful glow that the collector most intensely feels that exquisite blending of feelings that is to be felt but not described, which every collector has experienced. Briefly, crudely, it may be translated as the pleasure of collecting.

Our Illustrations.

FRANK LINDSAY APPLGATE

Was born on the Klamath Indian reservation in Southern Oregon, on Oct. 10, 1879 where he now resides. In 1893 he began collecting of his own accord having become interested mainly through the Columbian issue then new, and collected for several years before he came in contact either with a stamp paper or another collector. Since then his arder has not dampened. His collection consists of some 7000 varieties largely composed of revenue stamps, U. S and foreign. His particular specialty is the revenue stamps of the various states of which he has a nice little collection.

In 1902 he was elected to the Secy-treashurship of the Interstate Philtalic Association which office he still holds, and is Vice President for Oregon for the American Fiscal Society.

J. GALLAGHER.

J. Gallogher was born in 1885, in St. Louis. Has resided there all his life. Attended St. Louis Central High School, which institution he left to enter into the business world. He is a collector of post cards, which he began over a year ago. He has a fine collection of cards from all parts of the world and is increasing it every day. He started in the post card business some months ago and has a fine trade, thanks to his ads. in the "West." He is a member of several Post Cardclubs, such as the

Post Card Union of America, Union Souvenir Card Exchange, American, etc. Would like to correspond with persons knowing the Spanish language, which he has studied at High School and in which he would like some practice. He has just bought Selige card paper.

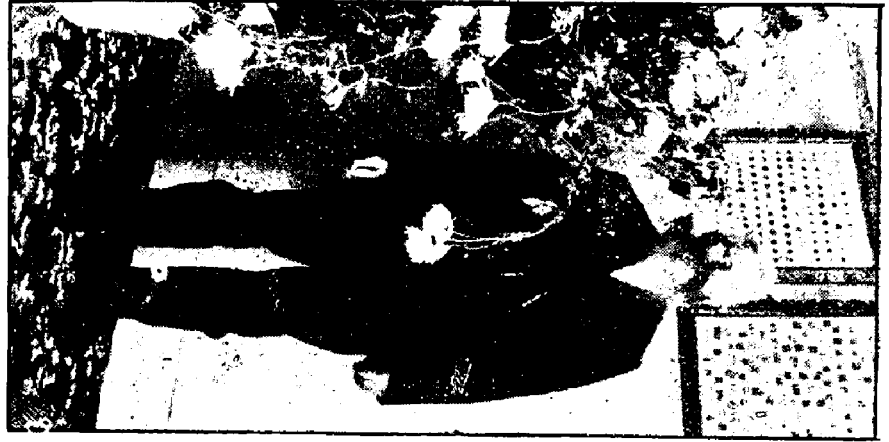
W. M. C. POLK.

Secretary and Treasurer, M. F. A.

Wm. C. Polk began collecting stamps in 1898 while yet in grammar school. He was fortunate at the outset in having a friend who had made and sold one collection and was just starting a second one. Under the guidance of this friend he soon advanced beyond the school-boy stage. His collecting was purely general, but a minor variety once in his possession never leaves it. His collection now contains postage stamps of all countries, entire envelopes and postcards, U. S. and foreign revenues, original covers, a few plate numbers and precancels, and between one and two hundred strips, blocks and pairs in used condition. About 2500 specimens in all. Mr. Polk's collecting has not been confined to stamps, as he has collections of shells, minerals and curios, which he still adds to from time to time. He is at present collecting insects for a professor of the college where he is studying. Fe says he will never again be satisfied with anything but an active part in the Philatelic world.



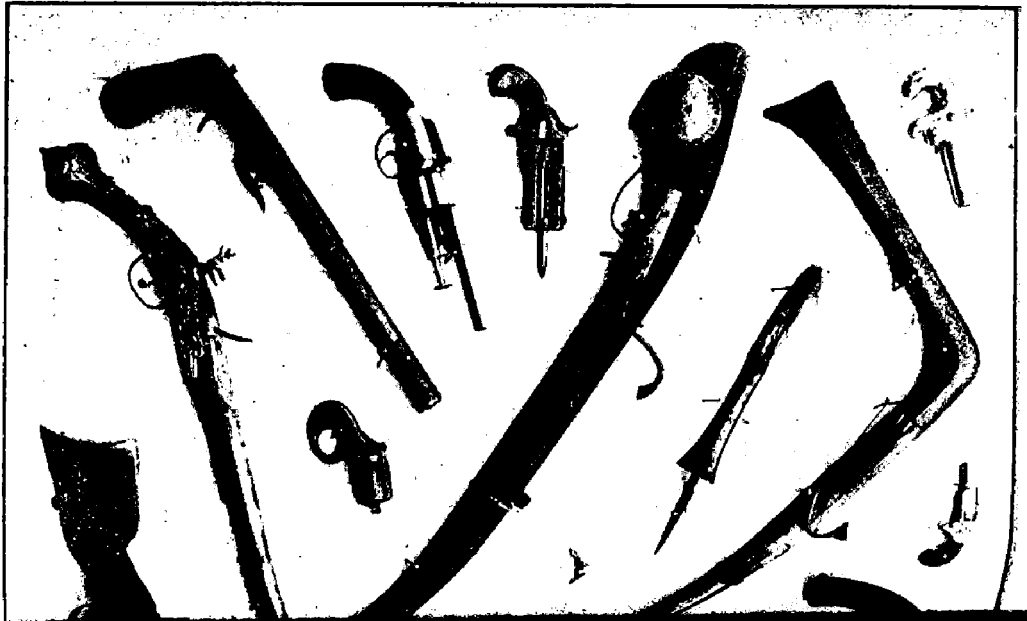
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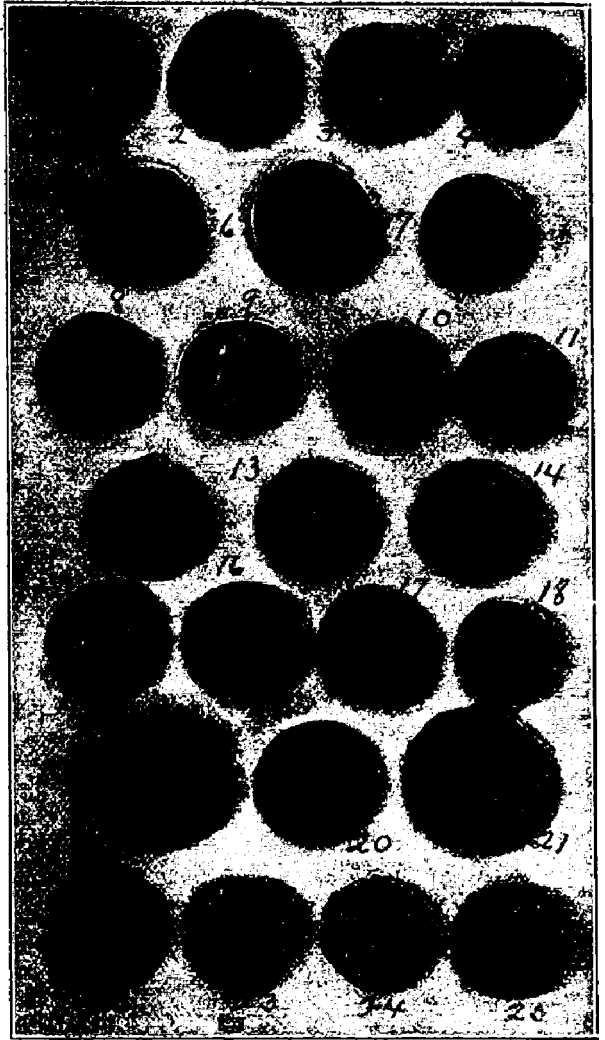
Collection of Old Style Pistols of Letter Carrier 3, L. S. Wright, Portland, Oregon.
Here are some of his Pets.



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Some Coins of S. P. Hughes of Omaha



Post Cards
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Corner of W W. School of Taxidermy. Omaha.



DELOS HATCH

Oakfield, Wis., Naturist Taxidermist

Some time in 77 or 78 we mounted our first bird and about that time we went to Nebraska, (Polk Co.) on a visit and collected and mounted about 150 birds including geese, crane's, ducks, curlews, godwits etc. and brought them home, went back to work on the farm. Early in my collecting experience I got my name in the collectors' Curio Society Directory and I got so many letters from collectors desiring to exchange eggs, I added them and soon exchange eggs for eggs shells minerals etc. In 1899 I left the farm to one of the boys (Lunin Love) and moved to the village of Oakfield when I began the collecting of coins, stamps, paper money etc. In fact I am glad to exchange for almost any thing collectable. I have now in my museum about 1000 mounted birds, over 400 sets of eggs of different varieties, several hundred varieties of butterflies, moths and other insects besides animals curiosities, stamps, coins, indian relics, old guns revolvers, paper money etc. Among the curios is a two-legged colt, white squirrel rats, mice, punco and chip sparrow and spotted blackbirds, and coot, spotted skunks. I am also interested in flowers as I have nearly ten bushels of dahlia roots and gladioles bulbs in my cellar.

Cabinets.

By E. M. Ferris, A. S. of C. C.

I wish to urge all amateur collectors the importance of securing a cabinet or some suitable receptable for their specimens—being sure to have it large enough for future collections, and kept in some place where visitors may have the pleasure of looking them over. I find that since I had my cabinet, made

one year ago that my collection has grown to nearly twice the size it was before, although I had been collecting for several years; for many of my friends while looking over and admiring my collection tell me that they have a few curios which they will give me as they have no suitable place for them, even if they had the time, or inclination to collect more, and as one lady said: "They will only be thrown around and lost," so she sent me two boxes of fine minerals and curios. A gentleman became interested in my collection and gave me several fine arrow points found in this locality and many others have given me one or more specimens.

It is not only a great pleasure to a collectors to exhibit his specimens, but there is always the possibility of the visitor becoming interested and starting a collection of their own, and we are always pleased when others adopt our hobby.

One day while arranging the shelves of my cabinet the thought came to me, "Why not organize a club for the purpose of studying nature?" My plans were soon formulated and I invited a few ladies whom it seemed to me might become interested in the work—to spend an afternoon with me; one of them, who had made a study of our native birds, gave us a fine talk on the subject, after which we spent a pleasant hour discussing the cabinet specimens, and then with much enthusiasm we organized a club and assigned subjects for our next meeting, beginning with the lowest order of animal life. We have held four meetings and the interest and enthusiasm increases all the time and we have planned excursions to the woods to study nature and also expect to soon take a trip down the Hudson to New York and visit the American Historical Museum. One of our members has a collection worth no less than one hundred dollars which she has collected since our club was organized a few weeks ago, and others are collecting



CURIO DEPARTMENT

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

In the vicinity of San Diego, Cal., the collector of gem stones may find a rare field for the pursuit of his or her hobby. About fifty miles north of that city tourmaline appears in matrix of quartz and mica, in shades of green, pink and red. Beryl-white and pink—the hyacinth, a gem of reddish-brown color, and large quantities of garnets are found in the same neighborhood, and the especial pride of the gem stone collector—Kunzite, a beautiful lilac colored crystal, found only in the United States, may be secured by the collector, who goes prospecting for specimens in the territory adjacent to San Diego. The last named gem was discovered by a couple Frenchmen about four years ago, and named in honor of General George F. Kunz, Tiffany's famous expert in precious stones.

According to a newspaper report some very valuable Indian relics were lately found in Pennsylvania, about five miles north of La Porte. A farmer working in his garden is said to have unearthed a cache of fine implements including besides a lot of arrow and spear points, some very fine war club heads, skinning

stones, grooved axes, etc. The Curio editor has been unable to verify the newspaper report, although efforts have been made to do so. One thing is certain, if the implements were found, and they proved to be of fine workmanship the find is worthy of more than passing mention for that section of the state of Pennsylvania has never previously, to the editor's knowledge, yielded anything but weapons of the most crude workmanship. The Pennsylvania field has never been a very promising one for the archaeologist, though of course there have been a few fine specimens found there, as there has been in every state.

Collectors who had the pleasure of attending the Lewis & Clark Exposition at Portland, Ore., this year had the satisfaction of seeing, just opposite the main entrance of the mining building what is said to be the largest meteorite ever discovered in the United States, and the third largest known. There is a larger one in Mexico, and Peary brought a still larger one from Greenland. The one on exhibition at the Portland fair weighs twenty

tons, is ninety per cent pure iron and eight per cent nickel, and was found by a prospector named Hughes, in a forest near Willamette, Ore., in 1902. Hughes and a certain land company which holds a title to the forest where the meteorite was found are now fighting for the possession of the twenty ton specimen in the courts, but Dr. David P. Day, chief of the mineral division of the geological survey, secured the big meteorite as a Portland exhibit by order of court.

Eastlake Park, Los Angeles, Cal., something like 250 varieties maybe seen, another extensive collection can be found at the public park in Riverside, Cal., and yet another at Bay City. E. W. Scripps, at his cactus ranch near San Diego has nearly 8,000 specimens, (not all different, however,) growing, and Mr. Scripps employs C. R. Orcutt, one of our A. S. of C. C. members, to look after his collection. Prof. Orcutt has been traveling in Mexico all of the past summer, picking up new varieties.

In writing of his remarkable discoveries in the ruins of the temples at Susa, the ancient capital of Persia, Tacques de Morgan, according to Harper's Magazine, tells of the marvels of jewelry brought to light, the earliest examples ever known of that country. He says it is not possible to assign a precise date to each of the jewels of gold and silver found, as the cylinders and the seals which form a part of the finds belong to all periods from the fortieth or fiftieth century B. C. down to the date of the temple's foundations, but de Morgan has fixed a Minimum limit to antiquity of the rings of filigrer-work, the scepter with the lion's head, the statuettes of gold and silver found, and this limit is the twelfth century B. C.

It may interest botanists and collectors of plant life to know that Shaw's Garden, in St. Louis, contains the largest number of growing species of cactus to be seen any where in the United States. At

According to a letter from William E. Curtis, a number of people in San Diego who are scientifically inclined have established a marine biological laboratory at the suburban town of La Jolla, where the water is very deep and is filled with animal and vegetable life. The laboratory is supported by private contributors, the most generous of whom are Miss Ellen B. Scripps and Homer H. Peters. Mr. Peters is president of the Association, Dr. Fred Baker is vice president, H. P. Wood is secretary, and Prof. M. Ritter, professor of zoology at the University of California, is director of the station. The work has thus far been carried on without assistance from the state or general government, and the association has made no effort to obtain either. It depends entirely on the generosity of its members, and is encouraged to hope that it may soon establish a permanent institution for the systematic study of the marine life of the coast of California, which

is more prolific and of greater variety than even that of Naples.

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A great many curio collectors have in their cabinets a box or a pbial full of black sand, not because of any intrinsic value it was thought to possess but merely as a curiosity, just as is the silver sand, from the vicinity of St. Augustine, which so many of we curio collectors possess and treasure. The black sand found in this country largely come from the Cascade and Coast ranges of mountains on the borders of the Pacific, and Dr. Walcott, director of the geological survey, as well as other noted mineralogists have lately asserted that these sands possess great wealth in magnetic iron ore, gold, platinum, and several new and valuable minerals. Miners and prospectors all over the country were invited last spring by the geological survey to furnish samples of black sand found in their localities for government analysis, and in response samples of the "black sand" were sent in from 528 different localities in fifteen states and territories, the largest number, more than one hundred samples, coming from Idaho. The tests were made publicly on the Exposition grounds at Portland, Ora., this summer by government experts, and platinum, a rather scarce minerl, was found in more than half the specimens of black sand examined. The world's supply of platinum has come chiefly from the Ural mountains, in Russia, here.

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and other experts declare now that the "black sands" found all along the Pacific coast will furnish in the future all the platinum that the world requires.

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The Minneapolis Times is authority for the statement that L. F. Forkelson, of that city, is the possessor of a most curious and unique Swedish coin, bearing the date of 1723. The coin is of copper, weighs fourteen ounces, and at the time issued was worth about five cents. The coin was issued, says the Times, at a period when the country, because of war, was in financial straits. The piece of copper was founded out by the owner, and taken to the mint, where it received the official stamp which made it money. The piece bears five stamps, one in the middle and one at each of the four corners. The stamps were thus made to insure against the original peice being reduced in size and weight.

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A great many curio collectors who have in their cabinets specimens of Continental Currency do not know that these quaint and curios little bills were never redeemable by the United States government, but such is the case. By the act of Aug. 4, 1790, (1 statutes 140) Continental Currency was receivable at the treasury in subscriptions to a loan at the rate of one hundred doilars in Continental money for one dollar in specic. By the Act of March 3, 1797 (1 statues 516) it was declared that said money should be re.

ceivable as above until Dec. 31, 1797, and no longer. So, although such notes have numismatic value now whatever, and their specie value was never very high.

The Curio Editor would be very much pleased to learn who the citizen of Freeport, Long Island, is that is reported by the newspapers to have a collection of old guns reputed to contain more than 1,500 specimens. It is said that this party has Chinese guns, centuries old, some of them weighing twenty-five pounds, and having slow match fuses. A valuable air gun reported to be in his collection was made at Antwerp in 1572 and has an antique lock still in perfect condition. A German gun, dating back to 1547, that winds up with a key and has a spring operating the hammer, containing a mineral that gives forth sparks when brought into contact with a revolving wheel, a gun that is said to be one of the most primitive in existence, is purported to be in this man's collection. A badly battered Sharp's rifle taken from the Sioux Indians after the Custer massacre, and several weapons of rare interest that saw service in the civil war, are said to be included in this Freeport, Long Island, man's collection. Does any of our readers know this collector's name? The Curio Editor would like to have it.

The Post Card Craze in Chicago

The Souvenir Post Card craze has just become very popular in Chicago and has taken a good hold here. Since the last month (August) there

are more varieties of post cards on the market than we ever hoped to see. You can find souvenir post cards in every part of the city, in every drug, art, stationery, book, confectionery and grocery store, and even at the shoemakers, in fact in most every block in the city. The price of which range from 3 for 5c to 25c each. There is no end to the variety of cards. There are a number of dealers making a specialty of souvenir post cards, selling nothing but post cards. This is a sure sign that post card collecting is getting to be very popular and will take the lead in all hobbies. It is a hobby that can be regulated at will. If you want only art cards you can get them; if your specialty is foreign cards you can procure them without trouble, as there are some very good souvenir post card societies in existence which furnish to their members a list of names of post card collectors in every country, in the small as well as the large ones. You can find them in Malta, Tunis, South Africa, Java, China, Australia, etc., in fact in every part of the globe. Souvenir post card collecting is the most interesting of all collections, because it is not only interesting, but instructive. Through post card collecting we become closely united with other countries and their people. It destroys the ill feeling which we have against certain countries and creates love for all, regardless of nationality. It gives us a good idea of how other cities look, which perhaps we will never see.

H. J. FUNK.

Button Collecting as a Hobby.

To anyone desirous of taking up some hobby solely for pleasure that can be derived from it, and with no thought of any pecuniary gain, except perhaps in some small degree, I would suggest the making of a collection of celluloid buttons.

Of course stamp and curio collecting are very fascinating, but to have any sort of a collection requires the expenditure of considerable money which most of us do not care to make. Also at present, souvenir postal collecting is a great fad, but when one stops to consider their expense and how common and numberless they are, and how easy it is to procure them, it seems almost folly to try to make a collection. One might as well attempt to collect all the pretty stones and pebbles that he discovers. Besides, such a craze as there is over them at present cannot continue long and soon the souvenir card will be a relic of the past, along with stamp plates, scrap books and other forgotten hobbies.

Now, button collecting has all the good points of these other hobbies and none of their bad ones, the expense is small and there are but few really common buttons, making that little difficulty to secure good specimens which adds to the pleasure of collecting.

Besides being merely a division, much may be learned from this hobby; the advertising buttons and those worn at fairs, carnivals and festivals are always interesting, the flag buttons familiarize one with

the designs of the various nations; others bear likeness of historical characters, great generals, presidents and kings; still others are designed to represent buildings, animals and birds, etc.

Among the most beautiful buttons in my collection, which numbers over five hundred beautiful designs are a set of fourteen with colored pictures of the principal buildings at the St. Louis fair upon them. The coloring is exquisite and every detail is brought out perfectly. It would seem almost impossible to have pictures of such small size so near perfection.

Buttons in a collection are usually mounted on a large piece of dark colored flannel or velvet, preferably the latter, which is stretched in a neat frame of black wood. The sets of buttons are arranged on this in various pleasing designs and the whole when finished is truly a beautiful and novel sight.

I should be pleased to hear from anyone who is at all interested in this hobby or in forming a button collector's club or who has any buttons to sell or exchange.

P. R. KEYES,

339 Walker St. Lowell, Mass.

A Picture Postcard Mirror—A novelty has recently been brought under our notice in the shape of the "Wonderful" Duplex Mirror, which (acting like a stereoscope) enlarges and reflects picture postcards, photographs, etc. The reverse side is flat and may be used for shaving and toilet purposes. The makers of this mirror are Messrs. J. Eckford & Co., 4 Queen's Square, Attleborough, Norfolk.

The Swastika

By Estella Bachman Brokaw.

In "The Basket" for July and October, 1904, George Wharton James gave numerous extracts from an intensely interesting book on the Swastika, by Thomas Wilson, late Curator, Department of Prehistoric Anthropology, in the United States National Museum.

In the preface of the book Professor Wilson said: No conclusion is attempted as to the time or place of origin, or the primitive meaning of the Swastika, because these are considered to be lost in antiquity. And again in the body of the extracts I find this "We have to plead ignorance as to the growth and evolution of both cross and Swastika, because the origin of both is lost in antiquity. But all are fair objects for discussion."

The mists of antiquity in which the origin of cross and Swastika, and many another ancient symbol, has long seemed hopelessly lost, are now rapidly clearing away before the light of annular evolution; the great discovery made by Isaac Newton Vail. This discovery, in brief, is "that the earth once had a system of Saturnlike ring 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 "that vast lingering remnants of the world's annular or ring system hung in the skies of primeval

man, and for thousands of years after he came into being formed the celestial battle fields known in the shadowy ages, and gave color to all ancient legendary thought and all ancient writings whatsoever, and that we have here the long-sought-for key to all ancient mythology."

The open letter to George Wharton James, which appeared in the April WEST, was written soon after I read his book on the Grand Canyon. This letter caused Mr. James to read Professor Vail's book "The Waters Above the Firmament," (this work is a revised and enlarged edition of his "Story of the Rocks") which deals mainly with the geological phase of the annular world, and after reading that book Mr. Jones said in "The Basket" "Fortifying his arguments by scientific deduction, by legend, by new presentation of accepted geological data, Professor Vail makes out a strong case—His enthusiasm and evidently well considered statements are worthy of full and careful investigation and to the student or learned who wishes to look at history and geology from a new angle of vision, I can heartily recommend this book."

In Professor Vail's discovery is found a simple explanation of the original or pattern Swastika; which was clearly a phenomenon in the northern skies, as seen by all persons in the northern hemisphere, while living under certain stages of that long lost and forgotten environment. The lines of light across the polar opening, horizontal at morning and

evening (as we would say) and vertical at noon, plainly gave the idea of the crossed lines—fit symbol of the divine fire seen in that opening—while the dragging action of rapidly revolving vapors is shown in the shorter lines. “The inexplicable and constantly recurring dots,” “the ubiquitous dots,” mentioned in Professor Wilson’s book as so intimately connected with the Swastika, clearly represent the stars, originally “nails” seen in the polar opening. This phenomenon was at the helix of the world, the pivot point on which the watery heavens, the celestial world, turned. So it is readily seen that Mr. Virchand R. Gandhi, the learned Hindu who visited America in 1893, was quite right in saying of the Swastika “the original idea was very high.” It is probable that the turning, symbolized both ways, was seen both ways; of course at different times and depending on the rapidity of the revolving vapors in proportion to the time of the revolution of our earth. Thus it is seen how naturally the bent arms could have been used to suggest revolution originally; but it is clear that Professor Wilson was right in thinking that they could not then have symbolized the circle or disk of the sun, for the sun was hidden from view by the watery canopy. The hidden sun, traces of which are found everywhere in ancient thought, is thus explained.

The fact that the Swastika is found in so many parts of the world ceases to be a marvel when we realize that it was suggested of a striking celest-

ial phenomenon, seen by persons in all parts of the northern hemisphere. And as persons in the same latitude, the world around, saw the same celestial scenes, it is plain that no theory of migration is necessary to explain the likeness of symbols now being found among widely scattered races, or the fact that they are found to have the same or similar meanings. The meaning of benediction, mentioned by Professor Wilson as applied to the Swastika, is very apt; for the scene suggesting it was at the great ending place where all canopies closed their careers, and which was pre-eminently also the place of blessing and of praise. Hence it is probable that the Swastika may have signified “blessing, happiness and good fortune” at an earlier date than that of its use to represent generative power.

We do not imagine that a knowledge of the existence of the sun, and its representation by a round disk, necessitated the origin of the idea in Egypt or India or Asia Minor, and its subsequent spread through the migrations of persons from this starting point to other countries. We know that all persons on the earth can see the sun for themselves; and that you or I, for instance, need not go to China to learn its shape or to get a name for it. We see it and could give it a name in keeping with the impression that it makes upon us.

So all persons in the childhood of our race saw the phenomena of the vapor heavens in constant and rapid movement above them, and the wise

and thoughtful gave names to the innumerable and ever changing scenes and conditions of that watery expanse, and especially to the marvelous glories in and about the polar opening, through the ages of life under the last remnants of the earth's annular system.

These names, as a canopy departed, were transferred to the sun, moon, and constellations, as well as localized in names of places and things and persons all over the globe.

I have barely touched upon one point of the wonderful revelation that Professor Vail's discovery opens for those in search of the truth, for those who would solve the mysteries of the past and so gain a flood of light on many problems of today. All agree that the past has made us what we are, and the more clearly we comprehend that past, the better we can understand the present.

Professor Vail offers us a key that unlocks; an explanation that explains; a light that illumines. It rests with the scientific world to use these helps and so make a clear and straightforward, and withal most fascinating, story of what is now, to most scientists, but a misty, hazy, confused mass of half understood symbols, fairy tales, myths, and seemingly impossible "yarns." I would urge all persons who are interested in understanding prehistoric relics of every sort, as well as ancient records of all kinds, to carefully investigate annular evolution. Enough evidence has been accumulated by Professor Vail during more

than thirty years of research (and he is still adding to it) to demonstrate the truth of his discovery.

In the interest of science, and especially that of anthropology, I call the attention of A. S. of C. C. members to this important discovery. It throws light on archaeology, for it shows where and how the patterns for all ancient work was given; on ethmology, for it points the way to clear and simple explanation of the striking differences between races; on philology, for it clearly suggests the origin of language and why there is such likeness in root words among widely scattered peoples; on biology, for it gives a reasonable explanation of the different life forms in all ages, including persons, and it has no "missing links"; on geology, for it tells the story of the rocks in a plain and simple fashion that explains the problems that have long puzzled geologists—and it has no "great gaps to be filled." This discovery is as simple as it is comprehensive. All Truth is simple and harmonious, and, by that token, Professor Vail's discovery is true. It clearly explains the source of all religions, and accounts for the striking likeness between the religious concepts of widely separated peoples. Need I urge investigation? I am willing to answer any questions that I can, on any phase of this subject. Station A, Pasadena, Cal.

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

New oil wells are constantly opened up in the Kansas fields. The residents are very hopeful, of soon opening up a state refinery so that they may have an equal chance of competing with the great Standard Oil Company. This great octopus is trying to gobble up all the best wells in the state, and having failed to do so, in many cases, has reduced the price of oil in the state, so that private producers can not realize a margin. The governor himself is taking a great personal interest in the matter and it is hoped that the matter will be settled favorable to the private producers.

Petroleum itself is an interesting liquid to those who have never seen any. There is a great variation in its density according to the district where it is produced. The typical petroleum is a thick black liquid with a decidedly hydro-carbon odor. Many and various are the by-products from it. Among those most familiar to us are kerosene or "coal-oil," paraffine, gasoline, benzine, vaseline, etc. These are mostly produced by distillation at different temperatures.

The oil in its natural state is now being used for the firing of locomotives. Two of the last companies to turn to its use for this purpose, are the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific. Petroleum is far superior to coal for the reason that it is much

cleaner and that there is very little residue due remaining after the combustion.

It was our good fortune to lately take a trip through the Ohio and West Virginia oil-fields. It is only by so doing that one can realize what the oil industry will do for any section of a country. To one who has never seen a well in operation, the process must be doubly interesting in those states.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell in "The Story of Standard Oil" has given some lucid facts regarding the industry. She is at present making a study of the situation in the Kansas fields.

One of the most historic minerals is jade or jadite, used to a great extent in ancient times by the Chinese for the manufacture of various ornamental objects. It is also used to a considerable extent at the present, for the making of statues and bric-a-brac. The reason for this use of the mineral seems to be, because it can easily be carved and reduced to any desired form.

The mineralogical name now used for jade, is nephrite. It is a rather beautiful mineral much resembling marble and the usual color is white with splotches or zones of a greenish tint. It is found in some parts of Massachusetts.

Nephrite is a sub-species of amphibole and belongs properly in the group, actinolite, chemically, it is a silicate of calcium, magnesium, and iron, and in this respect, is closely related to asbestos, and the various forms of the latter, such as mountain wood, mountain cork, mountain leather, mountain paper, fibrous asbestos, massive asbestos, etc. The silicates are by far the most important group of minerals, and the part they have taken in the manufacture of the earth's crust, should not be underestimated. Quartz is the most common variety of the silicates.

Post Card Collecting.

By E. A. Bailey.

Postal card collecting is a fad that should stand the storms of time as it is a hobby which embraces not only the beautiful, scenery, and comical cards, but cards showing places of historic interest, which appeals so strongly to the Philatelist.

The scenery post card, if taken from a truly beautiful object, is certainly a handsome addition to anybody's collection, whether their cards be numbered by the hundreds, or by the thousands, and any of these cards of the falls, rivers, and handsome buildings of this and other countries, show up well and add greatly to the attractiveness of the collection. The comic card is intended especially for people who possess a keen sense of the ridiculous, and when glancing over a collection which contains a number of comic cards, the observer can not fail to smile, or to notice that men of brains and wit were their designers.

The historic post card, the pride of a true Philatelist will, in my humble opinion, far outlive all other types of post cards as a hobby, for it is generally known that some people collect cards only for their commercial value, or because somebody else collects them, but the Philatelist enjoys especially the historic post card, not because of its commercial value, or attractiveness (for it may be taken from some old log cabin) but owing to the fact that it was taken from an authentic original, which has witnessed many scenes of the Revolutionary or Civil wars, or is itself a building erected by the early settlers in this country, and an American who is proud of the de-

velopment of this country, can not fail to love and cherish such tokens and remembrances of the country's early colonial days. I would advise everyone to collect all kinds of post cards, for a collection is hardly complete unless it embraces all three departments of the hobby, but if you desire especially cards in which you will never lose interest, which will never cease to be funny, and whose architectural and scenic beauty will never fade, I would suggest that you make a specialty of collecting historic post cards, which will not only increase in interest, but in authentic value as the years roll by, and the object from which they are taken crumble and decay in the course of time, and no more pictures can be taken therefrom, and these post cards will be the only things from which future generations will learn the true history of this country as it really was, and not as given in the various and sundry histories.

Less Space.

At 8 p. m , while Pa and Ma
Helped entertain, with Sis,
Both John and May in distant seats
Were far apart like this.

At 9 p. m., as Pa withdrew
And sought his room upstairs,
The lovers found some photographs
And nearer brought their chairs.

At 10 p. m., Mama decamped—
And then, ye gods! What bliss!
Those lovers sat till nearly one
About as close as this.

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Hints to Buyers of Oriental Antiquities.

By C W Anderson—Neary

Continued from last month.

They were made of powdered lapin-lazuli and consequently of a fine blue colour, but during the 17th dynasty red, purple, chocolate and yellow coloured scarabs were produced. It is quite as important to know what scarabs to buy as it is to be able to detect imitations for a large collection of meaningless object is of no interest to anyone. It is well to remember that the best glaze was made during the 12th and 13th Dynasties (Dynastic date to be explained hereafter) and the best colour and cutting during the 18th Dynasty with occasional exceptions. If a scarab is desired to be worn as a jewel, one of the fine blue or green Royal specimens be selected or else a brown or white scarab with an interesting inscription or one made of coloured hard stone. Royal scarabs are those which bear the cartouche or name of a King or Queen and are the most valuable for all collectors, yet there are many names which are missing. It was only in December 1904, just a few weeks ago, that the first scarab of the King Repti of the 5th Dynasty was found. The scarab Thothemes III, Amenhotep III, and Romeses the great are easily procured as they were made in great numbers. The theory has been advanced that the people in older days wore scarabs bearing the name of a dead king

so that the Royal good luck would follow the wearer. From the 11th to 16th Dynasties interesting scarabs were made with various sacred animals cut upon the bases, others show scroll designs which represent the flight of the soul to the other world. These latter designs formed the foundation of Egyptian and Greek decorative art and are well worth collecting. Scarabs with the various divinities are also very interesting when well cut as are also those with curious backs, also the 18th Dynasty scarabs with figures of kings slaying prisoners or with sphinxes surmounted by heads of divinities. The private name scarabs are rare and if one has the time to search for and the cash to purchase this class, they are well repaid in the end. There are a few symbols on scarabs which make them still more interesting, i, e, a hand and a crocodile were supposed to act as a medicine for the sick (according to a recently discovered papyrus.) the Hathor head chased away evil spirits, the head of the god Bes prevented evil dreams, two scorpions protected the wearer against the bad influence of both. The scarabs containing good wishes about complete the list of those worth collecting, unless one wishes to go in for a set consisting of all the different materials which were used. The gold and turquoise scarabs are perhaps the rarest as to material.

Egyptian mythology is a study of immense magnitude. During 5,000 years the many changes, owing to

local conditions and modifications in its various cults at its chief religion centers have combined to mix up the whole into a confused mass, yet the chief deities are easily distinguished by their forms and a collection of these figures in porcelain or bronzes of vast interest. They may be roughly divided into four classes; (1) human figures with some distinguishing mark; (2) human bodies with heads of animals, etc.; (3) animals and insects; (4) animals or insects with human heads. Of the human figures the following should be looked for: Osiris with various crowns, Guardian of the dead. Ptah as child and as a mummy, Guardian of Artists. Horns as a child with the side lock of hair. Amen-ra with feather crown, God of the Sun. Bes with a feather crown, God of the Toilette. Shu, with arms uplifted supporting the skies. H-p, God of the Cataracts. Isis, with crown, Goddess of Philae. Nephys with crown, Goddess of Sais. Maat with feather head-dress, Goddess of Truth. Isis and Horns, these two form the earliest conception of chaste Madonna. For human bodies with heads of animals etc., look for Ra with head of hawk as the sun god. Tehuti with head of ibis, as the moon god. Khenmus with Ram's head, as god of Elephantine. Bast with cats head, as goddess of joy. Sekhet, lion-headed sister of Bast. Anbis, jackal-headed god of the dead. Hathor, cow-headed goddess of love. Neb-ka-ha, the serpent-headed god. Sebek, the alligator

water-god. For animals, insects etc., look for the Hare of Osiris, Ram of Mendes, Cat of Bast, Lion of Sekhet, Ibis and Ape of Thoth, Hippopotamus of Toeris, Apis Bull of Memphis, Silurius first of Mehit, Hawk of Horns. Animals, etc., with human heads, look for the Cat symbolizing Bast, Scorpion symbolizing Sekhet and so on. The antiquities which are practically never imitated are amulets and charms so that the novice can collect these with small fear of buying false pieces, a partial list of those worth having would be Hati, a heart in the form of a vase, the Thet or buckle of Isis usually made in red material giving to the possessor the protection of Isis. The Dad or emblem the Nile, often seen in the Osiris pillar of a sculptors stand. The Sam, said to be the organs of throat but usually identified with the heart and large artery, is the emblem of reunion. The Maukhet, ornamented collar for allaying thirst. The Auka, emblem of life. Nit, emblem of Nieth. The Khon or Sun on the horizon. Hap, the carpenters square. The Hedj or white crown of upper Egypt. Dasher, red crown of lower Egypt. Sma or sacrificed bull to cure illness. Tebi, the two fingers placed upon the tongue of mummies. Onadj, sacred eye was buried under the sarcophagus to sanctify the surrounding sand and also worn about the neck. Maat, or the future of truth. Match, the lotus stem and blossom placed upon the neck of a mummy to insure eternal youth in the other

world. Ren, a cartouched shaped ornament sometimes bearing an inscribed royal name. Ursh or pillow to insure rest in the next world, lovely specimens may be found of this amulet in hermatite and sometimes in porcelain.

Ushabti figures made for people of note are found from time to time. Those of generals, princes, priests of Amen, prophets of Ptah and of the princesses of Thebes are occasionally discovered in a lot and well worth buying for those bearing royal cartouches are becoming rare and fetch good prices. Ushabti figures or Answers are in the various shapes of Osiris and made usually of stone green or blue glazed porcelain, etc., these were deposited in the tombs of the ancient dead to answer and perform for them the field labours decreed by Osiris, king of the under world and judge of the dead. The figures are frequently less than one inch in length and in modern days ornament watch chains and bracelets, etc. Many of the Ushabti have the hieroglyphics of royal names of various kings and queens, but these generally belong to some one named after a monarch unless the oval cartouche or Ren surrounds the name it is most likely the name is not royal. The inscriptions which are indented or painted perpendicular line of characters down usually the front of the Ushabti frequently announce the deceased as Osiris, then comes the title of the person, if one is possessed of title, next the given name and sometimes to more exactly identify deceased there is a further

statement giving family name. Very small figures seldom have inscriptions. Here are examples from figures found near Gizch of 26th Dynasty, "The Osiris, priest Im Hotel, son of Lasinahat, he was just of voice," "The Osiris prince chancellor, Haroeris, prophet of Bast, priest judging both gods, Ra Nefer-Ab, son of Rhrod-Le-Ahar. When the inscriptions are in horizontal lines, they are generally statements of the work which the Ushabti figure is willing to do for the deceased in the other world. Sometimes hundreds of these figures may be discovered in a single tomb of the same person and show signs of having being made by various artists as hieroglyphics having the same sound but of different form appear in the inscriptions on different specimens and the corrections made by the manufactures are also a guide and most interesting. These characters were either incised in the soft faience with a sharp tool before glazing and baking, or were painted in dark blue or black enamel and afterwards fired. After obtaining a few specimens it is well to wash them in benzine and after thoroughly drying to rub over some almond oil, this restores the dead surface and brings up the colour stone in a surprising manner almost equal to original appearance. Ushabti figures, or servants of deceased, are ever interesting even to the layman, for they sometimes have the form of a mummy and found in most varied colours, shapes and sizes. The larger ones are usually inscribed with the 6th chapter of the Book of the Dead, they were originally made of wood, but specimens are also found by copper, faience, stone and alabaster.

To be continued

Mandan and Arikara Notes.

The pumice stone which Geo. J. Remsburg of Potters, Kan., as also the early travelers up the Missouri speak of, is frequently found in our section of the Dakotas among the debris and the refuse piles of the ancient Mandan and Arikara village sites. It is a porous volcanic product (and for this reason I call it lava) of blueish, violet, brown or reddish color. While it is found on the village sites and as far underground as the deposits of rubbish reach, in smaller pieces up to the size of a small fist, showing use by either a smooth flat surface or by slight incisions and grooves, lumps of the same material are nothing uncommon of dimensions large enough to lift the cutterbar of a mower a foot or more higher than desired at the cutting of the wild thick grass between the conish clay and scorio hills in the scattered patches of Bad Lands here about.

The grooves or incisions in pieces of used lava found here are too narrow and slim for an indication of smoothing or polishing of arrow shafts. For that purpose flat sandstones were used in such a manner that two flat sandstone pieces were rubbed up and down the arrowshaft, thus gradually forming grooves, till finally the stone was rubbed down so thin that it broke in the groove. We find such sandstones among the debris of the earliest Mandan Indian villages as well as in the graves of the Arikara Indians of 1837 in the neighborhood of Fort Clark, till the flint lock gun of the white man took the place of bow and arrows. For the straightening of the green arrowshafts, the Sioux used their teeth. The Mandans and Arikara had a bone, generally a piece of a larger rib. They

used also other strong bones, with holes drilled through, for the purpose of bending and straightening their arrowshafts. At the same time they used such bone as a gage for the equal thickness of their arrowshafts. Such holes, as we find sometimes as many as four in one rib, are drilled by applying a flint drill. I have found drills of different size and shape, one just exactly of the same peculiar design as the one from Montgomery, Mo., which Mr. J. T. Bowne of Springfield, Mass., has sent me in exchange for potsherds and bone implements from our region. Flints were used to cut and shape bones and horn. Bones and horn, often softened in hot oil or grease, were applied in the manufacture of flint implements. The Mandan and Arikara arrowheads, knives, scrapers, and drills are all of a more refined finish than any flint implements of the eastern Indians that I have yet seen.

E. R. STEINBRUECK.

Mandan, North Dakota.

Uncle Sam's Diction.

Probably a small percentage of the people who use postal cards ever stop to read the legend which directs them where to write the address which they wish the card to reach. And even should they do so they probably have no idea how many attempts were made before the information was couched in satisfactory language, if indeed it is yet a permanent form. At first the card as

served:
"Nothing but the address can be placed on this side."

It was obvious, however, that any person sufficiently well educated could write whatever he chose on

he side designated, so the sentence was change to:

"Nothing but the address to be on this side."

This sounded like prophecy rather than instructive; so it was again changed to:

"Write only the address on this side"

This seems clear enough; but it was said that it precluded writing on the other side at all, so, the next effort ran:

"Write the address only on this side the message on the other."

This was judged clumsy, and moreover it seemed to forbid the writing of the address on the other side also, which, of course, a free American citizen ought to do, if he so chose. Then came:

"Write the address on this side, the message on the other."

This also was verbose and awkward and soon gave way to.

"This side is for the address only." Now, of course, the side in question is also for the printed stamp and necessary lettering; so condensation brought about.

"This side for address only."

But of late all this is changed, and the present issue of postal cards bear directions to the general public just as ambiguous as any of the earlier issues. Literally, one is not now forbidden to write messages on either end of the address side; but it is wiser not to do so.

Cutting down the advertising appropriation in the dull season is like cutting down your horses' rations—may save money the first week—but.

—Rusty Mike's Dairy.

Archaeological Research in Michigan

Prehistoric America, contains no better field for Archaeological research than Michigan, especially in the central and southern portions of the lower peninsula. That this locality was the home of an extensive population of the mystic people of the stone age is evidenced by the stone implements so plentifully distributed. The Counties of Huron, Tuscola Genessee, Shiawassee, Oakland and Wayne has bountifully contributed their share of Ancient art.

Probably one of the most complete and interesting private collections in the State is the collection of W. J. England of Caro, which was gathered by him during the past 15 years, and contains all the typical forms of implements found in the locality, such as Grooved axes, Celts, Pestles, Spears, Arrows, Drills, Pipes and Cermonial objects of various kinds. The collection of arrows is an exceptionally fine one and consists of a great variety of forms and sizes. Many of them being of the finest workmanship, the materials used being the usual flint, quartz, agate, etc. The collection contains some rare specimens of pottery and many implements of war of historic interest.

As one looks over a collection of those relics, which is about all the history that is left to tell us of the primitive past, our mind wanders back to the many years ago when this country was mostly a dense wilderness and the "Red men" went silently along the trail.

X. Y. Z. Michigan.

There is Money in Post Cards.

The post card idea first originated in Europe. In all of the continental countries it has obtained a wonderful development. While still young in years the Souvenir post card idea is becoming universal. Not only is it universal, but all indications are that it will be permanent. The reason for this is that post cards, as they are issued today, are not only very beautiful art subjects, but their educational value is very high. The pictorial representation of people and scenes, both geographical and historical, afford a high class of instruction besides being very interesting. These facts are best illustrated by the remark of a gentleman who was traveling in Switzerland. Speaking of his wife, whom he had left at home, he remarked: "She makes the journey with me," because of the fact that each day he mailed to her a number of post cards of the interesting places which he had visited.

There is no reason to believe that the idea will ever be given up owing to the fact that the idea is a very practical one. It is practical in the first place, because a pictorial representation is always better than a written description. Everyone will immediately appreciate this fact. The beauty of the scenery and the places visited can never be described in such a way as to take the place of a beautiful photograph. The second reason is; because souvenir post

cards do away with the necessity of writing long letters. The practical American has been very quick to appreciate this fact, and before very long he will be using more post cards than our German friends, who think nothing of mailing twenty-five post cards every day when traveling.

Large stores of this kind are now being operated in New York City, St. Louis and Chicago. These stores are fitted up exclusively throughout with nothing but souvenir post cards, which are retailed in the usual way. This is absolutely the strongest argument that can be brought as to the permanence of the post card idea, and the profits that may be realized by those who may undertake the business.

See the card ads in the WEST.

Collecting cards is one of the most interesting pastimes of intelligent people in all parts of the world. Many persons will be only too glad to exchange cards with any other collector.

Next to travelling nothing is so interesting as a collection of Pictures Post Cards. Travellers and tourists well know their value. Instead of writing long letters of places visited, they mail their friends cards, illustrating thereby what they wish to write—the cards tell the story better than a long letter and saves a lot of time by so doing.

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- dropped for non-payment of dues, all of whom have been duly notified.
63. W. J. Wurtell.
147. F. W. Wurtell.
255. E. G. L. Webb.
263. J. Perez Petinto (address unknown.)
340. A. H. D. Bazette.
341. A. M. Mackay.
342. Wm. Boyd.
343. K. M. Bell.
361. Jas. Wilson.

Yours faithfully,

F. B. ARCHER.
Sec'y-Treas.

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To the Members of the M. P. A.:

Dear Fellow Members—At the recent election and meeting of our society I had the honor to be elected President. This is a special favor and confidence you have in me and which is highly appreciated by me, and for which one and all accept my hearty thanks. I will endeavor to prove myself worthy and use all honorable means in the upbuilding of our association and in protection of its members. We need and want a clean and well organized organization, rivaling with None. Again thanking you and assuring you that it is with pleasure that I would like to hear from you all. Your obedient servant,

H. WENDT,
Dunlap, Iowa.

Secretary's Report.

Fellow Members: West is late on account of our reports not being in on time. As I had hung business on the nail for awhile, and have been away on a pleasure trip from which I have just returned, and am now going to take hold of M. P. A. work again, and can today again report a goodly list of new members.

Hoping you will all take hold and help me ring in a good big list of new members till Christmas, I am frater-

nally yours,

F. A. MUELLER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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Postal Card Fad.

M. P. A. Treasurer's Report from August 28 to October 25, 1905:

RECEIPTS.

| | |
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| On hand, Aug. 8, 28..... | \$21.83 |
| Received for applications and dues.. | 9.45 |
| | ----- |
| | \$31.28 |
| Due by Sales Dept..... | 2.00 |
| | ----- |
| Total | \$33.28 |

EXPENSES.

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| Total convention expenses, including badges, hotel and railroad fares | \$21.62 |
| Two rubber stamps..... | .40 |
| McKeels for report..... | 3.70 |
| West for report..... | 2.60 |
| Secretary's postage | 1.65 |
| | ----- |
| | \$29.97 |
| On hand Oct. 25..... | 1.31 |
| | ----- |
| | \$31.28 |
| Due from Sales Dept..... | 2.00 |
| | ----- |
| | \$33.28 |

F. A. MUELLER,
Treasurer.

Rutter with a fishy taste has aroused complaint in Australia where investigation has shown that the flavour had no connection with fish but is due to one or more of four micro-organisms. The rusty iron of cans was found to have a bad effect on milk and cream

A letter written by Abraham Lincoln in 1841, relating to political affairs in Illinois, one of a number of autographs collected by Mas. Geo. M. Moulton of Chicago and sold at auction New York brought \$100. An autograph poem signed by James Russell Lowell brought \$23. A one-page letter signed but not written by George Washington Feb. 20, 1790, sold for \$28.—Chicago Record Herald.

The souvenir postal fad is growing until it threatens to tear all the bands that have hitherto kept Cosmos from bursting. Mr. Joseph Goldman of New York, declares his house alone sells \$2 000,000 a year in Europe, in postal cards, and \$500,000 a year in this country.

"But the souvenir postal is yet in its infancy in this country," he added. "Europe has been enjoying the craze for years, and we are making souvenir cards for practically every country on the face of the globe.

For instance, we make cards bearing scenes of farthest Alaska, because the lone traveler in some lost canon hasn't time to stop his reindeer to buy a postal card—but we put them on sale in large cities, for the benefit of collectors. This branch of postal craze has grown immensely, and now the country is full of collectors, who buy in lots of 200 or more whenever they can run across a fresh line and put them by with their thousands. Yes, the collecting fad has taken a firm grip and is hanging on with the tenacity of a bulldog that has obtained a jaw-hold on some unwary tramp.

"We are getting out a new line in Baltimore now—souvenir cards of before and after the fire, and views of your prettiest corners and most famous markers in history. Our photographer comes on in advance of the line, and turns them in to be done up in colors. He works the same way everywhere, and we have photographers on the road now wherever there is anything to photograph."—Baltimore News.

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We have a large list of complaints to publish if no reply is made in the next number.

A. Huffman, of Denver, complains of N. Holden, of East Oakland, Calif.

E. Smith, of Illinois, complains of Arthur Weingarter, Rochester, N. Y. Says letters come back marked "Can't be found." Are there any others?

Mr. Imbler reports that Goulding of N. Y. has settled in full.

Does anyone know what has be-

come of Chas. Wilson who used to be in Hutchinson, Kans., and F. Plummer, of Denver, Colo.?

Atlas Stamp Co., of New York, sends a big list which we will publish in next number if not heard from.

A Unique Collection.

I have in my possession a collection of Southern literature which I prize very highly. This includes all manner of publications from 1840 to about 1875.

Among them are DeBows Review, Southern Quarterly, Review and several prominent ones. These contain some very interesting articles by the most renowned men of that day.

The subscription price of most of the magazines are \$5 per annum "payable in advance," the postage on each copy was about 12c and they are the size of such publications today. I also have copies in which are articles relative to the reduction of the postage rates. The print is very poor and many mistakes can be detected although on the last page a greater portion of them are mentioned and corrections made. Some very curious advertisements appear and the few illustrations are very rude.

Perhaps the most interesting are the article on the slavery question which is thoroughly debated by prominent writers. A most interesting article is one on the care of slaves and tells what foods are best adapted to them.

As a few numbers are not in my collection I would like to correspond with persons who have any numbers of old magazines and will purchase all I can use. G. EARLE WALKER.

Nebraska Philatelic Society.

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tel; Hopson & Brown, Omaha, Neb.

There are several offices in this so-
ciety which we hope to see
filled by next number, for Sales
Supt. Wendt wishes the society com-
bined in M. P. A. Would like to
hear all members' views.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Jesse Cramer from Denver to
Wakefield, Neb.

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Profits From Little Things

Picture post cards, which are now
so plentiful, bring to the govern-
ment a most profitable line of post-
al business. The rate, at a cent
each for carrying them through
the mail, amounts to about one
dollar and a quarter a pound vary-
ing somewhat with the weight of
the card. This compares advanta-
geously with the cent a pound on
newspapers, the eight cents on
books, and the sixteen cents on mer-
chandise. Letter mail would pay
twice the postal-card rate, even if
every letter weighed its full ounce.

The collecting habit, in other
ways, brings to the treasury many
an honest penny. All postage-

stamps which get into albums be-
fore being used are so much clear
profit, and although the greater
number of stamps in albums have
doubtless done postal service, there
is a natural preference among col-
lectors for new, clean ones. In
issues like those for the 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 differ-
ence between the face and the met-
allic 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
most 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.

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the more ready they may be to help
the next plan that is proposed for
beautifying what is about them.

Lincoln Letter Sells for \$100

A letter written by Abraham Lin-
coln in 1841, relating to political
affairs in Illinois, one of a number
of autographs collected by Mas. Geo.
M. Moulton of Chicago and sold at
auction New York brought
\$100. An autograph poem signed by
James Russell Lowell brought \$23.
A one-page letter signed but not
written by George Washington Feb.
20, 1790, sold for \$28.—Chicago
Record Herald.

Union Souvenir

Card Exchange.

A world-wide society for active post-card collectors. Organized April, 1904.

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- President—H. W. Lintz, Hebron, Ark.
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October, 1905.

As we desire to make THE UNION a society for active and honest card collectors only, it is absolutely necessary that each one promptly answer all cards sent by their fellow members. Any complaints we receive will be published as heretofore and the third complaint against the same member will mean that he is no longer considered a member of the society and his name will be dropped from our lists. We take these steps to protect our members, but cannot in any way guarantee or force replies from our members to outside parties who make it a practice of using our lists at their pleasure.

Change of Address.

- 125 August H. Hoffman, from 742 East 32nd street, Los Angeles, California, to 1219 South 10th street, Denver, Colorado.
 162 H. Lawrence Rogers, from Juniata, Pa., to 1602 11th street, Altoona, Pennsylvania.
 263. Donald Stuart, from St. Thomas, Ontario, to Aylmer, Ont.

Resignations.

133 Harold F. Kennerley, General Delivery, Portland, Oregon.

Expired Memberships.

71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 231, 232, 233 and 234. We wish to thank all those who have already renewed their memberships, and hope ALL delinquents will do so in the near future.

Complaints.

299 against 19, 30, 42, 67, 100, 134, 166, 175 and 186.

Election of Officers.

Dear Fellow Members: I herewith announce as candidate for the offices of President and Second Vice-President of THE UNION, Prof. Moritz Loewy and Mr. Earle K. Bryan; it being understood that the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be elected President, and the other candidate will be elected Second Vice-President. Please fill out the voting coupon at once and return to Secretary. Hoping that all members will take a hearty interest in the voting, I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

HERMAN J. FUNK,
Vice-President.

Voting Coupon.

Prof. M. Loewy.

Mr. Earle K. Bryan.

For President mark with X.
For Second Vice-President mark with O.

No. Sign

New Members.

- 281 John Hall, Union National Bank, Rochester, Minn.
 282 Mrs. W. W. Norton, Lime Rock, Conn.
 283 Felix de Prat y Delcourt, Captain del Regimiento San Fernando No. 11. Lugo, Galicia, Spain.

- 284 Charles Bertrand, Eleve Interne au Lyces, Oran, Algeria.
- 285 Leon Christman, Albertstrasse 15, Freinenu bei Berlin, Germany.
- 286 Henry Schott, 818 Lorain street, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 287 Prince de Maghans, Rue Vibbaria Colonna No. 14, Naples, Italy.
- 288 Miss B. Collard, Hikutaia, Thames, New Zealand.
- 289 Mss Hilda Farmer, 138 Eureka street, Ballarat East, Victoria.
- 290 Miss M. Corbett, Pioneer Hotel, Hikutaia, Thames, New Zealand.
- 291 Lindsay A. White, care of Hon. P. White, Pembroke, Ont., Canada.
- 292 Miss Marie L. Fapia y Jimenez, Truquilla, Peru.
- 293 Miss Margaret Biggs, 12 North High street, Columbus, Ohio.
- 294 Charles Moate, Sousse, Tunis.
- 295 John Waldie, 21 Jones street, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- 296 Miss Alice J. Dinsmore, 40 London avenue, Oneonta, N. Y.
- 297 J. Edw. Mueller, 352 Graham avenue Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 298 Maurice W. Holsten, 19 Schick Place, Chicago, Ill.
- 299 Dr. W. I. Mitchell, 1727 Church street, Galveston, Texas.
- 300 Frederick A. Boese, Box 825, Des Moines, Iowa.
- 301 Miss Maria Morelli, Padova, Italy.
- 302 Hagop Kasbarian, Ismidt, Turkey-in-Asia.
- 303 R. G. Slaton, P. O. Box 56, Rome, Georgia.
- 304 A. A. Mueller, 327 Nicollet avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 305 Edward E. Benson, Amityville P. O., N. Y.
- 306 Miss Florence M. Kaufman, Rome, N. Y.
- 307 C. Yamamota, care of S. Tobikawa, 24 Nichome, Sugamo, Tokio, Japan.
- 308 Wm. Beyer, 1006 Olive street, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 309 Penrose Young, Siegfried, Pa.
- 310 Chas. Edw. Cameron, 101 Victoria street, St. John, N. B., Canada.
- 311 Lewis Gibson, St. Thomas, Ont., Canada, Box 538.
- 312 Melles Helene et Marthe Ramella, Caracas, Venezuela.
- 313 James Wilson, Jr., 2723 C street, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 314 Miss M. Hays, 25 East 94th street, New York, N. Y.
- 315 Mevr. I. G. M. de Bruijn-Brinkman, Kelzersgracht 717, Amsterdam, Holland.
- 316 Anderson-Neary, Jones & Company, Alexandria, Egypt.
- 317 Miss D. Simpson, Napier, New Zealand.
- 318 Miss Augusta Fuller, Erie, Illinois.
- 319 George M. Doehereiner, 1100 North Eutaw street, Baltimore, Md.
- 320 Juan Roig Valls, Princesa 53-1, Barcelona, Spain.
- 321 W. M. Gonder, 1009 Green avenue, Altoona, Pa.
- 322 S. H. Lloyd, Ossining, N. Y.
- 323 Ed. Barrett, 15 South Marr street, Foud du Lac, Wisconsin.
- 324 Fred A. Holman, 41 City Road, St. John, N. B., Canada.
- 325 Miss Irma L. Ponscarne, 3117 Lucas avenue, St. Louis, Mo.
- 326 W. H. Roberts, Box 34, Grovania, Georgia.

Clouds of Dragon Flies Infest All Patagonia.

"A number of years ago" said J. M. Sutherland of California, "I was traveling in that desolate part of South Africa known as Patagonia, a region I do not care to visit a second time.

"Among its curious phenomena I distinctly remember the clouds of dragon flies which are to be seen on the barren plains. These insects fly before the strong winds that blow from the interior, and rush through in terror of the gale which they precede. Nearly all are blue, but now and then one is seen of a brilliant scarlet color. You encounter a storm of these flies without any warning of their approach, the air a few feet above the ground being darkened by them, and men and horses in their path become absolutely covered with them. They are larger, somewhat, than the ordinary dragon fly, being about three inches in length."—Washington Post.

INTERSTATE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Officers for 1905.

President—H. C. Griesel, 91 Front St., Portland, Ore.
Vice-Pres.—H. Moeller, 264 12th St., Portland, Ore.
Sec'y-Treas.—F. L. Applegate, Yainax, Ore.
Sales Supt.—Edwin Coswell, 191 Oreston St., Portland, Ore.
Trustees—H. C. Griesel, M. L. Gumbert and Peter Wagner, all of Portland, Ore.
Official Organ—The WEST.
Convention Seat—Portland, Ore.

I have to report the following new members whose names have not yet appeared in the official organ.

No 175—John D Trembath 315 1st St Calumet. Mich. Proposed by Applegate.

No 176—Tom Riley Jr. Eagle Point Oregon, Proposed by Gruesel.

No 177—Harry C. Redding, Monumental, Del Norte Co., Calif. Proposed by Applegate.

No 178 Louis M Dillon, 451 Tillamook St Portland, Oregon. Proposed by Wm A Jalley.

No 179—Thos Jones, 285 Yamhill St Portland, Ore. Proposed by Cowell.

No 180—O N Sanford, City Engineers office, San Francisco, Calif. Proposed by Griesel.

No 181—L H Eager, 402 Pine St Seattle, Wash Proposed by H C Fox

FRANK L. APPLGATE,
Secy-Treas. I P A

Report of the Secretary of the Interstate Philatelic Association.

The Ninth Annual Convention of the I. P. A. has been called by President Griesel for the 29th day of December, and we are assured of a good convention in Portland on that day. Nominations for all Officers for Convention List and for Official Organ will be received at this office until the 5th of December.

NEW MEMBERS.

I have to report one new member in addition to West list.

No. 182 I. L. Corless, 804 East 14th St. N., Portland, Oregon.

Proposed by E. Coswell.

FRANK L. APPLGATE,
Secy—Treas.

Call For The Ninth Annual Convention of The Interstate Philatelic Ass'n.

Portland, Oregon, Nov. 2nd, 1905.

To the members of the I. P. A.

In compliance with the requirements of the constitution of our Association, I hereby issue a call for our ninth annual convention to be held in the city of Portland, at 8 o'clock p. m., on December 29th, 1905.

I appoint as a committee on credentials for said convention, Messrs. Edwin Caswell, W. E. Whitehead and C. H. Precemer.

Let every member pull together to make this the greatest convention in the history of our Association. Every Portland member, also the members residing in nearby towns, should be on hand when the roll is called. Our two last conventions were not a credit to our society—let this one make up for our past failures. You owe it to yourself, to our society and to Philately to help make this the most successful meeting ever held in the Northwest.

Any nominations should be promptly forwarded to the Secretary.

Fraternally,
H. C. GRIESEL, President.

The Nebraska Camera Club

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

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Sec'y-Treas. - L. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.

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dolph

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Park Avenue

806 L E Higgins, Omaha, 2578
Harney St

APPLICATIONS

806 R Gerspacher, Grand Island,
Box 62

807 T A Heppelen, Beatrice, 1321
S 9th St.

808 x Harry Smith, Fremont, Care
Eno Hotel.

809 C W Bish, Weeping Water

810 H T Davis, Rushville, Bx L

811 A M Miles, P O clerk, Lincoln

812 x Gertrude Wells, Crete

813 Rose Gilmore, Lincoln

Beware of Dirt.

The photographer who thinks it makes no difference even if he does use the same tray for both toning and fixing, is making a great mistake. The loss of two or three batches of prints by there being a trace of hypo in the tray used for toning will do more actual damage, in the way of loss of material, than the cost of several trays. To the toning solution

hypo is dirt, and dirt is a great enemy to the photographer. There is other dirt and all is bad, but the using of a tray for one purpose, one day, and for something else, the next, is the worst.

Dirt on the lens may cause fog, at least dimness, on the plate it causes pinholes, on the prints it keeps the toning solution from doing its proper work, on the mount it prevents the print from lying smooth. If you employ too much dirt in your manipulations it will cause the cold chills to run down your backs when they look at your pictures. Keep everything clean,—it pays

Dense Negatives and Thin Ones

An Indiana subscriber writes to ask what causes these variations in the character of different negatives. By the way, the publishers office is responsible for the delay in my receiving this and some others of the questions for my department, several months late. Returning to the query, density is, when combined with contrast, characteristic of under exposure. It can also be caused by too strong a developer, particularly by one too strong in pyro, metol or whatever the agent may be. Excessive density can also be produced by allowing the developer to act for too long a time. The effect of the first can be remedied more or less according as the amount of under-exposure smaller or greater, by diluting the developer or by reducing the amount of pyro or other developing agent, or by doing both. The second and third causes mentioned suggest their own remedy. Soft negatives result from over exposure; too weak a developer, one too strong in alkali, or from too short a time in the developer. Too cold a solution acts as does a weak developer and too warm a one as a solution that is too strong.



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This service is Free to All Members. Enclose Postage.

To All Whom It May Concern:

Due care should be taken when dealing with Henry A. Chapman of Rocky Hill, Conn., a philocartist and a one-time member of the Pacific. He owes various members cards—including some of the officers—and seems to be unrelleable in his dealings, refusing to answer any mail or communications of any kind sent him. In addition, he alone knows what has become of the money in the treasuries of at least two philatelic societies of which he was treasurer. The officials of this society do not care to brand him as a fraud, but do advise members and all philocartists and philatelists to exercise caution when attempting to deal with him.

Trusting that this notice may be of benefit to some, we are,

The Management of the Pacific.

(Signed)

J. A. D. PARK,

President.

NORMAN L. SIMS,

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- 113 Mrs. Wm. A. Poole, Brant Rock, Mass.
114 Mrs. F. D. Carr, Box 227, Los Gatos, Cal.
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127 Jennie B. Kohn, 1428 5th St., So. Minneapolis, Minn.
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

- 108 Jas D. Ormsby, 677-679 Notre Dame
Ave. Care of A. B. Ormsby, Ltd.,
Winnipeg, Man., Canada.
33 W. A. Imbler, Compton, Calif., re-
spectfully requests that all mem-
bers refrain from sending him any
more cards for exchange on account
of illness.
58 Mrs. W. A. Imbler, Compton, Calif.

Printer's Errors.

Our new membership list of September has a couple of mistakes, and in justice to Benj. Solomon, 478 A Decatur St., Brooklyn, N. Y., his number should have been 26 instead of No. 25, as No. 25 does not exchange.

Also No. 2 exchanges, but not No. 3.

Metropolitan Fiscal Association.

President, C. W. Pepper, Elmwood, R. I.
Vice Pres. John Solomon, East Greenwich,
R. I.
Sales Supt. E. B. Penno, River Point, R. I.
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Exchange Mgr. C. Abbott Davis, 1131 Elmwood
Avenue, Prov.
Fee 100 Revenues, Dues 50c yearly. Official
Organ, "West"

At the last meeting an identification committee was elected consisting of Messrs. C. Abbott, Davis and G. W. Pepper. They will as far as possible, identify revenue stamps for members of the association. No charge will be made for the identification, but return postage should be enclosed.

Representatives have already been elected in two foreign countries, and

more are coming soon. The two already elected are Porto Rico;—Mr. Gabriel Ferrasa, Arecibo, Porto Rico.

England;—Mr. A. B. Kay,
2 Harlem Mansions,
West Kensington,
London W. England.

In order to give satisfaction to all, Exchange Manager Davis feels it necessary to re-examine the account balanced as mentioned above. To make this plan practical, it was decided to exclude from the exchange Dept. all stamps catalogued at more than 25c. This is only an experiment and will be continued only as it gives satisfaction. The higher priced stamps may be disposed of through the Sales Dept.

(Signed) WM. C. POLK, Sec'y.

"MINOR MENTION."

The "M. F. A." is now in full blast. Watch us grow.

Collectors of any kind of revenues should join us; we have good things or to say.

It is expected that the society will hold monthly meetings during the winter.

Speaking of Revenues, Pres. Pepper has them by the car load.

Exchange Supt Davis says he has something up his sleeve; keep an eye on him.

We have two foreign counsels now, and more are on the way.

Sales Supt. Penno has one circuit out already. There are more to follow and they are good ones.



CAMERA NEWS



Editor, F. J. CLUTE. San Francisco

Making a Camera Pay.

Amateur photography requires a more or less expenditure of money. The camera, plate-holders, developing-trays, measuring glasses and printing-frames, when once paid for, are permanent possessions which seldom require any further outlay; but plates and films disappear with astonishing rapidity, and there is a constant outgo for printing paper, chemicals, mounts and other incidentals. The problem of how to make the amusement profitable is of interest to many amateur photographers.

First of all, the young photographer must study his field. His opportunities may be greater in a large city than in the country, but they will be harder to discover and open to more competitors. The newspapers, weekly as well as daily, and national as well as local, are good customers for photographs which illustrate the news of the day; but this work requires great promptness, both of perception and execution.

Scenes in the path of a tornado, the debris of a railroad wreck, the ruins of a great fire, glimpses of important gatherings, such as the

Grand Army encampment, the annual convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor or the convocation of the House of Bishops—these are all matters of news, which if presented picturesquely find purchasers among the papers at good prices. Unusual snap-shot pictures of prominent persons, too, or of groups of persons, will often sell for a good price. But the young photographer should not forget that courtesy is more important than cash, and that the "camera fiend" may easily become a nuisance.

In most cities photographs of places or objects of historic interest, if placed on view in conspicuous shop windows, find a steady sale. Such objects are fine public buildings, monuments, birthplaces of noted persons, and occasionally a famous tree. Scenes of unusual beauty in public parks are also in good demand, both among residents and among visitors.

The public libraries and the collections of historical societies are good hunting grounds for the young city amateur photographer. If he watches the newspaper closely, he will often find notices of coming anniversaries or celebrations, for

which objects in the libraries and historical society collections will furnish good illustrations, salable in other cities as well as in his own. A forgotten or little-known portrait of some noted character will frequently bring an especially good price, and may be "syndicated," that is, sold by agreement to one paper in each of several cities.

There is always a demand for views, both interior and exterior, of historic churches, such as the old Missions of California, St. Michael's in Charleston, and Christ Church ("Paul Revere's") or the Old South in Boston. The sexton, since he is so often called upon to show visitors about, is the best person to act as agent for these photographs.

To the dweller in the country, town or the suburban village, opportunities for making money with a camera are more common and easier to discover, although perhaps less important. First comes the reproduction of attractive local scenes which have pleasant associations for residents and visitors.

The "old home week" celebrations offer peculiarly good opportunities for the sale of pictures of this sort. One young photographer cleared a very pretty neat little sum by printing his pictures on postal cards, which he sold for three and five cents apiece.

The reproduction of family portraits—old paintings or drawings, old photographs or daguerreotypes is another opening for the wide-

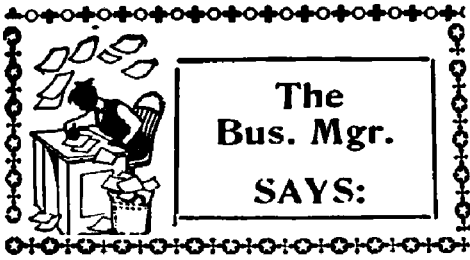
awake youth. It requires good lenses and skill, but it is within the reach of the ambitious. Attractive photographs of private houses will often appeal to the dwellers. Photographs of houses that are for sale or to rent are often desired by real estate agents.

The making of pictures of school groups or buildings is often a source of good profit. The football and baseball and basketball teams, and the officers of classes are always possible subjects.

Photographs of pets and of live stock have become a sort of specialty with one young photographer whose home is in the country, and another, who lives in a city, makes a business of calling upon parents whose homes have been blessed with a new baby, and who want photographs of it at once.

These are but a few of the countless ways in which the boy or girl with a camera can pick up a dollar here and a quarter there. Other ways, which depend upon particular local conditions or peculiar ingenuity, will present themselves to the alert. But it may be said with certainty that no one will make a camera pay who waits for chances to come to him. Wherever he lives and whatever field he cultivates, he will have to look for his opportunities himself.—Youth's Companion.

The study of pictures probably constitutes, for those who really care for it, a source of rest, delight, inspiration and profit second to none within the reach of everyday people.
—M. S. Emery.



Delayed as usual by the printers on the past six issues. We expect to make a change next month, to be more on time, for our circulation is increasing so fast. All those subscribers will have their subscriptions extended by delays and missing issues.

Pleased to hear from any printers who are out of work, as strikes makes it hard to get enough help, is why we wish names of any of our readers who are printers or have friends that are, to let us know at once.

We find that the WEST is not the only one to be late this year. Some of the leading photo and other journals have advanced dates.

Our next number we expect as usual a larger holiday number than has been, and have some of our best mss. and photo illustrations to use in it, that any reader will find well worth the price, and will start an England department going again.

One of the most handy accident emergency cases for the injured is got out by the U. S. Emergency Case Co., of Utica, N. Y. Will pay to ask them for prices.

"Picture Making for Pleasure and Profit," is one of the best books of its kind we have seen, and it will

pay you to ask F. J. Drake & Co. of Chicago, regards same. See their ad on another page on law books.

We are glad to see Washington, D. C., and Denver form local societies. It is what every city needs.

Another book for anyone who has been a salesman or who has not. It is the best of its kind got out, namely, Tales of the Road. This is a book that will help you to sell and pay dividends. We can offer it with the WEST at \$1.75 and include a year's subscription. Can write to the publishers.

How many readers have Nebraska wild cat money or paper bills used during the civil war? Pleased to hear from all

We are shy the three issues so the WEST, June, July and September numbers, and offer two months' subscription for each copy sent the WEST.

Our delays of the WEST being late has so far been caused by the printers that we hope to remedy next month, and trust may be better than ever, for the coming issues to make up for what should have been, for if you have any notes, clippings or article on any hobby, will be pleased to see it' as well as photos.

Eratta in ads of W. H. Hodge of Chicago.

Price of — 1895 is 10c and year 1900, not 1809. We expect to show illustrations of this dealer and other collectors in the next issue.

P. G. Beals, of Boston, 1000 hinges 35c, should be 10,000 hinges, not 1,000.



American Camera Club Exchange

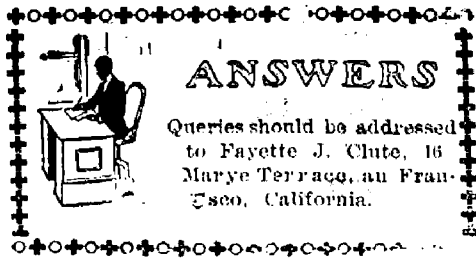
President—H. V. Thornton, 304. N State St.
Chicago, Illinois

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

Why not become a member? It costs you nothing if a subscriber. Membership card sent for 5c, Foreign 10c.

The ones marked x are souvenir post card collectors.

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- 7 xE R True, 307 E 20 St, Pittsburg, Kas
- x8 W Speasley, Bx 20, Christchurch, New Zealand
- x9 L Leesh, Reims, France
- 5590 Ted Kite, 4 Salisbury Terrace, Ramsgate, Eng.
- 1 xR W Genouque, 96 Wall St, New York City
- 2 xR Lomax, Manor House, Darwin, England, Lancashire
- 3 xH I Jackman, St John, N B, Canada
- 4 xM C Nelson, 49 Quincey St, Washington, D C
- 5 xA H Wright, San Diego, Calif
- 6 xGertrude Wells, Crete, Neb
- 7 xAlice Charette, Montreal, Can, 651 Boulevard St Joseph
- 8 xJas L Hobson, San Bernardino, Calif
- 9 xJ R Brown, Mosgiel, New Zealand
- 5600 xW Rathbrok, Chicago, 18 Pearson St
- 1 M A Brunner, Chicago, 4527 Vincennes Ave
- 2 W Bird, Floral Park, N Y, Bx 78
- 3 W Roberts, Bx 34, Gravonia, Ga
- 4 E J Linson, Kingston, N Y, 113 Fair St
- 5 H C Stuart, Morris Plain, N J State Hospital
- 6 M Gibbs, Glenville, Penn
- 7 L O Philbrick, Haverhill, Mass, 195 Lawrence St
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- 9 C D Eppley, Bx 103, Marysville, Penn
- 5610 L Brown, Brockton, Mass, 343 Ceter St.
- 1 L K Haucke, 191 W Main St, Springfield, O
- 2 Mrs C Townsend, Taunton, Mass, 61 Broadway
- 3 xJ R McFarren, Diller, Neb
- 4 W A Semple, Norwalk, Ct
- 5 Jesse Cochran, 120 W 12 St, N Y City
- 6 J P Case, Merville, Ia
- 7 Wesley Currier, Nicolett, Minn
- 8 J P Paulson, Jr, Milwaukee, Wis, 1807 Vilet St
- 9 xL W Spicer, Albert Lea, Minn
- 5620 xG L Brightman, Westport Point, Mass
- 1 xC S Moss, Charles City, Ia
- 3 T P Hepperlen, Beatrice, Neb
- 4 H M Smith, Fremont, Neb, Care Eno Hotel
- 5 C W Bish, Weeping Water, Neb
- 6 xChas M Kepple, York, Penn, 336 S Duke St
- 7 xE M Jones, New Britian, Ct, 77 Maple St



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

Portraiture With A Supplementary Lens.

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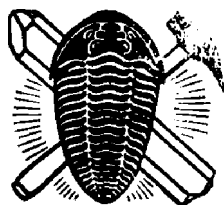
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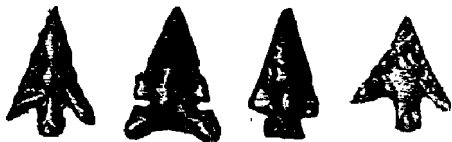
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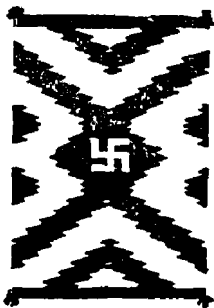
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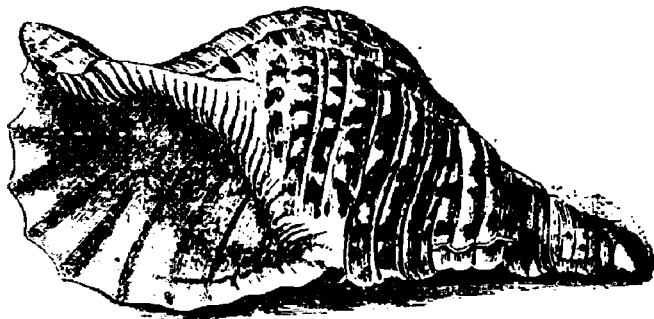
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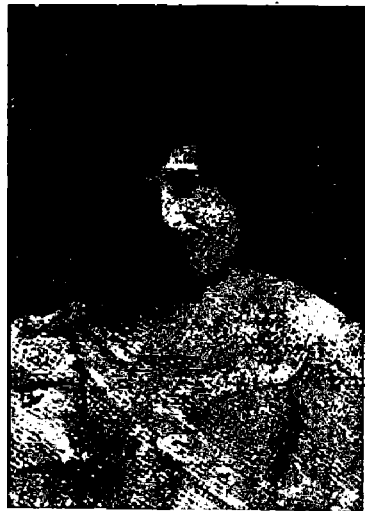
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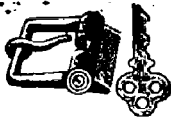
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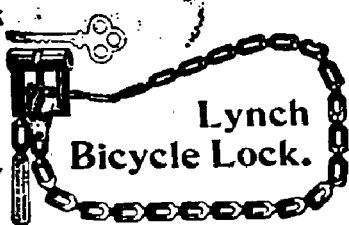


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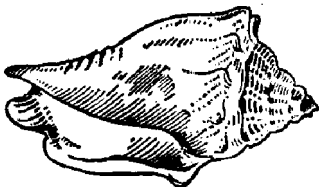
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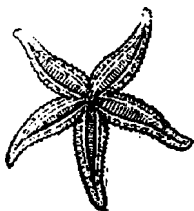
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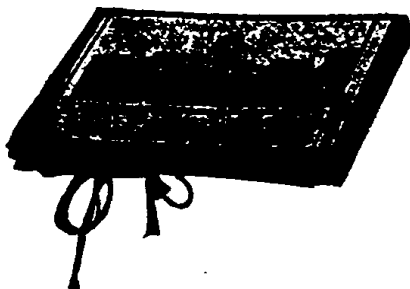
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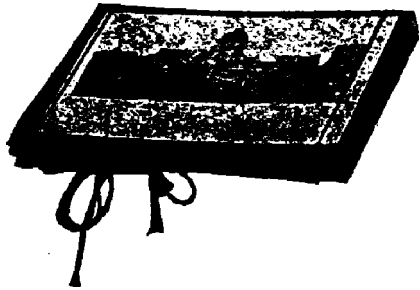
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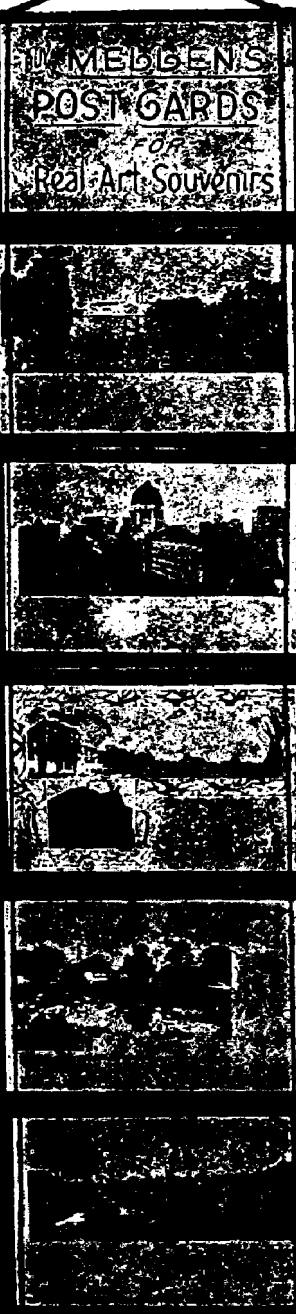
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| Four different Australian coins, copper | .11 |
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| Ten different old German base silver coins | .30 |
| Five different, same | .17 |
| Ceylon, 1890, ¼ cent, Palm-tree, bright red | .04 |
| Straits Settlements, 1862, cent fine | .05 |
| Brazil, 1869, 20 reis of Dom Pedro, bright red | .07 |
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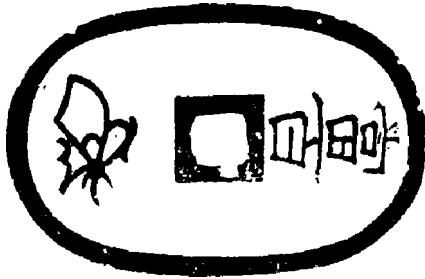
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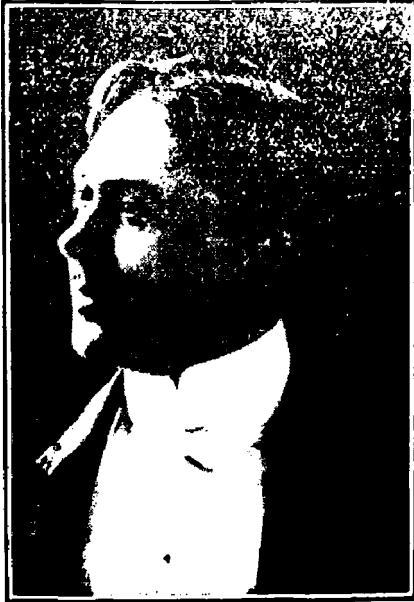
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| x | 1901 1c green, black centre inverted, well cent. o g | 25 00 | 15 00 | x | " 1882 20c red brown o g. 1 50 60 |
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| x | Confed State 1863 20c green og | 25 | 10 | Hawaiian Is | 1882 15c redbrown 2 50 1 15 |
| x | " 1864 1c orange o g | 1 00 | 45 | x | " 1893 12c black o g 60 30 |
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| x | Argentina 1858-61 5c red o g | 08 | 04 | x | " 5l rose red o g. 3 50 1 75 |
| x | " 10c green o g | 18 | 09 | x | Labuan 1892 12c ultram o g. 35 15 |
| x | " 5c red o g | 25 | 10 | x | " 16c gray o g..... 45 22 |
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| x | " 30 orange o g | 20 | 10 | x | N Brunswick 1860 12 1/2 blue og 40 20 |
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| 50 Blank approval sheets | | .10 |
| 100 " " " | | .25 |
| with name and address | | .25 |
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| 100 approval return sheets | | .15 |
| 300 " " " | | .15 |
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| 6c | 10 | | 5 |
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| *10c | 25 | | 12 |
| *12c | 50 | | 22 |
| 15c | 25 | | 12 |
| *1c var | 1 00 | | 50 |
| 30c | 50 | | 22 |
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| 25 | 25 | 13 | 60 |
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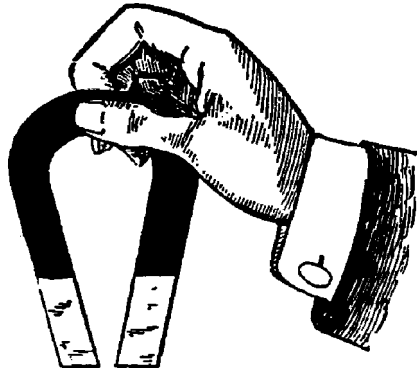
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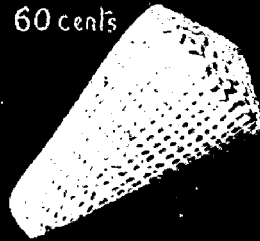
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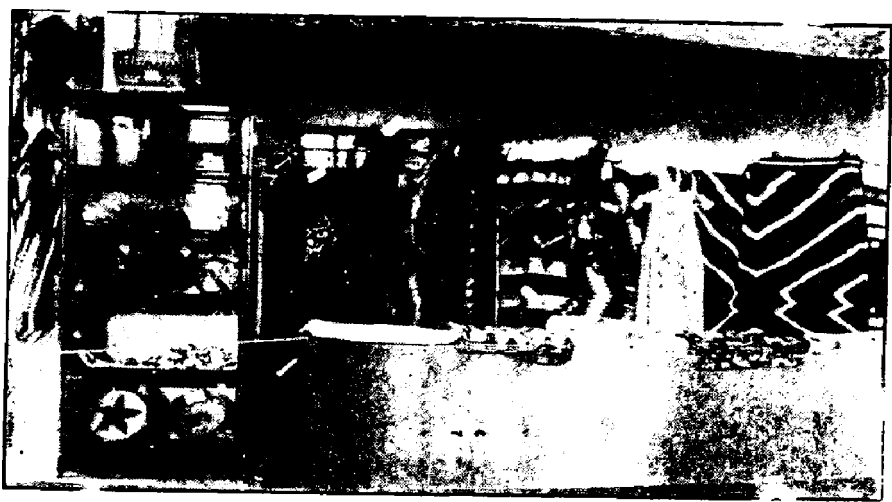
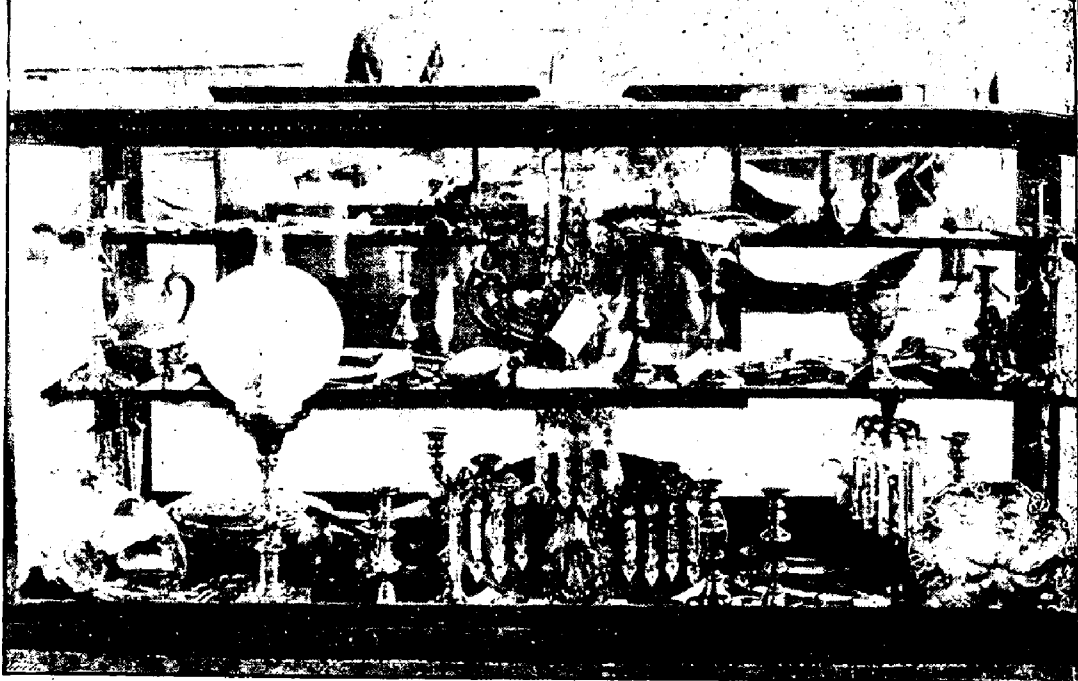
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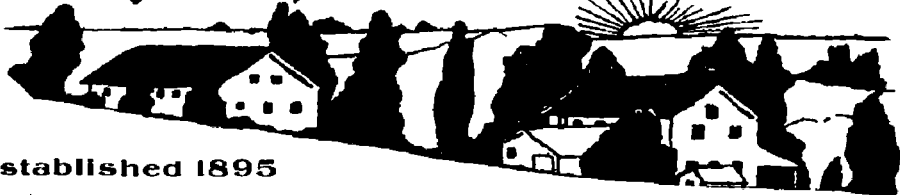


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By L. G. Dorpat.

This was carried by the "Kaiser Wilhem II." of the North German Lloyd between Bremen and New York. At Bremer Haven it got 500 sacks, at Southampton it got 1920 more and 420 at Cherbourg. This makes 2840 sacks in all, weighing 170,000 pounds. 320,000 letters were assorted on the way. Some were there from nearly every state in Europe and some from Asia and some from Africa. They were directed partly to the United States, and partly to Mexico, Central America, South America, the West Indies, Samoa and Japan. The stamps on them must have represented a pretty fair collection of the current stamps of more than half of the world, at least the civilized world, or christian world. The occasion for this extraordinarily large mail was the Christmas holidays and New Year, when christian people are wont to send presents to or communicate with their friends.

Our advice may not be very valuable, but collectors who consider the business side of philately will not find a small sum wasted if invested in the current Great Britain stamps on ordinary paper. The 2 | 6, 5 | -, 10 | -, and 20 | - values are certain to become rare.

Norway's King

By Rev. Dorpat

The stamps of Norway have been a favorite with many collectors. They are clean from doubtful issues. They are pretty and they are cheap. Some of the early issues, unused, are dear enough to give them favor in the eyes of those who look for rarities only. The portrait of two kings on the stamps of Norway. The issue of 1856 bears a profile likeness of Oscar I., and the kronor values of the issue of 1878 bear an image of Oscar II. Both were kings of Norway and Sweden jointly. Last summer Norway severed its union with Sweden and has now elected its own King in the person of Prince Carl of Denmark, who upon the assumption of his new role assumed the name: Haakon VII. His wife, the princess Maud Alexandra of Wales, daughter of King Edward of England, assumed the name: Margarethe. This assumption of new names might seem a little foolish to us, if we do not consider the reason of it. The London Times quoted in Current Literature says: "He will be crowned king under the name of Haakon VII. in remembrance of the day when a Norse king ruled over a fully independent kingdom of Norway. The name of this king who died in 1380, was Haakon VI. The new name for her Royal Highness recalls the memory of this very King Haakon's wife, a lady who fills a great place in the northern history because she, already the reigning Queen of Denmark, brought Norway and Sweden under her mighty sceptre and in 1397 formed the great union of all the northern countries which is now again a dream of the future in modern form." Thus we see that these new names are full of significance and that the assumption of them was evidently prompted by lofty reasons and an ideal, noble purpose. The royal couple evidently desires to incorporate two sentiments, that of Norway's independent sovereignty and that of Scandinavian union or friendship. If the truth has been said about these two children of humanity, they are as fine and worthy specimens as could be found for the honor of being raised to the throne by a people's election. The Paris Matin, also quoted in Current Literature, says of the Prince: "He is never seen out of humor—there appears to be no circumstance that can throw a wet blanket over the surface of his disposition. He is cheerfulness itself, not cheerful in the flamboyant, volatile style,—but in his own quiet, ready, sympathetic way. He is not a jolly prince but a kindly one. His wife adores him—but "ho does not?" Of the princess it is said, that she hesitated to accept the honors and duties of royalty, and that she yielded only to the wish of her father. This seems to show that she is a sensible lady and not given to vanity. The London Daily News, quoted in the Literary Digest, says: "The King of Norway will be less a monarch than a hereditary president, and we may be sure that the Norwegians will remain the arbiters of their own policy." This is also indicated by the fact that before the Prince accepted his election it was agreed, that in the event of his deposition a life pension would be granted him." We may now expect that before long his portrait will appear on the stamps of Norway, and that thus the features of Haakon VII. may become as familiar to philatelists as those of the two Oscars. May we hope that the character of Norway's stamp issue may not be changed.



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By R. R. Thiele

I have been favored with a review copy of Sr. Miguel Galvez' (Jimenez) the standard catalogue of Spain. It is a neat volume of 790 pages in the usual pocket size, printed in only one column to the page and fairly well illustrated, the cuts being of the normal size of the stamps. The lists upon the whole do not enter into details and minor varieties as copiously as we are accustomed to see it done in Scott, Stanley Gibbons, Kohl and the Catalogue Official. The lists of Spain and Colonies are naturally somewhat more elaborate and here, as elsewhere in the book there are numerous explanatory notes. A feature of interest is the inclusion of telegraph stamps with the stamps of each country, though these lists are likewise none too complete, as witness that under United States. Nevertheless the catalogue can well be recommended to collectors conversant with the Spanish tongue, as it is an exchange basis throughout South America. The price of 3 pesetas (and 70 centimes postage) is well worth the investment.

No. 299 of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* brings the following item of interest:

"A decree dated June 23d last inserted in the Official Journal of Lisbon announces that the separate issues for the districts of Angra, Horat and Ponta Delgada are to be suppressed and to be replaced by a single set bearing the word *ACORES* as before. This will make still one more set to sell to collectors, only to return a little later to separate issues".

One hates to entertain such base suspicions, but it is true that Portugal's record has made one somewhat doubtful of her issues.

M. Maury relates a comical instance of a disgruntled speculator. His attention had lately been called to certain provisionals of Reunion which were mutilated by knife cuts, evidently intentionally. No reason could be assigned for this barbarical maltreatment until M. Maury received a letter from St Denis explaining the mystery. A certain bank employee at St. Denis, Reunion, had laid by a large stock—the larger part of all issued—of certain surcharges (5 on 50c and 15 on 1 fr.) expecting to reap a harvest. But there were considerable quantities in the market nevertheless and his speculation fell quite flat. So as to get some returns for his money he used numbers of the provisionals in the bank for ordinary postage; but lest these specimens should still more spoil his market, he deliberately cut a nick out of each stamp with knife or scissors, thus rendering them practically valueless for collectors. A mean trick, isn't it?

In No. 60 of *Est Filatelico Espanol* I find the news from the Argentine Republic that a society known as the "Damas de Beneficencia" at Buenos

Aires has been authorized by the Government to issue a special stamp which may carry mail between Dec 15th, 1905, and Jan. 1st., 1906, provided it bears in addition the regular postage. The stamp has to be approved by the Post Office Department and the society must account to the Department for the stamps. They are evidently not postage stamps in the proper sense of the word, as it seems they do not really carry the mail.

No. 6 of *De Nederlandsche Philatelist* reports that a correspondent in Johannesburg writes to the effect that the bi-colored stamps of Transvaal in future are to be issued in only one color

No. 18 of *Le Journal des Philatelistes* devotes itself largely to an illustrated article relative to the Bordeaux issue of France which undertakes to show that all the value of this issue were independently drawn, not made by transfers from one original die. The difference can be seen especially clearly by comprising the profiles of the head of Ceres, which differs on all values: the difference between Type I of the 20c and the other two types of this value is especially striking and is easily accounted for by the fact that Type I was the work of M. Dambourges, while the others were drawn by M. Yon. Another point of divergence is found in the left upper part of the grape leaf: its profile differs on all the values.

In the course of another very valuable continued article on the stamps of France I find the information (which I confess, was new to me) that the head of the new values of the 1862—laureated—issue of France is not identical with that of the higher values; there were two separate engravings. The head of the lower values was afterwards utilized for the large 5fr. stamps. If you have good eyes you can easily satisfy yourself whether this is the case.

Some papers have chronicled the current 5c stamp of Chile with surcharge "Avis de paiement" as a kind of return receipt stamp.

No. 22 of the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* has a letter from a Valparaiso correspondent in which he says that this is merely a cancellation. If you send money from Chile to foreign countries and want a receipt returned to you on payment to the addressee, you stick a 5c stamp on a space provided for the purpose on the money order; this stamp is then cancelled with a handstamp showing the words in question—and there you have your surcharge! Stamps bearing this cancellation can, of course not be purchased at the postoffices.

In regard to the late provisionals of the Danish West Indies, 5 bit on 4c, 5c and 8c, the same paper has some interesting information from Fredikstad (St. Croix). I quote as follows: "These three provisionals were issued only at St. Thomas and were sold out in half an hour. The purchaser was the Danish West Indian Bank and it bought the whole supply for the purpose of franking the correspondence between its various branches. As soon as the stamps have been used, they are sold to a physician in St. Thomas who in turn is to dispose of them to collectors. The profit is to be used for the erection of an asylum for lepers which is planned on the island".

The purpose is laudable, the means less so. Still it will afford some satisfaction to collectors to know that in buying these provisionals they are aiding so worthy a charity. Nevertheless there is a nigger in the fence somewhere, for according to the above these stamps ought to reach the market only in used condition, while, if I am not very much mistaken, I have seen them advertised unused.

No. 302 of *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* is the first of our exchanges to illustrate the designs for the new Italian stamps: two of them are said to be intended for Eritrea. If I am to summarize my impression of them, I must say that they are simply dreadful. They are of course in the height of the new art. If national pride would permit the Italian authorities to entrust our Bureau Engraving and Printing or the American Bank Note Company or Waterlow & Son or Bradbury, Wilkinson & Company with the task of getting out a new set, they would have something to show for it: as it is, I can only hope that these designs may die stillborn. Nevertheless they were to appear this month (January 1906.)

Our readers may have read elsewhere the fact of the demise of Grand Duke Adolph of Luxemburg, whose portrait is well known to us from the stamps bearing it. He is succeeded by his son William, aged 53: we shall no doubt shortly have a new set bearing his picture.

The same paper is the first to illustrate the new coat-of-arms of the Philippines: I do not recall having seen it depicted in an American paper as yet. It consists of a shield, whose upper third is blue, while the lower two thirds bear the red and white stripes of our arms. On this shield is displayed an oval bearing the arms of Manila: in the upper half on a red field a golden turret, in the lower half on a blue field a silver lion with fish tail. The whole is surmounted by the American eagle and the legend on the scroll beneath is "Philippine islands." The arms for the Panama Canal Zone are likewise described as follows: a galleon under full sail between two high banks, the sun setting in the distance: motto: "The land divided, the world united."

In No. 5 of the *Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung* Dr. von Blasini has an interesting study on the provisional issue of Popayan (Cauca, Colombia): they are the typeset issue catalogued in Scott under Cauca as Nos. 8-11. They were printed at Cali, as everything in the stamp line at Popayan was completely exhausted during the civil war. Both values were printed in sheets of 10; of the 10c there were printed 7680, of the 20c 5120, but there was some waste and only 7400 of the 10c and 4800 of the 20c were delivered to the office at Popayan. They are wrongly catalogued under Cauca, by the way, as they were a federal issue. They were in use from July 1902 and were exhausted within several months, though a few are met with used in 1903. 600 of either value were used at the small office of Pasto near Popayan, about 500 reached Europe unused. Hence these provisionals are rather rare birds. As is usual in typeset stamps, there are as many varieties as stamps in the sheet, and Dr. von Blasini illustrates a complete sheet of each value.

Some of the varieties values of the 1876 issue of Antioquia are known with the center perfectly blank; they have always been looked upon as prin-

ters' waste or worse. In No. 18 of *El Coleccionista* (Bogota) I find official document rehabilitating some of them. In reply to an inquiry the Postmaster General of Antioquia certifies at Medellin under date of Sept. 16, 1905, that "the postage stamps issued in 1896 of the value of 2 and 5 pesos and having the center blank were used for carrying correspondence at this office (Medellin) and the others of the Department Postoffice." The document is signed by Padra A. Beanal.—This ought to entitle them to admission to future catalogues.

The Standard Catalogue

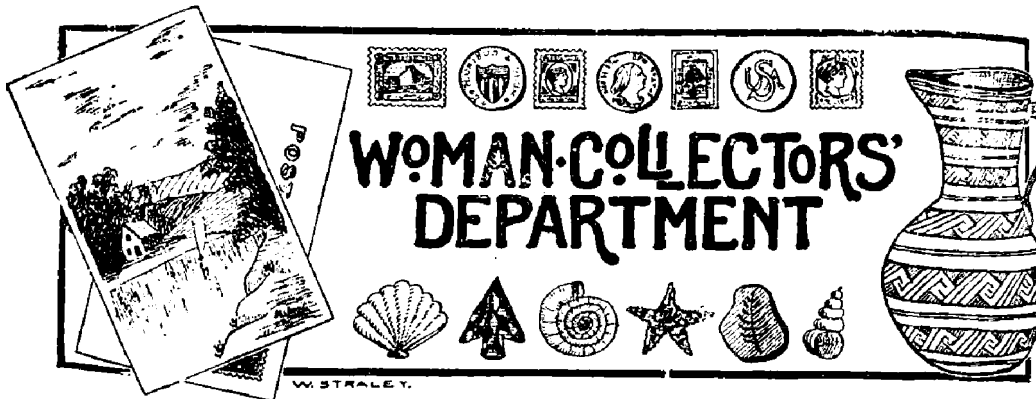
By August H. Hoffman

I heartily agree with Mr. Huff in his article, What the Standard Catalogue should be. There certainly would be more collectors from foreign countries, exchanging stamps with collectors from this country. Of course there is Kohl's, Senfs, Gibbons, and other catalogues, but if a collector from the United States wishes to exchange stamps with one in England, he would naturally have to have an English catalogue, if he wished to exchange with a German correspondent, would have to have a German catalogue, same with France, and many others. I know by experience. You correspond with a collector in a foreign country, you tell him what catalogue you go by, nine times out of ten he has another one. I also agree with Mr. Huff on pricing stamps. Let us have a catalogue we can rely on—by all means let us have one. I also believe in pricing the catalogue for about 25c. Because many new collectors wonder why 58c or 75c is charged. Like one party wrote me, (he is connected with a large publishing house.) "We turn out books, of course they are stories, cloth bound about 500 to 600 pages in for 8c and 9c each," I answered him on account of numerous illustrations in book was reason of more outlay of money than an ordinary book and explained everything in full. But I never heard of him since. I believe if 25 cents were charged for a catalogue, there could be so many more catalogues given out. Another thing—why restrict one so he cannot give a premium? If this restriction were cut off and you had a collector, say beginner purchasing from you and you knew he had no catalogue, make him a present of a catalogue if he purchases so much. This would increase one's sales and always be more demand for catalogues.

By all means let us have an international catalogue.

A German dealer recently sold to a Russian nobleman two 2c British Guiana stamp, issued in 1850. The history attached to the stamps is truly remarkable. A Georgetown lady finding them amongst a bundle of old papers, placed them in the church offertory box. The minister sold the stamps by auction for \$1000, and a few months later they again changed hands for \$3250 showing a clear profit of \$2225 to the first purchaser. The sum of \$3900 was paid for the stamps by the German dealer to the second purchaser.

Don't kick when a paper charges you something extra for preferred position. You get more for corner lots yourself.



By Verna Weston Hartway

Even though the Yuletide is already far back in memories' perspective the gift season never ceases.

The Ethics of Giving: And perhaps a few words on the custom of giving will not be out of place here. There is an ethics of giving as well as an ethics of reading, of wanting, of living. A gift bears a relation to the giver and the recipient almost spiritual, when it is given with a genuine love of the giving—an unselfish and disinterested spirit.

That little crippled boy across the street will find pleasure for many days, weeks and months in a printed album, a packet of stamps, hinges and a catalog. And in spite of his infirmities he imagines himself in the jungles on the desert with Stanley, as all boys do, will not a packet of "menagerie stamps" be a source of keen delight?

And instead of giving brother, husband or sweetheart or relative a box of cigars, or the omniscient necktie give him a little volume on the fascinations of stamps—collecting. He may whistle at the gift, but it won't be worse than the box of cigars purchased by a woman is usually. And if he can be induced to read it he may thank you for many a day.

A Warning from Cornelius Wrinkle: Cornelius Wrinkle of Gibbon's Stamp Weekly is responsible for many a skit, but perhaps he has never given his collecting brethren quite such a tip as the following:

"The predominant partner in the case of the much married collector has to be reckoned with, but I have a never failing way with Mrs. Cornelius which I would recommend to fellow collectors. When there is a storm brewing over the inevitable question of extravagance in buying old postage stamps, and the predominant partner feels that a bit of feminine extravagance to which she had looked forward cannot be had because, as she asserts, of those old stamps, make a show of sacrificing some valuable duplicate to provide the coveted article. A judicious pursuit of this policy has quite won over Mrs. Cornelius. Indeed, the other day she quite startled me by saying she thought she would start collecting English herself. I had been a bit too lavish."

Stamps and Coins: But the following from a clergyman is quite serious. The Rev. Alfred Wood in McKeels' Weekly says: "But for the science of

Philately man would not know so well the different colours. The stamp collector is better able to get the correct colour in ribbon his wife commissions him to bring, because he knows a carmine from a scarlet stamp." Dear! Dear! Can this be a move by the Reverend gentleman on behalf of the sterner sex, to induce the gentler sex to deal gently with his foibles? The hint, though delicate, must certainly be meant as a hint, on the theory that a word to the wise is sufficient.

The increasing fad for making cushions out of the leather postal cards is very unique. The cards are sewed together with coarse leather thread or cords. The cushion when completed is bound with leather or buckskin rope. They make very pretty additions to the collector's den, the living room, billiard room, or library.

Some Ornaments: I read somewhere the other day of a new idea for putting postage stamps to practical use.

A lady entered a certain consul's office, so the story runs, and asked if he could spare a few foreign postage stamps. He smilingly handed her a few and asked if she collected. "Oh no! I intend to make an umbrella stand of them." The consul expressed his surprise and doubt as to how this would be possible, and was informed that the plumbers had left behind them a large leaden pipe after doing some work. "I mean to paste on it. I am sure it will make a very charming and unique umbrella holder. Thank you so much," and she fitted out. It is said the gentleman, who was a collector, quite collapsed.

Kate Masterson, of the Philadelphia Press, in a talk with business women in a large city, advises them to collect postage stamps as a pastime for leisure hours, and as a preventative of loneliness and ennui.

A New Cure for Consumption

The recent discovery of an alleged cure for consumption by the German savant Professor Behring has turned the thoughts of many interested people to this dread disease, which slays annually some 60,000 persons in England and Wales. The work done for the curing of this scourge to humanity is international, the Congress where Prof. Behring made his announcement being held in Paris. That great interest is also taken in Spain in the discovering of a cure is shown by a philatelic curiosity, which is a postage stamp for franking letters of those officially attending a congress in Spain dealing with tuberculosis. Very little is known of this curious stamp by ordinary collectors, the legend simply reading "national assistance to consumptives, free carriage," and if any of our readers can give us any exact information on the point we should be grateful. A good many postal officials suffer from consumption, and there is a movement on foot for building a sanatorium for arresting the disease in its early stages among postmen which deserves the hearty support of all postcard users, and about which we may have something more to say in an early issue.

The reduction of the post card rate from Australia to Great Britain from 1-2d. to 1d. will come into operation June 1st.

Impressions of a Collector

By K. Nuck

Canada's Rarest Stamps: One of the most desirable stamps ever issued and the rarest of Canadian "wee bits" is the 12 pence black issued in 1851. It is catalogued by Scott at \$500 but this is more than it is actually worth. as a specimen can be purchased at \$300 each. Only 500 copies of this stamp were issued which accounts for its present great value. The 12 p. was used for postage on letters to Great Britain via Quebec and Halifax.

To Bring out Watermarks: It is generally easy to discern watermarks in stamps by holding them to the light or placing them on a dark surface. but if these methods prove unavailing, as is often the case with cancelled stamps, soak them slightly in water and dry them between blotters. The watermarks are then almost certain to be visible.

About Reprints: The ban has been pretty well placed on reprints and not without reason but still there is something to say in their favor. There are collectors who are satisfied to purchase reprints rather than to pay high prices for originals and many can not afford to buy the latter. Blank space in albums are causes of annoyance to all philatelists and to fill them up with reprints until the collector is in a position to buy the originals is considered by many to be the proper course to pursue. The great evil in connection with reprints is the custom of many dealers to dispose of them to inexperienced collectors as original copies. But if dealers would always be careful to mark these stamps on the back as reprints it would be legitimate business to deal in them. Many dealers do this. The safe thing for collectors to do is to deal only with those of whose reliability they are fully assured.

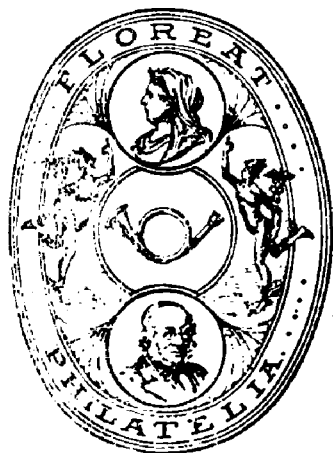
Condition: A good resolution for every collector to make a determination never to place in his album a torn, cut, heavily cancelled, off-centred stamp when he is in a position to get a specimen in good condition. A day may come when he may find it necessary to sell his collection and it is the collection of stamps of first class condition that brings the good price.

International stamps: It is reported that the Postmaster General of the U. S. is in favor of presenting to the U. P. U. congress at Rome next April a scheme for replacing the issues of stamps of the different countries belonging to the U. P. U. by an international issue. Would such a move meet with the favor of collectors or would they consider it disastrous to philately? There is much to say on both sides of the question, but my dear reader, don't be alarmed, I'm not going to say much. Probably large numbers of collectors would consider the adoption of the "international stamp" as being injurious to philately, but I can't see it that way. I know that as long as I live I can keep on adding stamps issued before the advent of the "international stamp" and still have numerous blank spaces in my album.

Canada Bill Stamps: Few revenue stamps can rank for beauty and interest with the bill stamps of Canada issued between the year 1864 and 1882. There were three issues of widely differing types. The first was issued in 1864, the second in 1865 and the third in 1869. What occasioned the issuing of these bill stamps was an act passed by the Canadian government in 1864 imposing duties on all promisory notes and bills of exchange. At first the

fee was fixed at 3c for each \$100 thereof but later an amendment fixed the rate at 1c on amounts under \$25, 2c on amounts from \$25 to \$50, 3c on amounts from \$50 to \$100 and 3c for each additional \$100. The payment of these fees was represented by the affixing of the bill stamps. in 1882 the act was repealed.

A Science or Hobby: To some people philately is a science, to me it is a hobby. Stamp collecting is part of my recreation. It is generally conceded by physicians and other good health expenerts that the proper division of the twenty-four hours is eight hours' work, eight hours recreation and eight hours sleep. I do not believe in devoting the full time of my hours of recreation, I don't get the prescribed eight hours, by the way, to philatelics because that would be too much like work and I get enough of that as it is. The man who does put in that much time with his stamps is the philatelic scientist who makes philately a subject of deep research. As long as I am not a man of independent means I will not be a philatelic scientist, but will be content to be a member of the noble army of collectors to whom philately is nothing more than a hobby, and where is there a better hobby?

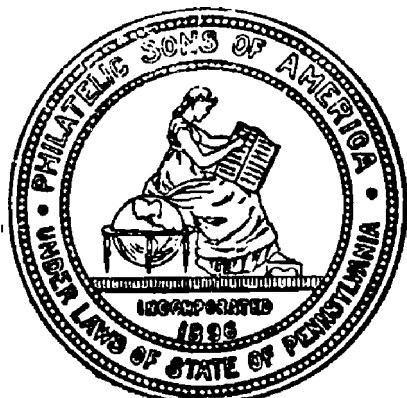


*Stamp
Society
Emblems*



An enterprising stamp collector in Great Britain has originated an emblem designed for general use upon different varieties of note paper.

This emblem was made by the son of Judge Letton of the Nebraska Supreme court while attending the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.



Philatelic Sons of America emblems.

W. F. Slusser of Ft. Casey, Wash., can inform readers who wish to hear as regards a society for stamp emblems.

Mexican Fiscals

Federal Stamps Continued--By F. A. Broton, E. Peru, Ia

1890-1c-35x56 mm plain paper; 93-1c brown, 95-5c brown, 94-25c brown
96-1p. indigo, 97-5p. indigo

1891-2 40x45 mm greenish paper; 98-1c blue 100--25c blue; 99-5c blue
101-1p red; 102-5p red.

1892-3 44x58, 103-1c brown, 105-25c brown, 104-5c brown, 106-1p yellow
green, 107-5p yellow green.

1893-4-44x62-liberty; 108-1c brown, 110-25c orange, 109-5c red brown,
111-1p. blue, 112-5p green.

1894-5 38x45--arms, 113-1c bistre, 115-25c ultramarine. 114-5c blue green,
116-1p red violet, 117-5p carmine, 114-a-5c yellow green.

1895-6-45x39 liberty cap & book of law, 118-1c orange, 120-25c brown,
119-5c blue green, 121-5p yellow green, 122-5p lake.

1896-7-38x45 female seated, 123-1c bistre, 125-25c yellow green, 124-5c
orange, 126-1p lilac, 127-5p green.

1897-8 40x45 arms, 128-1c orange, 130-25c olive, 129-5c brown, 131-1p blue,
132-5p rose

1898-9-40x23mm arms. 133-1c brown, 135-25 blue green, 134-5c orange,
136-1p violet, 137-5p carmine.

1899-00-22x42mm arms, 138-1c green, 140-25c brown, 139-5c ultramarine,
141-1p vermilion, 142-5p magenta.

1900-1-22x42. 143-1c brown, 145-25c blue, 144-5c green, 146-1p blue green,
147-5p rose.

1901-2-24x42, 148-1c green, 150-25c carmine, 149-5c brown, 151-1p brown
violet, 152-5p black.

This will be continued next month. Wish any of our friends would
send any note on Mexican Fiscals to either Bro. Brodstone or myself. Join
the American Fiscal-Stamp Assn.

Strange Stamps From Tonga

Various instances of postal economy have been recorded in the way of
patched sheets of stamps, but we think the remarkable Tongan stamps.
(if stamps they can be called) are the finest sample of official stinginess that
we have ever seen. At the time of the overprinted issue of Tonga--the
stamps bearing the curious inscription "Surcharge 21 2-d."--a number of
sheets of the stamps (without surcharge) were supplied with the gum imper-
fectly dried. In consequence the sheets adhered one to another and the
paper was partially peeled, giving many of the stamps a patchy appearance.
most people would have supposed that the postal authorities of Tonga would
have discarded and destroyed these spoilt sheets; but not so. They were
overprinted in the usual way just as if they had been perfect specimens.

Buyers of Great Britain Officials should be very careful. We hear, on
excellent authority, that dangerous imitations now exist, and that they are
so well executed it requires an expert to detect them. This probably ac-
counts for falling off in prices which these stamps have experienced at the
auction rooms.

Is the Condition Crank a Philatelist?

By Henry Herbert Huff

This question can only be answered by opinion, and no opinion is possible until we have some definition that will clearly show the difference between a stamp collector and a philatelist, two words that are usually regarded as synonymous. A philatelist is one who collects stamps wholly because of their peculiar philatelic interest and makes a detailed study of them while a stamp collector is usually thought of as being one who collects because he has a love for some particular thing about a stamp and collects in much the same manner as a scrap-book maker—his only aim being to enlarge his collection and not to learn from it. The condition crank is more likely to interest himself more in the condition of the stamp than the design and its particular philatelic interest thereby becoming more of a "collector" than a student of stamps. The collector who will allow only "fine" copies to enter his collection is just as much a non-philatelist as one who collects stamps of a particular color, peculiar design, and the like. Their love for stamps because of their fine condition is likely to dispel the peculiar philatelic interest in the stamps themselves and stamp collecting tends to degenerate into a kind of scrap-book making with number and fine appearance the object of the collector. I have never felt that I should despise a torn stamp even if three fourths of it be gone and it is the only damaged stamp on the page. You see, it is my interest in the stamp, and not its condition that leads me to spoil the good appearance of the page by placing a torn stamp upon it. I always keep a variety of articles to repair stamps with so that I can improve the appearance of the damaged stamps which I place in my collection, often to such an extent of perfection that they cannot be told from a good stamp. Should I continue in this way, you might infer that I prefer a neatly mended damaged stamp to a perfect specimen and turn your ink guns toward me in next issue. Oh yes! I am just as much a lover of stamps in good condition as the condition crank. Whenever a better specimen than I have in my collection comes my way I hasten to make substitution and have substituted so frequently that a larger part of the stamps in my collection are in fine condition. I prize them very much to be sure and they add much to the beauty of my collection. I put the damaged stamp in my collection only when I cannot readily obtain a better one. I differ from the condition crank in one way at least. I am not so much of a crank as to refuse any but stamps in fine condition. My philatelic interest in stamps prompts me to put every new variety that comes my way into my album in no matter what condition it comes but always with the intention of replacing it with a better one whenever I get a chance. The condition crank makes philately seem nonsensical and cannot be called a philatelist.

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The "Cabinet Noir"

Now-a-days and in our country we drop a letter, containing valuables and secrets, into the mail boxes without hardly thinking of the possibility that they might be robbed. If indeed they are, the robbery is in 99 cases out of 100 done by outsiders and not by anyone of the mail clerks or officers. Among the latter there is, of course, a black sheep now and then, as in every flock, but the depredations on letters by those whose duty it is to hand them in the mails are, we may say, exceedingly rare. This was not always so. In Europe, as far back as the times of Charles V. letters were frequently opened for the express purpose of extracting any secrets they might contain, and many a secret was extracted. Sovereigns had their special officers whose imposed duties it was to ransack the mails for private statements that might be useful to them, the sovereigns, or damaging to their enemies. The princes of Thurn and Taxis performed this questionable duty for the Hasburgers; and when the French took Viena, Talleyrand considered the "black Cabinet", the place where the Austrian secret police manipulated the mails, as the greatest curiosity to be seen in the imperial capital. There, letters, were not only opened and read, but also copied, altered or even replaced by forgeries; and the whole thing was done in such a way, as to make the recipient of the letter believe it had not been tampered with. Louis XI. of France instituted the searching of mails in his kingdom. Richelieu developed the system and Napoleon I. extended it, so that finally it became exceedingly dangerous to entrust any secret to a letter that was to be sent by the regular post; and many a one helped to hang himself by being careless in this respect, his letters, under false interpretation, serving to convict him. At present such occurrences are hardly possible, except perhaps in Turkey, Venezuela, Russia, Hayti or San Domingo. We can hardly realize what it means to have such a "black Cabinet" at work in a country, the letter secret being considered almost sacred with Uncle Sam and his boys in grey. If a postmaster in our country knew that a letter in his office contained evidence for the conviction of any particular criminal, the postal regulations and the postal code of honor forbid him to open that letter or even tell any body else of what he knew about it. The only instance where letters are opened by our administration, is in the dead letter office at Washington, where such letters only are opened that can not be delivered to their address and whose writer is not known; the purpose of opening them is, if possible, to find out whom they belong to, and no other purpose is served. In consequence our mails are so trustworthy that it is safer to send valuables ahead by mail, than to carry them along on a voyage in one's own pocket. This safety of the mails has helped much to develop and extend our postal system to the enormous proportions it has attained; it exerts a beneficial influence also upon commerce and society in general and helps to give us all that feeling of security which is so important to general prosperity and welfare. We must, however, make a distinction between letters proper and packets or parcels. The latter, even if sealed and sent as first class, are not secure from examination, if they pass through any duty port, and dutiable articles sent through the mails are thereby not exempt from duty. Likewise parcels sent by 2d, 3d or 4th class may be opened and examined, lest they contain anything making them liable of a higher postal rate. The postal card may

be read by anyone who gets it before his eyes. As a rule, though, postmaster and clerk have so much to do that they can not think of reading the cards that pass through their hands; besides that, most of them, in consequence of the training they have received in regard to the secrecy of letters, would feel ashamed be even to read a card that is not addressed to themselves. Outsiders, who interfered with any mail except their own after it is delivered to them in due course, are liable to heavy penalties, so heavy that usually none but fools will interfere with the mails. Burglars, train robbers and the like will take cash and stamps, but they rarely take letters, because that would increase their liability out of all proportion to their probable gain. In short, there is every precaution taken to make the modern mails as safe as possible, and just the opposite tendency is now noticeable to what was in vogue in the times of the "Cabinet Noir." (Dorpat)

P. S. There are occasional bickerings between individuals or firms and the post office inspectors, and in such cases there may be acts which appear doubtful to outsiders, but they are exceptions based on particular circumstances or conditions, and help only to confirm the rule and the truth of the above article.

Original of Liberty's Head

By W. E. B.

In 1875 the Treasury Department of the United States engaged an engraver by the name of Morgan to prepare a design for the Bland dollar about to be issued.

While engaged in this work Mr. Morgan visited several art institutions to obtain a correct idea of American beauty, as he wished to produce upon the coin a representative female head. He tried ideal heads at first, but the result was not satisfactory.

Finally he concluded to find, if possible, an American girl who would sit for her portrait. This was no easy matter, and it was some time before he found the face he wanted. The next thing was to get the consent of the young lady, who was a school teacher in the city. He obtained an introduction, and, after much persuasion, gained the young lady's consent.

Then began a series of persecutions, which the unfortunate model endured for many a day. Offers of marriage came pouring in by mail, artists offered her great inducements for a sitting, and her school became thronged with visitors.

Her great popularity did not turn her head, however, but she kept right on with her work. She afterwards held a prominent position in kindergarten work while her picture was carelessly handed by millions of people daily.

The original manuscript of Dicken's "Sketches of Young Gentlemen" has sold in New York for \$5,300. It is written in ink entirely by Dickens, with many corrections and unpublished readings.

A Millionaire In Grief

By L. Greenberg

The following is copied from an extract in "The Sunday Chronicle of Feb. 8, 1874," under the correspondence from New York.

A millionaire in grief is the sad spectacle of Benoni Howard, who had, at one time, the almost entire control of the match manufacturing business in this vicinity, which he recklessly forfeited through illegal avoidance of the petty Internal Revenue Tax imposed upon these useful articles, after paying one hundred thousand dollars to the government. Howard discovered that he could manufacture his own stamps more economically than he could purchase them of the authorities, wholly oblivious to the fact that his sales would sooner or later expose his fraud. In 1868 a man named Ripon, according to his own statement, suggested to Howard the practicability of having his match stamps engraved and printed by himself. The manufacturer jumped at the idea, supplied the counterfeiter with funds to have the plates engraved and to procure the necessary presses, agreeing to pay him one half value of all stamps turned out. In 1869, Howard, who is by the way, a New England Quaker, had his establishment seized upon suspicion of not using stamps on his matches. Becoming alarmed at the movements of the Revenue Officers, Ripon tossed the counterfeit plate into the muddy waters of Princess Bay, at Staten Island, whence it chanced to be extracted by an unsuspecting oysterman who took it home to use in mending a stove. Detecting the name of B. & F. D. Howard on the plate, he concluded it was of some use, and preserved it until, as the discovery became talked about by neighbors, the unfortunate finder of the counterfeit was himself arrested and the plate seized upon by the secret service police, Ripon turned States' Evidence, and Howard's first trial resulted in a disagreement of the Jury. This time he was not so fortunate, as a conviction was secured by the government at a cost of \$25,000.

Portrait and Pictorial Stamps

The custom of issuing portrait and pictorial stamps is becoming general. "Glorification Issues" would not be a bad name for them, seeing that their chief aim is to advertise the traditional glories, the triumphs, and the splendid natural resources of the countries concerned. The much advertised new series for Crete is a good case in point. At the time of writing news is just at hand that Tunis will be the next country to glorify itself in this manner. Mons. Dumoulin, the eminent Parisian painter, has prepared five sketches of the new issue, depicting various epochs in the history of Tunis. The Tunic period is represented by an antique relic and some works of sculpture; the Roman period by a view of the Aqueducts at Carthage; the period of Arab dominion by the Kairouan Mosque, and the era of French administration by a plough driven jointly by a happy Tunisian and an equally happy placid Frenchman. The fifth stamp will show a mounted postman, carrying news from Europe to the remotest villages in Tunis, the actual place shown in the drawing being the mountain hamlet of Beni Barka.

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.

249. Mr. J. M. Nickerson of Bengal, Minn., writes: "Our telegraph stamps are issued by the different companies, and presented to people connected with them. When attached to a message, they will frank the message up to a number of words, stated on the stamp. They work the same as a railway company's pass for employees, instead of a ticket. Our telegraph stamps have no connection with government at all.

Alaska.—In regard to Alaska locals I find the following in Mekeel's Weekly: "The local, so-called, McGreeley's Express, Dyea-Skaguay, Dog Post, never succeeded in running the gauntlet of doubt as to its philatelic purity, to the catalogue goal. It was made to sell and not to supply an actual need, it was decided." Who knows more?

NOTE.

Now is the time to interest your friends in stamps and especially in the reading of the WEST. Lend them your copy and induce them to subscribe. There are thousands of readers now, but there might be double the number, and the result would be a still better magazine. As the old files may not be accessible to new subscribers, we shall not in all cases refer to the past numbers in the Department of Inquiry, but shall give the answers in full to any questions that may be sent to us in regard to stamps, stamp collecting or stamp literature, if only it is within our ability to do so. Do not hesitate to send your queries under the terms at the head of this Department.

252. What are Watermarks?—They are characters of figure in body of the watermarked paper, produced in the process of manufacture by metal forms (which are attached to the "dandy-roll" in machine manufacture, or to the sieve with which the pulp is caught up in hand manufacture) causing the suspended pulp to settle more truly on these forms than elsewhere. Laid lines or quadrille lines are produced in the same way. They usually show lighter than the body of the paper when this is held against the light. Some are very faint and can not easily be seen. The paper of which the U. S. stamped envelopes are made usually shows the lines and watermarks very plainly. In case of an adhesive stamp where the watermark may be hard to detect immersion into water, or better, if the color of the stamp will not bear this, into benzine or 95 per cent alcohol will usually reveal it. Some times it is advisable to lay the moistened stamp on a dark smooth surface, for instance, a piece of black oilcloth. Catalogues as a rule have illustrations of water marks, and it is well to study them before looking for the watermarks in the stamps, for knowing what to look for the collector will be better enabled to discern it when it appears. A little practice makes the thing easy, though some stamps, as for example the old issues of Russia, may trouble even the experienced collector. In some cases the difference of watermark, noting as it does different issues, will make a difference of price to the amount of several dollars, hence any collector who has any regard for

these round children of the mints will do well to inform himself in regard to the watermarks of his stamps.

253. How may the Heligoland reprinted stamps be known from the originals?—This same question has been recently asked of Mr. Severn, the able contributor to Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News. He answers among other things. "The reader is confronted with discouraging obstacles, if alone and unaided, he seeks to decide for himself which are the sheep and which are the goats. As a rule, the investigator decides to refer the vexed question to an expert, as one must be, in truth, to positively affirm as to the character of the stamps in question." From this it will be seen that no short directions can be given. The notes found in the various catalogues are not sufficient. If the reader wishes to study the subject, he will do well to read what else Mr. Severn says in No. 773. of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, also what was published in the same paper in 1895, Vol. VI. page 66 etc. One thing especially worth noting is what Mr Severn quotes about the stamps which never were reprinted to wit: "Half shilling (type I.), one shilling (type I.) 10 pfennig, 20 pfennige, 25 pfennige, 50 pfennige and 5 marks". These, if one has them, must either be originals or counterfeits.

254. What is the name of the man portrayed on the stamps of Tonga?—King George I. of the Toubou family who subdued and united all the rivaling chiefs under his reign and in 1862 established a constitutional government with himself at the head. His residence is Nukualopa on the Island of Tougatabu, the most important of the group. This refers to the stamps issued before 1895. Then the portrait of King George II. was introduced, the son (think) and successor to George I.

255. What are shades?—A shade of color properly is one of the different grades of light and darkness in which any one color may come, as light seal-brown and dark seal-brown with all their intermediate grades. Green and blue, red and yellow, mauve and orange are not shades, but different colors, each of which has its own shades. In common usage the word shade is also used for blends, i. e., where one color merges into another color, as yellow, orange, red-orange, orange-red, red. In fact these are 5 different colors, each of which may have its shades from light to dark, but frequently when find the 'shade' applied to any part of a series which really forms a gradation from one color to another, extremes, of course, excluded. (No one would speak of yellow and red as shades, while all the different kinds of yellow and also all the different kinds of red are called shades). Usage goes even so far as the term any slight deviations in color a shade. Speaking of stamps the cause of such deviations may be a different printing or a different mixing of printers ink, or it may be fading or some chemical change in the color of the stamp which may occur long after the stamp was printed. Pure colors, red, blue and yellow, are less subject to these changes than the compound colors, green, orange, purple and brown.

As the collection of entire stamped envelopes grow in favor, so also is the collection of stamps on the original cover growing in favor. Certainly there is much of interest in rare stamps attached to the original envelope. They are interesting and valuable anyway, but much more so when on original cover.

Notes from England

By Editor of "Philatelists Exchange and Mart"

At a recent sale of old coins and Roman antiquities found by the late Mr. Thomas Smith of South Ferriby, three good Brigantes staters made £4 to £5 each, six Icenian staters £2.12, three Anglo-Saxon coins £2'4 | -, four lots of ten each Roman coins 14 | each and a large Roman Fibula £4'5.

At the late Sales, the following stamps interesting to our American friends were sold by Messrs. Glendining:

Argentine 1864, 10c green, imperf., fine, realized £1'3'0; Buenos Ayers 1858, 5 pesos orange, on piece £6'15; HAYTI, 1898 50c purple, tete beche pair, Mint, £3'10, Confederate States Baton Rouge, 5c on entire, £7.— Lynchburg, 5c on entire, £6; 5 Knoxville, 5c fine 30 | - Nashville, 5c carmine on piece 35 | another, 5c brown on piece 57 | 6. Peterburg, 5c superb on entire fetched 38 | -. Mexico 1864-6, 3c brown, MINT 55 | .

United States, 1851-60, 90c blue Mint, 29 | . 1851-60, 5c lake, part gum, £6'10. 1861, 5c ochre, superb, 20 | . 1869, 15c inverted centre, £12'10'0.

Amongst the stamps issued in the British Empire, the following stamps were sold at the various Auctions this month viz:—

GT. BRITAIN 1862, bistre, plate 3, hair lines, no gum, £51. I. R. Official 1902 Kings Head, 5 | carmine, Mint, creased £21. O. W. Official 1902, Kings Head, 10d purple and scarlet £4'7'6. Govt. Parcels 1901 1 | green and scarlet, overprint inverted £21.

AFRICAN. Bt. Central Africa. 1898, 1d red and blue, center invert £47. Cape of Good Hope, 1861, wood block, 1d blue error, fine £38 also wood block 4d deep blue, fine realised £23.

CANADA. 1851, 12d black, imperf, laid paper, fine copy, £40. Amongst those of European Countries sold, worth mentioning, were an Italian, Estero, 1874, 30c brown, variety with all four corners unaltered, a nice lightly cancelled copy, but with small tear at bottom. This variety is of the greatest rarity, and it is believed that only three copies are known £10'0'0; and a Saxony 1851, error ½ngr. on pale blue, which realised £56.

Queer Chinese Stamp

By G. Gunderson

In China the goose is the symbol of peace, and the picture of a goose on some postage stamps. It is said that 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 trouble 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.

The Collection Fad

By F. J. McClure

This century sees the development and extension of large collections such as coins, relics and stamps.

My collection of 1700 I collected mostly myself and means much to me. I value my stamps as they were the first things I collected and are not bulky and can be placed in small space and albums.

Minerals are a fine idea for collectors and each collection may be original and odd. No two collections can be just alike and can all be gathered from same locality.

My coins are not what I wish them to be but we can love our coins even if they are not gold and silver.

But of all the collections I prize is my relic collection. An old bed spread wove and hand knit in 1806 being 100 years old is my chief attraction. Old knives, razors, powder horns, bullet moulds and marriage certificates are prized as being family remembrances and relics. The old spectacles of *Ye Olden Times* are worthy of mention and especially the old silver ones where extension pieces are on to allow to go around head. The old mortar is also a time keeper and has had its capacity tested with species corn and eating materials.

All these things from coins to relics are all worthy of mention and means today a chance for the American boy to excel his followers, in more ways than school studies.

The year 1906 will see the extension of the postal fad and means the starting and finishing of more collections and the means of making many friends.

Many hours may be spent at the seat of the collection and after a day's work I can have no more pleasure than viewing over and over the chances of my life time which I accepted in souvenirs.

Notes

By Elma Iona Locke

Military Postage Stamps.—The Italian Government is issuing what might be described as military stamps. Each regiment of the Italian army is provided with a special stamp for the use of the soldiers belonging to it. The designs are, of course, all different and of the most varied nature. Thus, on one appears the name of a colonel of the regiment, on another a design of rifles supporting the royal arms. The military district of Ivrea has a stamp on which is a view of the town of Ivrea; on that of Milan is a representation of a military council; on that of the Twenty-second regiment of Cavalry are the arms of Catanas with the regimental motto. On the regimental stamp of the Sixth Bersagliori are the notes of the regimental bugle call and motto.

A stamp boom.—The war has made a boom in Europe for Korean 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 most of it by setting fire to the postoffice at Seoul, as a protest against the innovation. Another issue was not made for ten years.

V. S. Notes

By E. R. Aldrich

Chicago permit numbers have reached No. 199, which was employed by C. D. Peacock, the well known jewelry firm in sending out their fall catalogs, and is of a 6c value. 196 was used by another jewelry firm, E. V. Koddin & Co., and is 5c value.

It is evident when a number is assigned it is retained by the firm as I recently received in my mail a No. 34 Chicago, Hasterlik Bros., which was identical with one received last January.

This week I received the first permit I remember seeing, used by a stamp firm—No. 78 of Boston, Mass., 1c value used by Holton Stamp Co. Lallin & Rand Powder Co., of Wilmington, Del., recently sent out their 1906 calendar from Boston prepaid by a three cent precanceled.

In the last month I have received in the mail Minneapolis one cent, four cent, five cent and St. Paul three cent and four cent.

A seven cent value is permit No. 3 of Portland, Me., used by the Warren—Mansfield Co.

A five cent Baton Rouge on original cover recently sold at a London auction sale for \$26.00.

In 1896 Post Master General Wilson paid this beautiful tribute to the Universal Postal Union: "This Union is a realization of the poet's dream, "the federation of the world, the parliament of man," as it bends into one marvelous, efficient and harmonious organization the postal systems of the nation. For the single fee of 5 cents, a letter mailed anywhere in its limits travels with speed, safety, and certainty to any point within these limits. International postal accounts are reduced to the utmost simplicity and ease of settlement, and the postal facilities of every country are a part of the postal facilities of all others."

An illustration of the "keen scent" of the dead letter officials is revealed by this story: A letter mailed in Russia addressed "Marshall Sons & Co., Limited, Gainsborough," reached the United States and was forwarded to Gainsboro, Tenn., that being the largest office in the United States by that name. Being undeliverable at Gainsboro, Tenn., it was sent to the Dead Letter office in bad order, and thence sent to the Postmaster General, London, England, for delivery at Gainsborough, England, with a special communication, and a receipt acknowledging its delivery was returned to this office. This letter contained a draft for \$40,000.

I am in receipt of a new type of Binghamton, N. Y., precanceled. It is undated, and the inscription is in three lines, Bingham—ton—New York. in bold type.

Our Postal System

By J. H. Houston.

Of the early history of Postal affairs in this country very little is to be gathered at the Department.

Although the people began at an early date to agitate the subject of postal communication, their plans seem to have been confined chiefly to the limits of their own Colonies.

Among the earliest legislation of this character is an act passed by the General Assembly of the province of Maryland in 1661, entitled An act for the conveyance of letters concerning the state of public affairs for the period of three years which was continued in force by subsequent reviving acts until 1762.

In 1695 a regular post was established from the Potomac river to Philadelphia when John Perry was appointed post-rider at a salary of £50 per annum. He was required to traverse his route and to carry all public messages and deliver all letters and packages to the inhabitants eight times a year.

The First General Postoffice.

In 1710 Parliament established a general postoffice in all the Colonies but of what became of this act or its enforcement the record is imperfect.

We find none of its results until 1717, there was a settled post established between Williamsburg Va., through Maryland and the northern Colonies to Boston once a month and since the law of 1710 the mails continued to be carried down to the period of the revolution.

From all we can learn it is quite probable that in these efforts the mails were not transported under the protection of locks and keys, and mail matter was delivered by the post rider directly to the inhabitants or riders of private or cross posts as they were called who were employed and paid for their services by persons not living on the direct through routes. Other methods were resorted to by which the inhabitants were accommodated, such as having the mails at various designated points on the route.

Tradition has it that a certain tree until quite recently standing in the town of Duxbury, Mass., where the old road from Boston to Duxbury diverges to the town of Plymouth was called the Tree of Knowledge, from the fact that the residents of Duxbury placed a box upon it into which the carrier or post-rider placed the letters etc., etc., and the inhabitants were accustomed for years to go there and select the mail for their neighborhood and persons posted letters there to be forwarded.

Thus in the state of New Hampshire there was but one postoffice in the year 1790, that at Portsmouth. A few years ago the writer was shown the advertised list of letters remaining in that office in the year 1787, in which there were letters directed to persons living in distant parts of the state. The directions were generally as follows: Peter Jones (Effing) Portsmouth, N. H. Just prior to and during the Revolution this was the most important office in New England outside of Boston.

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The Mail Order Business

By "Bill"

The monthly papers and magazines are chock full of "mail order" advertisements. The majority of these are from unselfish people who out of pure generosity desire to start others in a mail order business—for a trifling consideration. Investigation of these schemes brings to light the fact that the trifling consideration is lost sight of. You receive an imposing array of type written letters, printed circulars and enticing propositions. You are assured that the mail order business is in its infancy, and to you is offered the golden opportunity to get rich quick. We presume the man who starts you intends to reserve a liberal share of your profits, if you should accidentally catch suckers like he caught you. We have thus long preambled to bring into comparison with these mail-order schemes the stamp business—a mail order business of a pronounced type. To one experienced in both lines of work the stamp dealer is far ahead of the novelty dealer in every way. To start a stamp business less capital is required, experience is necessary, but not more so than in is required in the mail order business, and it can be gained at less cost. Losses through dishonesty are rare.

D. C. Notes

In the House of Representatives, January 5, 1906 Mr. Gardner of Massachusetts, introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Library and ordered to be printed.

A bill to purchase a collection of original essays, designs, drawings, and die and plate proofs of the revenue stamps and private proprietary stamps of the United States, known as the Deats Collection.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Joint Committee on the Library of the House of Representatives and Senate be, and is hereby, authorized to purchase from its owner, Hiram E. Deats, the collection owned by him of original essays, designs, drawings, and die and plate proofs of the revenue stamps, and private proprietary stamps of the United States, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay said owner for said collection, upon the passage and approval of this Act.

The authorities are now introducing the Chalk paper in the current issue of Great Britain; to those who specialize this should prove interesting. They evidently think the present printing paper not satisfactory, or perhaps it is incapable of resisting the cleaning operations which stamps occasionally undergo. However, the new paper will dispose of any doubts, and, unfortunately it will create fresh difficulties for the collector. Chalk paper does not stand rough usage, and unless the stamps are carefully preserved from friction, even in the album, the designs will slowly wear away.

It is announced that Italy is to have a special set of stamps in connection with the Milan Exhibition in 1906.

Stanley Gibbon's Catalogue, Part I.

By L. G. Dorpat

Next to the stamps of our own country the stamps of Great Britain and her Colonies are most fascinating to us here in the United States. Not only is our great northern neighbor, Canada, part of the British Empire: history, language, laws and customs as well as commerce and friendly ties of various descriptions connect the two nations. Finally, Great Britain is the country where the postage stamp originated, and hence no country (except for patriotic, particular reasons) can be of more interest philatelically than England and her connections. The London stamp market is at the head of the world's philatelic trade, and Stanley Gibbons is one of the oldest, ablest and trustworthiest firms to be found anywhere. In his firm's catalogue, Part I. we have a happy combination of recommending features. It contains a list of all British stamps for sale at set prices by the firm preeminently fitted to supply them in quantity and quality at the most reasonable prices. Next to the American Standard--which as patriotic Americans we can not neglect--the Stanley Gibbons catalogue should be at the hand of every American collector, especially since the publishers have shown us the courtesy to issue this paper also with price quoted in U. S. money. The book compares well with any other ever published in the same line and is superior to many of them. We cannot but recommend it to the readers of the WEST and to advise them to invest the 60 cents it costs to get a copy. The book may be ordered from the American branch house, 198 Broadway, New York. With the stamp catalogue lists of other publications, packets and accessories may be obtained, and a collector who is not so situated to buy all the nice things offered will nevertheless do well to get and study these lists, simply to keep himself posted in regard to what there is in the market. It is true, we Americans as a rule can not devote as much time to stamps and stamp books as some of our European brethren; but a few minutes now and then we all can spare, and the more our time is cramped the more is it necessary that we should have the best literature concerning our hobby, and Stanley Gibbons' publications are certainly among the best and not the tail-end of these neither. In short, if we wish to keep abreast of the times, we need as much of these publications as we can get. To give an example of what the possession of Stanley Gibbons' lists may be worth to a collector, I would refer to their packet No. 69 B, which contains 4000 varieties, a pretty fine collection in itself, and is sold at \$70.00. Now what collector buying small lots from approval sheets can form such a collection at such a price? I venture to say, it would cost him twice that amount, and then it might not be so fine. Consequently, before you buy, consult Stanley Gibbons and see what they have to offer and what prices they ask. It may save you the cost of this many times over. If you have not \$70.00 to start in with a packet of 4000 varieties, get the list of 2400 different packets and see what they contain. That may teach you to save a penny or two also.

Pairs and strips of revenue stamps are worth a considerable advance over the price of single specimens. Especially is this true of private proprietary stamps.

Revenue Notes.

By Oscar T. Hartmann

Denmark. Under Stempelmarken of this country of 1875-76 I find that the watermarked stamps are more common than those without them. I have found nine watermarked previous to 1880. Those bearing the cancellation of 1883-84 seem to have been printed on thinner paper and slightly different shade.

On the Durango, renta de timbre, surcharged Inutilizado I find quite a number of varieties, reading up and down. Large I, small i, slanting and straight. I have the 10 centavos and 10 pesco in 4 varieties and looking for more.

Have you noticed that the lines of the background of Queensland of the years 1873-93, with and without burele on back, read the value written out of the respective stamp. You can also find some variations in the position of the crown, more or less near to the oval. A nice well centered copy is hard to find.

From 1888-93 postage stamps were used for revenue purposes.

United States, Spain and Argentine have done very well in the line of revenues. They have over 1000, each

It is a fact that those stamps not priced in a catalogue offers a field for those inclined to use their speculative judgment in estimating the probable future rarity or value. Sometimes you pay too much, and then again not enough by letting them go by.

This is a reason why I am so much interested in foreign revenues. It is a newer field, and the possibilities are many to discover new issues or varieties. But catalogues are appearing and you can find out, how far you missed your guess.

Absolute different names in English, German, French, are:

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|---------------|-------------------|------------|
| United States | Verinigte Staeten | Etats-Unis |
| Germany | Deutihland | Allemagne |
| Netherland | Holland | Tays-Bas |

Nevis, Natal, Netherlands (first 3 issues, 1829, 1842, 1862) had revenues printed en relief. Are simply paper either white or coloured, with a design embossed, something like the notary seal now in present use. As I can rememoer Seinde the forerunner of the regular issue postage stamps of India which had stamps in relief.

The war stamps of Spain you find in some catalogues are nothing but a special tax or revenue on a letter inland or for the Spanish colonies. The tax stamps were later on used to distinguish that the postage became due.

There are 18 varieties 1874-79 and 1897-89 about 500.

Fiji Islands, outside of the 1 2 or 10 perforations you find also 11 o 10x11.

Germany issued some time ago railway stamps. I have seen the following: Prussia; Prussian—Hessian; Grand ducal Baden, railway or express freight; Bavarian; Wurtemberg, state and local values from 5 pfennig to 1 mark. New Zealand, South Australia, England use also railway stamps.

If you smoke Porto Rican cigars see that the box bears Porto Rico in red on the regular tax stamps. Lately I have seen some U. S. tobacco tinfoils. The difference is that this class bears the tax stamp printed on the tinfoil. There, $\frac{1}{2}$ 1, 2, 4, 8 oz. First issue was in 1868 and up to the present time. The nature of the material makes it almost impossible to get an old one in perfect condition. Some are scarce in any shape. Some were printed also on the paper wrapper containing fine cut tobacco. Almost as hard to get.

New Designs on Stamps

By H. F. Weston.

The trend of the postage stamps of today is away from the conventional human face, and toward the historical, legendary. The United States was the first to take this step in its historical series of stamps for the Columbian Exposition in 1893, and ever since then has printed a series for every Exposition that has been held in this country. Germany, Greece, Canada and other countries have followed in our footsteps. Many of the stamps issued in the Central American countries are events and characters famous in history.

Like the first Greek stamps which were regarded by critics as among the most artistic ever produced, and have been in demand by stamp collectors all over the country, it is expected that the new issue will be very popular with the philatelists, and, the government will get quite a sum of money from their sale.

The collectors are glad to hear that the Cretan government has chosen coins of ancient dies as the basis of nearly every design in the new series, The stamps issued by Canada with the map of the world printed on it, and Great Britain and its dominions marked in red was instructive as well as useful. The Newfoundland stamps are very artistic, and about one half of of these stamps represent their chief occupation which is fishing.

Greece has represented on her stamps what she was the most skilled in at one time, sports and games.

New Zealand has parts of her beautiful country represented on most all of her stamps, and so it is with most countries, they are changing the style of their stamps by putting the more artistic and instructive views in place of the human head.

A small beginning. But the greatest businesses have small beginnings You may intend to start, or you may have started a business on a small scale. That's usually the safest way, and the safest way is always the best way. No business is too small to advertise, and the WEST want columns afford exactly the kind of service for small advertisers. Try it. The start may lead to great things. Ic a word.

Hobbies For Health

By Elma Iona Locke

How often does one hear the expression, "Oh, that is So-and-So's hobby, spoken rather disparagingly? It is the tendency of the average mind to regard a person who has a pronounced enthusiasm as a species of harmless lunatic, rather to be pitied. The truth of the matter is that anyone who has any special fad is greatly to be envied, as it probably provides more interest and amusement for its possessor than anything else. Any decided interest in life, whether it is dignified by the name of an occupation or is simply an enthusiasm, or even mentioned slightly as a fad, is eminently desirable.

"I have never seen a genuine collector that is not happy when he is allowed by circumstances to gratify his tastes," remarked a student of human nature, "and a bent in that direction should always be encouraged. It is a curious phase of our humanity that we will work diligently to make provisions for our material needs when we are old, and quite neglect to store up mental resources that will interest and amuse us until we are called hence."

Hobbies help one to forget sorrows and give us pleasure in the present. They are among the best things in life—promoters of health, peace and happiness.

Compass Points and Their Designations

The "Literary Digest" for August 5th has a very interesting translation from the "Revue Scientifique" of July 8th, regarding the above. It gives the following table which may be pleasing to our philologically inclined readers:

| | N. | S. | E. | W. |
|-----------|--------|----------|---------|--------|
| German | Nord | Sud | Ost | West |
| English | North | South | East | West |
| Danish | Nord | Syd | Ost | Vest |
| Spanish | Norte | Sur | Este | Oeste |
| Finnish | Polija | Etela | Ita | Lausi |
| French | Nord | Sud | Est | Ouest |
| Dutch | Noord | Zuid | Oost | West |
| Hungarian | Eszak | De'l | Helet | Uyugot |
| Italian | Norte | Sud | Levante | Ovest |
| Polish | Potuve | Potudnie | Wschod | Zachod |
| Portugese | Norte | Sul | Leste | Oeste |
| Roumanian | Nord | Sud | Est | Vest |
| Russian | Sever | Yong | Wostok | Zapad |
| Swedish | Nord | Syd | Ost | Vest |
| Bohemian | Sever | Jih | Vychod | Zapad |

Since these terms occur in many geographical names they may help a good deal to the understanding of such names. For instance, "Levante" as used in stamp catalogues is really nothing but the Italian term for "East".

POSTAL CARD DEPARTMENT



Covers & Envelopes

Observations on Some Original Covers

By R. R. Thiele

(Continued.)

But on the Fiji Islands they use a registration handstamp instead of the regulation label; no doubt the handstamp comes cheaper. A letter just come from there bears a pair of new multiple CA Kings Head 3d stamps and one ditto $\frac{1}{2}$ d; I suppose 4d is the registry fee—rather high among British Colonies. The date stamp reads

LEVUKA
28 AU
1905
FIJI

in a single circle, the date in the center. The registry number is added with pen and ink in a circle drawn with the pen. The next postmark is

SUVA
3 SP
1905

in a single circle, with part of an inner circle extending from the S downward, then upwards to the A; FIJI is omitted at the foot. I think it was here that this handstamp was impressed:

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in black ink, the number being inserted with a lead pencil. Two other numbers are shown on the face of the envelope, both in pencil; presumably they are registry numbers, but there is nothing to show their origin. From Suva the letter went forward direct, the next postmark being that of

VICTORIA B. C.

9
SP 28
05

CANADA

in a single circle. Twenty-five days seems like a long trip from Fiji to Victoria; I cannot say whether the mails ordinarily do better than that. Next comes the United States exchange office postmark:

SEATTLE, WASH.

SEPT
29
1905

REGISTERED

the words between two concentric circles, the date within the inner circle. This is struck in aniline violet ink with a rubber stamp; I think it was here

also that still another registry number was struck in red ink with a numbering machine on the face of the letter. Last comes the arrival stamps of Wauwatosa, Oct. 3d, after all not a long time on the way from the antipodes, was it?

Stamps a Good Investment.

By Elma Iona Locke

To the genuine, enthusiastic collector, who loves his stamps for their own sake and the unalloyed pleasure he gets out of their collection and study, their value as an investment for his money is one of the least of his concerns. But a comparison of the prices given in the catalogue of say fifteen years ago and in that of today will reveal a state of things highly satisfactory to even the most devoted collector, as well as to give him a very forcible argument, with which to silence the "carping critic" who is always asking, with unconcealed scorn "what is the use of collecting stamps."

Take but one country merely, the United States, and glance over the column of prices. The 5c brown of the first general issue, in 1847, was quoted fifteen years ago or so at 20c used, and \$1.00 unused. Today it is priced at 75c and \$10.00 respectively.

The 10c black of same date was then \$1.00 used, and \$5.00 unused. Now it is quoted at \$3.75 used, and \$30.00 unused. The 5c brown of 1851 then \$3.50, used, is now \$7.50; while in an unused condition it has jumped from \$10.00 to \$50.00. The 10c green of the same date, unused, has risen from \$1.00 to \$18.75; the 12c unused, from \$1.25 to \$15.00.

In the stamps of 1855 we find the 24c lilac then quoted at 85c, either used or unused, while now a specimen is \$3.00 and an unused one \$6.00; and the 30c orange then worth \$1.00 is now priced at \$4.35 for used, and \$7.50 for unused specimens. The 3c pink of 1861, then 25c used, is now \$5.00.

One variety of the 15c black of 1868 then 15c is now worth \$3.75. The 15c orange of 1870 without grille then quoted at only 2c, used, is now 45c, and the unused specimen has advanced from 30c to \$7.50. The 90c carmine of 1870, used, was then 10c; unused, \$1.50: now the price is \$1.00 and \$15.00 respectively.

While these citations are few, they plainly reveal the tendency toward a steady advance in the value of a good collection, for the cases of decline in prices are very few and far between. This state of things is inevitable from the very nature of the articles under discussion, for tho' the number of collectors is constantly increasing the number of the articles collected is rarely much augmented, so the price must per force rise accordingly.

It is much easier to make a collection of say, 2,000 varieties now than it was ten, fifteen or twenty years ago, and a collection numbering 2,000 varieties can be made so cheaply and will give so much pleasure that it is a pity that more people do not collect stamps. The number of stamp collectors keeps on increasing, however.

An unused sixpenny Transvaal stamp with inverted red surcharge, was sold for \$5.25 at a sale at Messrs. Ventom, Bull and Cooper's rooms in Surrey-street, Strand, recently.

Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps

(Continued)

By R. R. Thiele

It is hard to tell why Bhopal made use of another design for values which are also found in the square design, but at all events this is the case, the design being the upright rectangular one designated as A 4 (and similar ones following) by Scott's Catalogue. The first stamp in this type was the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna red (Scott No. 6) of 1878. The sheet of this stamp contained 32 stamps, arranged in 8 horizontal rows of 4 each, there being as many varieties as stamps in the sheet. A $\frac{1}{4}$ anna stamp of the same design was issued soon after; this is the $\frac{1}{4}$ anna green (Scott Nos. 7-10). It is arranged like the preceding value in sheets of 32, 8 rows of 4 each, there being 32 varieties also but on all of them the value (at the bottom) is enclosed in brackets. The $\frac{1}{4}$ anna green and the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna brown red (Scott Nos. 11 and 12 and No. 6 a) are from new stones of their respective values, but the sheet arrangement remains as before, so no more need to be said of them except that the $\frac{1}{4}$ anna now has no brackets around the value. In 1884 the same design was again used for the $\frac{1}{4}$ anna green (Scott Type A 9, No. 20); the varieties on the sheet of 32 differ from the former ones, but the arrangement remains as before. Oddly enough, in 1895 the same design was still once more made use of for the $\frac{1}{4}$ anna red of that year (Scott Nos. 63 and 64); these official curiosities now came in sheets of 8, in 2 vertical rows of 4. The values of the sheets of this kind are not hard to compute:

Sheet of 32- $\frac{1}{2}$ anna=1 rupee
" " 32- $\frac{1}{4}$ " =8 annas
" " 8- $\frac{1}{4}$ " =2 annas.

The anna green of 1884 (Type A 8, Scott No 19) was the first representative of an adaptation of the rectangular design: with curved lines in the spandrels instead of straight lines. The sheet of this stamp contained 32 stamps in 8 horizontal rows of 4 each, like the other type, so that the value of a sheet was 8 annas. If you look at the catalogue value of this stamp, you will wish you had had a chance to buy a sheet at face. It seems that this stamp was so poorly drawn that it was soon withdrawn; hence its scarcity. In 1895 the authorities made another issue of this type (Scott No. 61, Type A 17), probably with the intention of imitating the preceding stamp; this new $\frac{1}{4}$ anna green came in very small sheets containing only 6 stamps, arranged in three horizontal pairs. Each stamp on these sheets has a double frame line. In 1897 still another adaptation of this type was made use of; it is the $\frac{1}{4}$ anna black (Scott No. 74, Type A 23), in which the curved lines in the spandrel are much farther spaced than before. The sheets of this variety again consist of 32 stamps, arranged as before in 8 horizontal rows of 4, there being, as usual, as many type-varieties as stamps in the sheet.

The type with solid spandrels containing the letters BLCI was first used in 1881, probably to replace the first type with curved lines in the spandrels. This type has been used for two values: the $\frac{1}{4}$ anna and the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna. At first these were printed from the same stone, the $\frac{1}{4}$ anna being printed first and the value then being altered to anna (Type A 10, Scott Nos. 21-24): later two different stones were used (Nos 25-28). It would lead us too far to enter here upon the characteristics which distinguish the different stones of the two values (later issues are Type A 13, Nos. 32, 33, 48, 48, 53, 54:

Type A 22, Nos. 72, 73, 75); all of them were printed in sheets containing this number, and here also there are as many type-varieties as stamps in the sheet.

For the 8 annas value a distinct design was used from the beginning, that is to say, from 1890, when this value was first issued (Type A 16, No. 42 and 43). As first issued, the design had an outer frame-line, and the same is true of the 8a deep green of 1891 (Nos. 50 and 51), but in the later issues (Nos. 59, 60, 71,) the outer line is missing. In all these varieties the 8 annas is always printed in sheets of 10, 2 vertical rows of 5, so that the face value of a sheet is 5 rupees.

The 1902 issue was caused by the accession of a new ruler, a male one this time, as witness the change in the inscription: SULTAN JAHAN instead of SHAH JAHAN; his predecessor had been a woman, who ruled since 1868. The $\frac{1}{4}$ anna stamp of the new issue is in sheets of 16, 4x4, while the anna, 1 anna, 2 annas, 4 annas and 8 annas are in sheets of 8, 2 vertical rows of 4 each. Thus the face values of the sheets are as follows:

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| Sheet of $\frac{1}{4}$ anna=4 annas | Sheet of 2 anna =1 rupee |
| “ “ $\frac{1}{2}$ anna=4 annas | “ “ 4 “ =2 rupees |
| “ “ 1 “ =8 “ | “ “ 8 “ =4 rupees |

About the 1 rupee stamp I have no information at hand; probably it comes in sheets of the same size as the $\frac{1}{2}$ anna to 8 annas stamps.

Cochin and Cochin-China are two widely different countries, though both familiar to the philatelist; I need not add that they are not related to the Cochins of the poultry yard. Just now we have to deal with Cochin, one of the Indian Native States. It is not large but densely populated, and the stamps seem to answer real business purposes. They are not so perplexing because of type varieties as the stamps of most of the Indian States, as they seem to be printed from electrotypes. The sheets of all the stamps are arranged to correspond with the currency. In the first issue there are only three values. The sheet of the $\frac{1}{2}$ puttā contains 48 stamps, arranged in 8 horizontal rows of 6; the sheet of the 1 puttā contains 24 stamps in 4 horizontal rows of 6; and the sheet of the two puttāns contains 12 stamps in 2 horizontal rows of 6. Thus the face value of each sheet of each value is 24 puttāns. The currency is peculiar; 6 puttāns are said by Major Evans to equal 5 annas of the Imperial currency, but it is not apparent what larger units are in use in Cochin.

Scott's No. 4, 1 puttā violet, is of similar design, but considerably larger than the first issue. This stamp came in sheets of 36, 6 rows of 6. Its inscription reads ONE PUTTAN, whereas the first issue reads PUTTAN ONE. The 1897 issue differs only in being watermarked; the sheets are the same as in the first issue. In 1899 a new issue appeared, consisting of the former values and a 3 pies stamp added. The sheets are arranged as formerly, to give each a value of 24 puttāns (or 20 annas Imperial currency). The sheet of the 3 pies stamp contains 80, 10 horizontal rows of 8; this corresponds to the imperial currency, as 3 pies are equal to a $\frac{1}{4}$ anna. The sheets of the $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 anna are just like those of the first issue; the sheet of the 2 puttāns consists of 12 stamps, as in the first issue, but they are arranged in two vertical rows of 6.

(To be continued.)

A Home Made Cistafile

There are undoubtedly a great many stamp collectors who are dissatisfied with the album as a resting place for their collection, and who still use it as such simply because there is no other cheap regular method of arranging their collection otherwise. To these collectors this article will appeal strongly. The author himself has experienced the drawbacks of an album and in casting about for a more adequate method, he, after a little while was successful in finding a system that has given him perfect satisfaction. This system is on the same principle as the Cistafile which has lately become very popular, but which is beyond the reach of the average collector owing to the high price. The author had his system in operation long before the "Cistafile" was established and thus, practically the same idea was taken up by the Cistafile Co., proves it to be a good one. The details of the system follows: Any collector following these instructions can arrange his collection in a manner that will prove satisfactory in every detail and at a very small expense.

The first step is to procure of your stationer 1000 or more good white bristol cards. For the average collection 1000 cards will be plenty. The cards should be about the size of a postal or 4x6 inch which is a convenient size. Rule a line in ink lengthwise on the cards about one half inch from the top. This done proceed to mount your stamps on the cards as suits your fancy. The best method to follow is to mount an entire set on one card where possible. If the set is a large one, divide up between two cards, so as not to crowd.

If one has a rare stamp that he takes particular pride in, a whole card can be devoted to it. The surrounding white page will show it up to good advantage.

When you have all your stamps mounted, write or neatly pen print the name of the country that issued the stamps on the line that you have drawn a half inch from the top of the card, then the date of issue above or below the stamps and any items desired.

This done, procure a set of index cards from A to Z, also a neat box of the width and depth and a sufficient length to hold your cards. A thick pasteboard envelope box will answer the purpose if nothing else is procurable. Arrange your cards in alphabetical order using the index cards of course, and that is all that is necessary for you to have a system that will not be found wanting. If you desire to look at any particular country, just run over the cards to that letter and you have the complete country in your hand. There are no blank spaces to make you feel bad, and in case of a new issue you simply place in another card and you are provided for the new issue.

In the matter of the use of post-cards Germany heads the list for the year with no fewer than 1,161 millions posted. The United States comes next, followed by England. Japan is fourth on the list. In the matter of letters the United States easily heads the list with 4,109 millions. Great Britain comes next with 2,597 millions, and Germany 1,648 millions.

The longer one collects stamps, the more in love with the pastime one becomes. This is true, and being true, I wish to urge every reader to start a collection.

— Our Illustrations

ARCHIE H. PIKE

was born in 1878 and started stamp collecting when a small boy but not actively until a few years past. He now has a collection of about 3000 varieties with a large number of duplicates. He has not confined his collecting to stamps as he also collects curios, relics, entires, postmarks, car transfers, cigar bands, souvenir cards and in fact anything that is worth collecting. He has a collection of over 5000 postmarks (var.) he has neatly mounted in 10 volumes of the Simplex Loose-leaf Book. This form of a loose-leaf book was an original idea with him as he felt the need of a book of this kind when he commenced mounting his postmarks. This book is a boon to those who collect cigar bands, street car transfers, tickets, postmarks, or anything of this kind and can be used to great advantage in mounting duplicate stamps. The main feature of the book is that you can add extra leaves in any part of it as your collections grows. You will see his ad. in this months WEST. He would like to correspond and exchange with all collectors.

H. A. LORBERG

the Portsmouth O. publisher of Post Cards, Illustrated books, and Stationery has adopted the original plan of providing each purchaser of cards from any of the fifty stations at which he sells cards with a list of persons in all parts of the world who will exchange cards. Portsmouth has 150 styles of cards and many very handsome ones. See his ad in this issue of the WEST.

MR. ALOIS VEDERNJAK.

at present residing at 221 East 85th Street, New York, N. Y., and translator for various domestic and foreign card collectors clubs, including The Union Souvenir Card Exchange, is a former sailor, having served on American, British, French, German, Austrian, Italian, and Spanish vessels in all parts of the globe, where he had an opportunity to learn the principal languages. Any one who is willing to give him a steady position in any correspondence bureau will be awarded liberally. Since his honorable discharge from the United States Navy after the Spanish war he has sometimes been "hard up" but he always tries to make himself useful in the 40 societies to which he belongs. The above picture shows him as Secretary Washington Co. No. 1 C. S. B.

MISS NELLIE H. LOEWE

our Chicago girl, is an enthusiastic amateur photographer. she is the founder and director of the School of Photography of Chicago who's pupils are turning out exceptionally good photographs. She is also interested in the exchange of Souvenir Cards, and is a member of the Union Souvenir Card Exchange.

W. S. TRIPP

is 18 years old and have been collecting for about 10 years, coins, stamps, Indian relics, original covers and post cards. He has stopped all collecting now but souvenir post cards and will be glad to get one from any collector. He is President of the Sioux City Post Card Co., and have invented the Velograph process of making Post Cards equal in every way to photographs. He is a photographer and work for the Beamer Studio of this city. He has a printing outfit and does some printing evenings and just started a paper called Hobbies. Send for copy.

D. A. BROWNE

Gents I am thankful for your asking me in your Association. I send you A M A for 65c as you asked, as to my credit I refer you to the



Two Italian Medals struck in 1446. Found by H. W. Crosby, Hastings, Minn.

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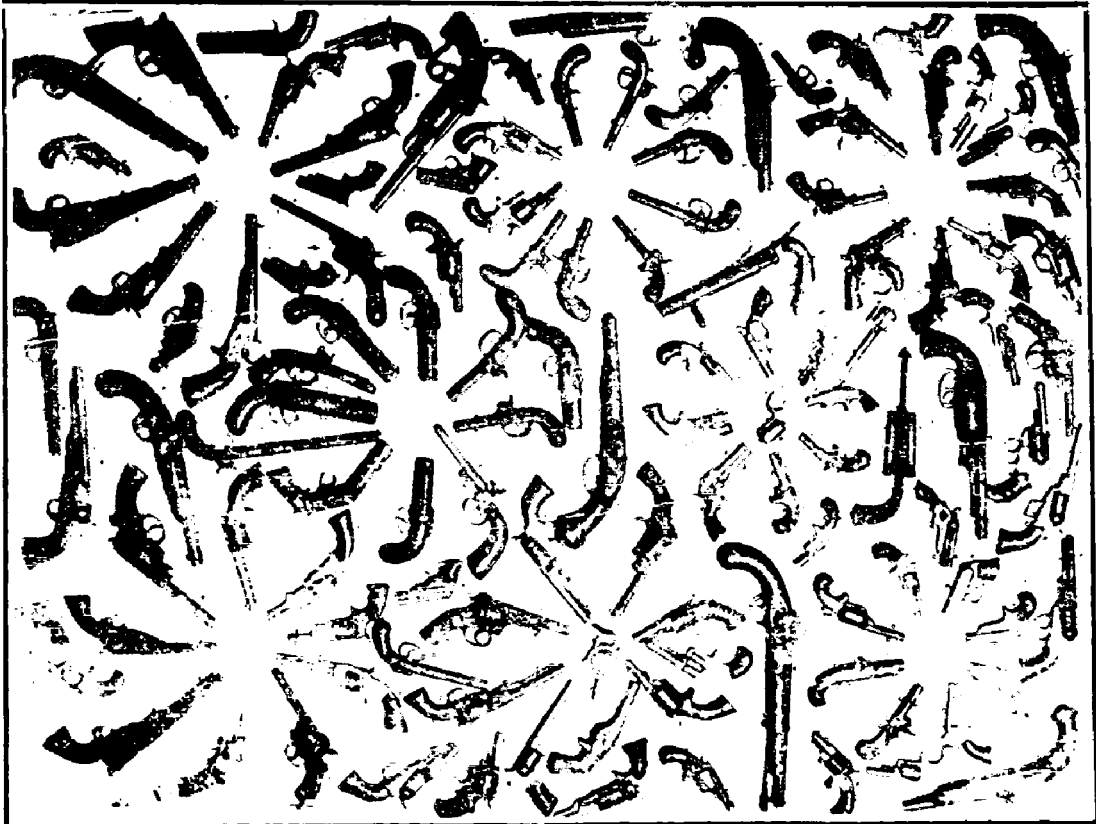


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hands, it being the belief of local citizens that such an instrument should be national property. It seems, from what could be learned, that years ago the historic document was sold at auction and was purchased by a collector who paid particular attention to papers and relics of Lord Nelson. This collector died not long ago and his widow sent the fine collection to London to be disposed of at auction. How it originally came into private hands is a mystery, or whether it ever was in the possession of the Nation seems to be a matter of doubt. Many London papers and public men as well urged that the great relic be taken by the Crown, under the right of prescription, but this seemed hardly fair and it looked very much from last reports as though an appropriation would be made by parliament for the purchase of the relic and its retention hereafter by the nation.

The WEST'S Curio Editor has been for some time trying to locate the following parties: Clarence Young, formerly of Lawrence, Ark., but when last heard from attending Barnes Medical College, St. Louis; Ross V. Wells, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio; E. L. Purdy, formerly of San Francisco, Cal.; Raymond Wilcox, formerly of New York City; T. M. Kelso, formerly of Reynolds, Wash; W. H. Volleck, formerly of Berkeley, Calif.; H. N. Dennis formerly of Momence, Ills., but late of Chicago; H. M. Kull, formerly of Latrobe, Penn; G. G. Gitt, Jr., formerly of Cottage City, Mass.; Frank Mears, formerly of Mansfield, Mo., but later of Topeka, Kans. If this notice should be seen by any of these parties, or by anyone knowing of their whereabouts, the curio editor would be pleased to be furnished with their present address, and to know whether they are still interested in curio collecting.

The well preserved skeleton of a deep sea serpent forty feet long was found a few months ago in the South American canyon, Humbolt county, Nevada, according to newspaper reports from Reno, Nev. The find was made by a party of scientists sent out by the University of California. The skeleton still retained the head and from this protuded a large proboscis, or snout, that evidently made more hideous in life the monster which inhabited the waters that covered what is now a desert waste. When the party of California scientists returned to Berkeley from the Nevada desert it is reported that more than fifteen tons of fossils for the University Museum were placed for a shipment to follow.

A piece of the skin of a Danish pirate, slightly larger than a shilling, was sold at an auction sale of curios held in London a few months ago, bringing about \$15. The Viking to whom this particular piece of skin is reported to have once belonged was caught while pillaging a church in Essex over nine hundred years ago, and he was duly executed by his captors, after which his skin was nailed to the church door as a warning to other evil doers. The relic, which was enclosed in a glazed mahogany case, looked like a jagged piece of thick parchment. It is claimed that this very small piece of the pirate's skin became lodged in the hinge of the massive old door of the church to which the whole skin had been nailed, and that this small bit thus escaping the ravages of Time reposed in the hinge until 1855 when it was discovered, and of course preserved as a relic. At this same auction sale

where this bit of Viking skin brought three guineas, a lock of King Edward IV's hair, which was taken from his tomb at Windsor when it was opened in 1789, did not find a purchaser at any figure. Which only proves that it is hard to guess what will appeal to a curio lover and what will not.

A dispatch dated at El Paso, Texas, a few weeks ago told an interesting story of mining operations being pursued in Northern Arizona by a New York iron company. A shaft was being sunk, according to the report, six miles south of Diablo station on the Santa Fe railroad, close to Diablo canyon, for the purpose of recovering and smelting a gigantic meteor which buried itself in the earth probably in the prehistoric period. Fragments of the meteor which were found and assayed were found to be almost pure iron, it is said, there being slight trace of other minerals. It is claimed that the huge body buried itself 600 feet below the earth's surface and the iron company planned to sink its shaft that deep. Fragments of the meteor have been picked up all over the country surrounding its burial place, and specimens large and small have been added to the possessions of a number of curio collectors.

William E. Curtis, writing in the Chicago Record-Herald a few weeks ago, tells of a slab of marble which marks a grave in Rock Creek cemetery, near Washington, D. C., that has attracted the attention of visitors for many years. It is one of the oldest tombstones in that ancient cemetery, and, according to an old custom, was laid horizontally instead of being placed upright, being supported at each corner by a little column about eight inches high. The stone is peculiar and different from all others in the cemetery because it is elastic. It will bend under pressure and return to its original position when the weight is removed. Mr. Curtis goes on to say that there is a tombstone in the cemetery at Jefferson City, Mo., which will likewise bend under pressure. The technical name for this elastic stone is itacolumite, so called after the mountain in Brazil where it was first found. Experts say that the stone's elasticity is due to the fact that the crystals are of an unusual, elongated form and are not in close contact, which leaves room for a slight play in the plane of the bedding. The stone is much affected by heat and by cold. The only place outside of Brazil where itacolumite has ever been discovered, Mr. Curtis says, is in Watauga and Sotkes counties in North Carolina. Specimens of this interesting variety of stone make pleasing and interesting additions to any curio collector's cabinet.

Over in England last summer an interesting American document was discovered, it being the letters patent granted by William and Mary to William Penn. The parchment was 29 1-2 by 23 1-2 inches and is elaborately executed. On the left margin appears three lions, crowned with the fleur-de-lys. On the right are the lion rampant, the harp and the Tudor rose, each symbol being likewise crowned. The whole is surmounted by a representation of the royal arms and a portrait of King William III. The document, according to London advices, was on the market, along with a number of other Penn relics, but as the owner was desirous of concealing his identity the history of the document since left the hands of William Penn must remain unwritten.

More and more collectors are coming to apply the truth of the old maxim "In Union there is strength." A collector singly and alone cannot make the advancement, gain the knowledge, add to his possessions, that he can if allied to a movement having for its object and purpose the common good. So it is that for years the philatelist, the stamp collector, who has made most rapid progress in his chosen hobby has been the one who affiliated with some one of the philatelic societies, putting himself in touch with fellow collectors in the various parts of the Union, the Canadian dominion and abroad. If he be an advanced collector in philately, he has joined the leading American society—the Metropolitan Philatelic Association, and thus come in touch with the more advanced stamp collectors, while, if a young collector, an amateur, he has joined some one of the minor philatelic societies. If a souvenir post card collector he has affiliated himself with other collectors in some post card society, some one of the several good ones. If a curio collector he has joined the A. S. of C. C., or American Society of Curio Collectors, and thus placed himself in touch and sympathy with other geologists, mineralogists, oologists, ornithologists, taxidermists, conchologists, archaeologists, antiquaries, etc., for the advancement of his own collection and the promotion of the common welfare of curio lovers. The time has passed when collectors can do very much, or advance very fast in their pursuits singly and alone. Every earnest collector should claim membership in some collectors organization in order to get the most out of this hobby, for it not only gives the collector a certain standing but proves helpful in many ways.

The Collection of Autographs.

Perhaps no other hobby offers as great a field as the collection of autographs of men of renown.

The securing of the signature of really great men is sometimes a very great task as many persons are prone to be pestered by the collectors of autographs. Few persons are "in" on the secret of securing them.

Of course there are men of today who have just risen in some way or other and feel it an honor to send their signature to a collector, but this is not the average famous man.

I myself am the proud possessor of a nice lot of autographs of really famous men, and I am going to tell you how I secured them. After many unsuccessful attempts to secure the autograph of a certain person I wrote this person on his favorite subject, making a criticism on one of his great books. I immediately received a letter from this person written in his own hand and signed by himself. I have since secured many from others in the same manner and now when requesting an autograph I never ask direct for one but write on some subject of which I know the person is interested in and I do not fail to ask him to write me at his "earliest convenience" and I also do not fail to receive a reply from him.

The Indian rhinoceros is slowly becoming extinct. There are only four specimens in the zoos of the Continent and the rhinoceroses found in the jungle are becoming so rare that one is seldom seen, even by the most ardent hunter.

Notes From My Archaeological Field-Book

By George J. Remsburg

One of the most common of all ancient stone implements in North-eastern Kansas, along the Missouri River, is the grooved hammer or maul. I have thus far found but a single specimen, and have heard of but few others having been found in this region. The only grooved implement that is common here is the ordinary stone axe or hatchet. The favorite hammer seems to have been the simple water worn pebble, of which I find hundreds with pitted surface and battered edges. For mauls a large irregular stone, with notches for attaching a handle, seems to have been commonly used.

A pottery vessel is seldom found intact in this section of the country. I have found pot shards in great profusion and in one instance nearly a third of a small vessel, but have never discovered, or even seen, a whole vessel of earthenware in this region. Julius Brandner, of Atchison, informs me that he once found a small perfect pottery vessel along a ravine in the north part of that city, but I have never seen the specimen. It is also reported that a complete vessel was once unearthed at White Cloud, in Doniphan county. The prehistoric pottery of this region seems to have been of a very fragile quality.

Mr. Wm. A. Simpson, of Atchison, informs me that he has found an Indian village site on Independence Creek, north of that city and that he has gathered quite a collection of relics therefrom. We intend to make a thorough examination of the place in the near future and will communicate the results to the WEST. Mr. Simpson is an ardent antiquarian, numismatist and philatelist.

On October 25-26, 1903, assisted by Mr. J. B. Loftin, I explored an Indian grave mound on a hill overlooking the Independence valley, near the confluence of that stream with the Missouri river, in Shannon Township, Atchison county, Kansas. The mound was located on the farm of Mr. John Myers, in section 7, township 5, range 21. The remains of one Indian together with numerous relics, were encountered very near the original surface, and within a space of not more than four feet square and two feet deep from the top of the mound. The remains, from all appearances, had originally composed a "scaffold burial", and after having tumbled down and been swept by prairie fires, the kinsmen of the dead Indian came along, as was their custom, and buried the remains in a confused mass, without system or regularity. Among the objects unearthed with the badly decayed and charred bones, were many glass, porcelain and bone beads, 1 silver finger ring, 1 silver breast-plate, 1 pair of silver ear-bobs, 1 steel fire-striker, a broken iron kettle and old fashioned china plate, fragment of a copper bracelet, fragments of bone implements, mineral paint, flint spalls and other articles. On the same date and in same locality (at Doniphan) I identified the site of the old Kaw or Kanza Indian village, visited by Bourgmont, the

French commander at Fort Orleans, in 1724.

I spent a day last month exploring the suburbs of Leavenworth city for evidences of aboriginal occupancy, but did not meet with any great success. In the extreme west end of the city, along Three Mile creek, I found here and there a spot of ground containing numerous flint spalls indicating that Indian workshops had been located thereat, but found nothing to show that Leavenworth had been the seat of a permanent Indian populace. In the same vicinity I examined a mound which has long been supposed to have been an Indian burial monud, but it proved to be only a natural formation. Now and then an arrowpoint, stone axe, or other object of aboriginal art, is picked up within the corporate limits of Leavenworth, but I have never observed, or heard of any such remains to the extent to warrant a belief that an Indian village was located there. However, in the immediate vicinity of Leavenworth I have found a number of village and camp sites. On the Fort Leavenworth military reservation, are several ancient mounds and a village site; at the mouth of Salt Creek Valley, just north of the fort, an old village of the Kansa Indians was situated: the famous prehistoric Lansing skeleton was found a few miles south of Leavenworth, and many more interesting archaeological discoveries have been made in that vicinity.

Curio Note.

Among the other Penn relics in the possession of the man who owns the letters patent referred to in Mr. Green's notes in this issue are an oil painting of Admiral Penn, William Penn's father, a silver dinner plate, a silver tobacco pipe, two pieces of blood stone with Penn arms, various seals, miniatures, prints, and a letter to Samuel Pepys signed by William Penn. There was also an old book written by Gearbie Thomas and dedicated to Penn. It is a small volume, printed in 1698 and bears on its title page "An Historical and Geographical Account of Pennsylvania and of New Jersey, in America." The whole collection of Penn relics in this unknown Englishman's possession is said to be worth \$250,000, according to the cabled reports, but it would be the Curio Editor's guess that you could divide that amount by five, or by three anyway, and get nearer at the vaule.

The Smallest Coin

The natives of the Malay Peninsula have in use the very smallest current coin in the world. It is a sort of wafer, made from the resinous juice of a tree, and is worth about one ten-thousandth of a penny. The smallest metal coin in circulation at the present day is the Portuguese three-reis piece, worth twelve one-hundredths of a penny. The smallest coin circulating officially in any part of the British Empire is the five-millesima piece of Gibraltar, worth about half a farthing.

The famous Liberty Bell was cast in England and was brought from there in 1752. While being taken from the ship it was injured, spolling its tone, and was recast in Philadelphia in 1753. It was broken in 1835 and has remained in that condition.

Collect Souvenir Post Cards.

Switzerland Cards and Others Continued.—By Miss M. Keller

Tourists are said to leave more than \$20,000,000 in Switzerland every year. H. L. Washington, American consul at Geneva, reported that a year or two ago some 171,639 tourists registered at the hotels of Geneva of whom at least 9,700 were Americans. He added, that hotels of Switzerland take in annually from \$13,500,000 to \$14,900,000. The statistics of a long series of years show that the expenditures of tourists vary greatly from year to year.

Judging from the grand scenery Switzerland counts herself among the foremost, as seen from the new cards, that are annually mailed from the various resorts. It would be interesting to know just how many are mailed, but one can easily imagine, knowing how popular they have become. One card from Lucerne, shows the Museum of Peace and War. No other city has an "International Museum of Peace and War". It is a temporary building erected for a "schuetzenfest" where the museum is installed. It is divided into 11 sections. Various cards show the different collections in each section. There are the arms of different periods. The stone hatchets of ancient warriors. There are the long clubs with iron spikes the Swiss used to fight with. Others show remarkable guns, muskets up to those of late styles. Bows and arrows, and the long spears such as the Austrians used to keep the clubs at a distance. In this museum is seen a remarkable diagram showing how one of Krupp's cannons can send a shot right over Mont. Blanc and strike an object 15 mile away. There are many other diagrams showing different military expenditures. A diagram containing ten large pictures of battle scenes. Two of these are from the war in Africa. Among the Art section is a picture "Guerre a la Guerra," by the Jan ten Kate. It represents a military glory as a skeleton, with war decorations on his breast brandishing a scythe. Around on every side are soldiers in fierce conflict. Others are portraits of friends of peace such as Tolstoi, Tola, Bertha Suttner and Jean de Bloch, the famous citizen of Warsaw, to whom the idea of this museum is due. who contributed his fortune to carry out his idea and whose advice, it is said, led the Czar to call the Hague. From Mora Sweden, we see a fine card representing the statue of Gustaf Vasa by Andres Zorn is said to be a remarkable work of art. It is fifteen feet high, is of bronze, standing on a high boulder at the exact place where Vasa, a Noble and first King of Sweden, advised the Dalecarlians to throw off the Danish yoke.

Among recent Switzerland views are some along the Bodensee showing views from Hard. The eye rests on the lovely basin of the waters hemmed in by the lofty Alps, villas and hotels. Farther on glitter the Alpine peaks in the background. These are called the Three Sisters. Hoher Kasten and Santis are plainly distinguished from all others. Still another view shows the resort Sonder-Tenfen in the Canton Appenzell. The traveling public has frequented this resort on account of its sheltered situation and fine climate which is highly recommended by medical authorities. The process in natural colored photographs by which cards are made was invented in Zuerich, Switzerland.

The Algonquins in Iowa.

By Glen M. Hathorn.

That northern Iowa was inhabited by the Algonquins centuries ago, is the conclusion formed by eminent ethnologists in light of recent discoveries made in a mound at Okoboji, Iowa.

History has it that this race of Indians had never touched the shores of Spirit Lake and Okoboji, and attributed the presence of mounds in that vicinity to other tribes who had erected them for lookouts. But it has remained for the explorer to sweep away the traditions of early Iowa, and preface ancient history of the state, with an epoch lost in mystery, and uncover relics of a race hitherto unknown in this state.

A race of gigantic stature and superior intelligence, skilled in the arts and crafts, such were the ancient Algonquins.

Civilization on a plane approaching that of the twentieth century had been established ages ago near our northern chain of lakes. While the system of government and method of living was no doubt tribal, the relics of the race scattered about in the mounds indicate a high degree of knowledge and skill.

Curiously fashioned earthenware, beautifully illuminated with scenes of the woodland, the hunt and chase and the battlefield, marvelous creations in copper vases and ornaments engraved with characters of an unknown language, these are but a few of the remnants picked up in the sepulchre.

Forgotten to tradition and tribe lore, unremembered in Indian legends and myths so far back did their existence date, seven Algonquin kings have slept for ages in a mound on the border of Spirit Lake. From acorns scattered on the mounds great oaks have grown, and from their seed other trees have sprung.

Fossil remains on the hill tell of a glacial epoch that followed, and other physical changes on earth's surface. And now, ages afterward, remnants of the ancient race are returned from the unknown, and its attainments engrossed upon the pages of history.

Grouped around a central monument of granite, were found in the mound the remains of seven men, a woman and a child. That they were royal personages was evidenced by rich attire and badges of office, such as sceptre and wands firmly held in the mummified hands. Glittering ornaments, copper bracelets and bright beads bedecked the remains. The baby held in tight embrace a gaily dressed doll, and by its side were trinkets that delight childish fancy.

The heads were firmly bound to the monument with thick strips of tanned bark, and at the foot of each mummy was erected a memorial slab. When the covering was removed and light and air admitted, the remains crumbled into dust.

Beneath the tangled undergrowth, so far under the surface that its presence was not revealed excavation began, a beaten path encircled the exterior of the mound. The track was worn smooth from travel and foot prints were visible in the soil.

At regular intervals, it is my belief, the tribe in religious observance, walked in solemn procession around the mound, chanting their weird memor-

ials to departed royalty. Year after year, and century after century, these rites and ceremonies were observed, and the deeply beaten path in the mound bears out such a theory.

Although the link connecting these ancients with the Algonquin related to our history is completely lost, it is believed that some members of an ancient tribe went to Mexico before extinction of the race in Iowa, and that their descendents, drifting to the Atlantic coast centuries afterwards were ancestors of the Algonquins known to us.

While at Spirit Lake during the latter part of August 1905, I again visited the mounds near Templar Point for the purpose of securing photographs of them but the rain fell in torrents for nearly two days, and the third day the wind blew terrifically and I found after the plates were developed that they were far from being satisfactory.

A Few Hobbies.

"The man without a hobby is like a ship without a rudder," is often quoted and a very true statement. It is no exaggeration when I make the statement that one person out of every ten in the United States is engaged in some hobby. I will mention only a few this time.

Minerals is a well known hobby and holds not a few participants. No description need be appended this name as it is too well known. To secure a good collection is what the collector goes in for but many do not know from what source these can be gotten. If you are fortunate enough to live in a city you can find all sorts of varieties at any curio store already named and described. If your city does not contain a curio store or you live in the country I invite you to correspond with the publisher. I do not deal in these but I can give you the addresses of firms who do.

Flowers is another and while not so well known is a fine means of instruction. Those who have not studied botany can not appreciate this hobby as well as the one who has. There is only a few firms who deal in these and if you wish I will be pleased to send you names and addresses of them.

Relics, while last in this list, is by no means least. It contains as many participants as both the above hobbies combined and is a source of study as well as of pleasure. It offers as wide a field as any other hobby, a fair collection can be obtained for only a small sum. There are in every home some antique treasure brought down from several generations for which many hobbieists are yearning.

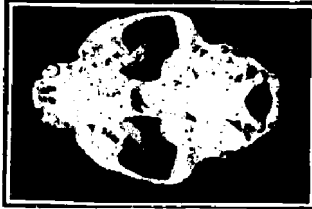
Copper Arrow-Point Found

By G. N. Gunderson.

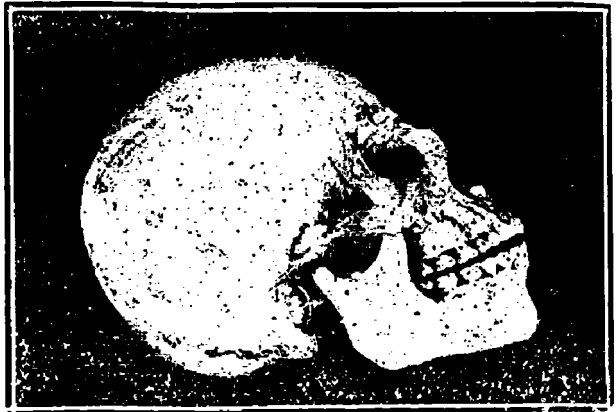
A tempered copper arrow point has been found by workmen engaged in grading a road near Grand Marais, in Cook county, Minn. It was unearthed in a bed of gravel about four feet below the surface, where it had probably been lying for ages. A well preserved stump was found imbedded in the gravel near by, showing that this missile of a bygone age fell upon open ground and was buried by the constant wash from the hillside.

Notes on Mammals

By *Arthur B. Coover*



Tiger Skull



Human Skull

Teeth are present in nearly all mammals, and are applied to various purposes. They are, however, mainly subservient to the function of alimentation, being used either in procuring food by seizing and killing living prey or in gathering and biting off portions of vegetable material, and more indirectly in tearing and cutting through the hard protective covering of food substances, and the husks and shells of nuts, or in crushing, or otherwise dividing the solid materials before swallowing, so as to prepare them for digestion in the stomach.

Certain teeth are also in many animals most efficient weapons of offense or defense, and for this purpose alone they are developed in the male sex of many animals, while in the female they are absent or rudimentary.

The dentition of all mammals consists of a definite set of teeth almost always of a constant and determinate number, form and situation, and, with a few exceptions, persisting in a fundamental condition throughout the natural term of the animal's life.

The teeth of the two sides of the jaws are always alike in number and character, except in cases of accidental or abnormal variation. In describing the dentition of any mammal, it is sufficient to give the number and character of the teeth on one side only.

In the human subject the number of teeth is thirty-two, sixteen in each jaw. These consist of four incisors, two canines, four bicuspid, and six molars. In animals, the teeth between the canine and molars are called premolars, being different in form from the bicuspid teeth in man.

FELIDAE.

Felis, a Cat.

The cats are digitigrade carnivora, with toes 5-4. They are readily known from allied families by the retractile and very sharp, compressed claws.

The dentition is reduced to its simplest elements among all those mammals having incisors, canines and molars. The dental formula being:

Incisors 3-3 3-3, canines²₁1-1²₁,
premolars 3-2 3-2, or 2-2 2-2; molars 1-1 1-1, total 30 or 28.

The canines are long, sharp, more or less curved, usually slightly compressed, and in existing cats possess two longitudinal furrows on the outer side. The posterior molar is sectorial, with two smaller compressed premolars anterior to it. The second upper and first and second lower premolars are trilobed, the central lobe highest, and the lateral sometimes with accessory notches on lobes.

The first premolar is very small and is absent in the Lynx.

The distinguishing marks between *Felis* and the Lynx is given in the following key: *Felis* having 4 molars on each side; tail half the length of the trunk; shoulders high; ears not tufted at the tips.

Lynx, having 3 molars on each side (the small anterior premolar of *Felis* being absent); short truncated tail; triangular ears tufted at the tips.

Genus *Felis* embraces *Felis concolor*, (commonly known as the panther, cougar, Rocky Mountain lion, catamount, etc.). The panther is second in size of the North American Cat, and owing to the greater relative length of the legs it stands higher than the Jaugar. The panther is indigenous to Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

There are four other representatives of *Felis* in the United States besides *Felis concolor*. *Felis onca*, the Jaugar, or American Tiger which is the largest of American Cats; *Felis pardalis*, the Ocelot; *Felis eyra*, the Tiger Cat, a reddish brown cat about the size of the common house cat. *Felis yaguarindi*, a grizzled-gray cat larger and longer than the house cat. These are found only in the Southern states.

GENUS LYNX.—In the United States the Lynx embraces four species: *Lynx canadensis*, the Canada lynx, which is the largest of the species ranging North; *Lynx fasciatus*, the Red Cat; *Lynx maculatus*, the Texan Wild Cat; *Lynx rufus*, the American Wild Cat.

Lynx rufus, known as the Wild Cat, Mountain Cat, etc., is the best known of the species; having a wider range and varying much both in locality and season.

A Lincolnshire gentleman has made a hobby of collecting the ends of cigars and cigarettes thrown away by men of note. He has the end of a cigar thrown on Epsom race course by the King; a half burned cigarette, dropped by the German Emperor whilst out shooting with Lord Lansdowne, and a much smoked briar pipe once used by Mr. Chamberlain.

The forests of the United States have become so reduced that they can last but a few decades longer at most. Those of the South will be gone by 1925, and of the Pacific before 1950. The seaports of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico are exporting rapidly to South Africa and to many European marts, besides supplying ties and timbers for a large portion of England in which the wood has become exhausted.

A shawl-like spider-web lately taken from a Queensland cave was twelve feet long and four feet in width.

The Minerals of Arkansas

Much has been written of the minerals of our Eastern and Northern states, but when have we ever saw any description of the minerals of this state?

When it has been as carefully explored as Massachusetts or New York, it will prove one of the richest and most interesting of states for the mineralogist. Nearly every county, except those in the low lands along the Mississippi river, contains some choice varieties.

Gold and silver of the precious metals are found in several counties. Nearly all the valuable metals and ores are found in various portions of the state.

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Gypsum and shell marble are found in large quantities in Cleveland County. The latter deposits are rich in fossils. Kaolin, hematite, antimony and gypsum are found in Howard county. Independence county has large deposits of manganese, also associated with it are copper, silver, gold, and zinc. Fine specimens of galenite and calcite are found in the mines of Lawrence county.

The lead and zinc mines on James creek in Marion county found all the varieties of calcite, lead and zinc. The cliffs of the White river here are 300 feet high and are of handsome variegated marble. Onyx in handsome colors is found abundantly in some of the northern counties. Large columns and slabs have been taken out and polished and compare favorably with any found in the United States. Chalk is found in but two places in the United States—Kansas and southwestern Arkansas. At White Cliffs is a large deposit of this valuable mineral. The numerous salt licks in two or three of the southern counties were worked during the war to furnish the southern soldiers with salt.

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Saline county is another rich mineral locality. Bauxite, kaolin, serpentine, steatite and nickel, silver, lead, zinc and iron ores are found. The cracks and fissures of the limestone cliffs are filled with quartz. Sands of

silica have been found in beds from ten to fifty feet deep. Zinc, iron, lead, calcite (yellow crystals) and manganese are found at Calamine, Sharp county. But the paradise for the mineralogist is Grand and Montgomery counties. In the former counties are situated the famous Hot Springs, the Magnet Cove and Whetstone mountain. Think of a mountain of novaculite, where the finest of stones are found. Price an Arkansas oil stone at your hardware store and you can get an idea of its worth. The springs vary in temperature from 106 deg. to 147 deg. Fah. Here all manner and condition of quartz may be found. The finest crystals of wavelite in the United States are found here. Situated about sixteen miles from Hot springs—nestling between high miniature mountains of novaculite or whetstone, is the famous Magnet cove. It looks as if the Creator had gathered from all parts of the earth the rare, the curious and beautiful in the mineral kingdom and thrown them here in a mass.

Crystal of quartz to the right, quartz crystals to the left and crystals everywhere—a fairy bower of diamonds. Here is the home of the finest and purest crystals that grace the cabinets of all the great collectors of the world. Here is the home of the celebrated Hot Spring diamond.

The rocks are so charged with lodestone that the points of a compass vary constantly. Crystals of Rutile, brookite, Arkansite, Perovskite (all three varieties of Rutile) are found in splendid masses. The pretty and curious crystals known as wavelite are common. Garnets in handsome crystals as well as Thomsonite occur. Microcline (or when of a green color is called Amazon stone) are found. Large masses of lodestone are found.

The Crystal Mountain in Montgomery county is a large mass of sandstone some two or three miles long and about one mile wide, broke here and there by great gaps or fissures. These fissures are lined with masses of quartz crystals. Here bushels of these minute crystals called "brilliant's" or diamonds can be gathered.

Either Magnet Cove or Crystal Mountain are worthy a long trip. The former in particular. There are many other minor varieties of minerals in the state, which space will not permit now to mention.

An instance of the extent to which drawing may further the study of natural history is furnished by some drawings recently presented to the South Kensington Museum by Dr. Alfred Russell Wallace. Dr. Wallace, during his travels in South America, had obtained a finely representative collection of the fishes in the Amazon and its tributaries, which, however, was lost by the foundering of the ship in which they were being brought to this country. Fortunately, Dr. Wallace had made drawings of all the specimens worth the trouble, and consequently the museum can still possess the "counterfeit presentment," though the collection itself lies at the bottom of the ocean.

For 35 years Camille Flammarion has kept a record of the dates of appearance of leaves and flowers on the chestnut trees near the Paris Observatory. Comparing these dates with the sun-spot cycle, he finds a remarkable coincidence, leaves and flowers being earliest at sun-spot maxima.

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Saline county is another rich mineral locality. Bauxite, kaolin, serpentine, steatite and nickel, silver, lead, zinc and iron ores are found. The cracks and fissures of the limestone cliffs are filled with quartz. Sands of

silica have been found in beds from ten to fifty feet deep. Zinc, iron, lead, calcite (yellow crystals) and manganese are found at Calamine, Sharp county. But the paradise for the mineralogist is Grand and Montgomery counties. In the former counties are situated the famous Hot Springs, the Magnet Cove and Whetstone mountain. Think of a mountain of novaculite, where the finest of stones are found. Price an Arkansas oil stone at your hardware store and you can get an idea of its worth. The springs vary in temperature from 106 deg. to 147 deg. Fah. Here all manner and condition of quartz may be found. The finest crystals of wavelite in the United States are found here. Situated about sixteen miles from Hot springs—nestling between high miniature mountains of novaculite or whetstone, is the famous Magnet cove. It looks as if the Creator had gathered from all parts of the earth the rare, the curious and beautiful in the mineral kingdom and thrown them here in a mass.

Crystal of quartz to the right, quartz crystals to the left and crystals everywhere—a fairy bower of diamonds. Here is the home of the finest and purest crystals that grace the cabinets of all the great collectors of the world. Here is the home of the celebrated Hot Spring diamond.

The rocks are so charged with lodestone that the points of a compass vary constantly. Crystals of Rutile, brookite, Arkansite, Perovskite (all three varieties of Rutile) are found in splendid masses. The pretty and curious crystals known as wavelite are common. Garnets in handsome crystals as well as Thomsonite occur. Microline (or when of a green color is called Amazon stone) are found. Large masses of lodestone are found.

The Crystal Mountain in Montgomery county is a large mass of sandstone some two or three miles long and about one mile wide, broke here and there by great gaps or fissures. These fissures are lined with masses of quartz crystals. Here bushels of these minute crystals called "brilliant" or diamonds can be gathered.

Either Magnet Cove or Crystal Mountain are worthy a long trip. The former in particular. There are many other minor varieties of minerals in the state, which space will not permit now to mention.

An instance of the extent to which drawing may further the study of natural history is furnished by some drawings recently presented to the South Kensington Museum by Dr. Alfred Russell Wallace. Dr. Wallace, during his travels in South America, had obtained a finely representative collection of the fishes in the Amazon and its tributaries, which, however, was lost by the foundering of the ship in which they were being brought to this country. Fortunately, Dr. Wallace had made drawings of all the specimens worth the trouble, and consequently the museum can still possess the "counterfeit presentment," though the collection itself lies at the bottom of the ocean.

For 35 years Camille Flammarion has kept a record of the dates of appearance of leaves and flowers on the chestnut trees near the Paris Observatory. Comparing these dates with the sun-spot cycle, he finds a remarkable coincidence, leaves and flowers being earliest at sun-spot maxima.

An ordinary elephant produces 120 pounds of ivory, worth \$300.00. England consumes 650 tons (of which Sheffield takes one-third), for which it is necessary to kill 12,000 elephants yearly.

From the Easy Chair of an Autograph Collector

By John Thomas Lee

No. 1.

To begin with, I want those who are indulgent enough to read these papers to understand that I claim the right to be discursive, to defy all rules of sequence and place in juxtaposition a poet, a statesman and a scientist, if I feel so inclined; in short, I'm going to chat with you just as I would if you were with me, smoking in my den, this cold December night.

A man with a hobby is very likely to become garrulous and tiresome, and I crave your forbearance. Always bear in mind that I am talking about my hobby and that you might—mark, I say might—be equally garrulous if you were talking about yours.

Do we understand each other?

The popular conception of the autograph collector is a disagreeable person who thrusts an album under the noses of people of prominence, demanding "your autograph or your life". The man or woman who collects signatures and nothing more is not worthy of toleration, and should be cast forth from the congregation of the righteous into outer and nethermost darkness. They disgrace themselves and bring obloquy upon our fraternity. Fortunately, these persons are usually young, and, consequently, the chance for reformation are good.

The real collector does not care for signatures unless appended to something of interest. But now then he must, perforce, be satisfied with a mere signature. For example, no one can hope to possess a complete set of the signers of the Declaration of Independence unless he is content with a signature of Thomas Lynch, Jr. There is but one Lynch letter known to be in existence and that is almost priceless. This young fellow was but 27 years old when he was so fortunate as to sign the immortal document, and that act is his only claim to distinction. He was elected to Congress, not on account of his fitness for the position, but simply because he was the son of his father.

I have the courage to say that I have acquired autographs in three ways: By purchase (that is pardonable); I have had them given to me (that also, I believe, is pardonable), and I have in my time sunk so low as to write for them—the blackest sin of all in the eyes of many estimable persons.

The collector who adds to his store by direct application must be an adept, for it should be his aim to draw forth letters characteristic of the writers or their work. Letters collected in this way are not infrequently of value and interest, and may prove to be a good investment for the writer of them. More than one celebrity would be forgotten in a decade if some generous collector, like myself, did not come to the rescue and immortalize him in the public prints.

(To be continued.)

An advertisement in the WEST is as good as old wheat in the bin.

The Latest Post Cards

By Miss M. Keller

The cutest little advertising scheme seen of late is one gotten out by G. T. Gartner, Mfr., Chicago, Ill., U. S. A. It resembles a shipping tag, and has a tiny candle stick holder fastened thro' the hole by which a tag is fastened to baggage. This little candle stick is as bright as a light itself would be with its glistening metal. On one side of the tag card are these words: "Can't hold a candle stick to this town." On the other side is place for one cent ¹/₁₀ stamp, and space to write the address of the sender and few words in greetings, etc., with the Gartner Mfg. address at the bottom. Look for Gartner's advertisement in this issue of the WEST and he will be able to enlighten you without a candle, and you will find that you can't hold a candle to his advertisement once you know the merits of his advertisements. He has fine card albums and leather cards, all prices. See for yourself at once and don't fail to do so. Have you seen the fine souvenir cards and card holders gotten out by the Mellen Photo Co. Pubs. in Chicago, Ill? Its worth your time right now to stop and look for his advertisement in this paper. Handsome new sets of souvenir postals have just been gotten out bearing fine colored photographs of public buildings, parks, etc. One set of colored photograveurs are of the following subjects: Grant Monument, Lincoln Park Chicago, Boat house and the pavillion at the park, The Lagoon, etc. Other cards with half tone reproductions of photographs in four tones embrace other subjects; various streets, monuments, churches and everything else worth seeing in Chicago. See for yourself if there is anything you would like especially nice for your favorite card friends abroad to give them a good idea of what we can furnish on this side of the pond. Be sure and see about them in the advertisement of this paper and don't fail to order some at once. You will regret if you don't. It is the card with the refined, rich appearance that is most in favor and more of these ought to be sent thro' the mail. May the view card be a popular one in this New Year and our dear readers and exchangers avail themselves of the grand opportunity and choice they have in selecting beautiful cards.

A Unique Collection

By Elma Iona Locke.

In early times, among the Oriental, Greeks, Romans, and later peoples, even down to the eighteenth century, it was the custom of rulers and grandees to keep a dwarf at the court, or in the household, for the amusement of themselves and their guests. But Philip IV of Spain, who was born in 1605 and died in 1665, not being satisfied with a single specimen or the diminutive creatures, had a collection of dwarfs, many of which were presented to him by brother monarchs of the different European countries. Life-like portraits of dwarfs, painted by Velasques (Va-laz keth,) the greatest, after Murillo, of Spanish painters, cover the walls of the Royal Gallery of Madrid.

You cannot kill an elephant with a pop gun. Neither can you get a page ad effect with an inch advertisement.

Fine Exhibit of Relics

By W. S. Tripp

The Daughters of the American Revolution are erecting in Washington, D. C. a magnificent building to be called Memorial Continental Hall and to be used aside from a home of the National Society of D. A. R. as a repository for all Colonial and National relics. The Martha Washington Chapter D. A. R. of Sioux City, Ia., held during the first week of April a Loan Exhibit to raise money as a donation to Continental Hall. Every one who saw the collection of relics and curios were amazed that such a rare collection could be made in a western town. Two pieces that came over in the Mayflower were shown, a pewter tankard and white and yellow linen tablecloth so tender with age that it had to be handled most carefully. Powder horns and muskets of the Revolutionary war, relics from Valley Forge in use during that memorable winter. Laces, collars, white satin slippers and beautiful crepes and India shawls in which the matrons and maids of that long ago made themselves dainty were shown next to the brocaded vests and eye glasses of the Beau Brummell of the period called forth a great deal of admiration. Candle sticks and snuffers, warming pan and punch ladles called up quiet pictures of the times. Most of the silverware in the case was over a hundred years old. Among other things was an iron candlestick of the sort where the wick laid in the oil and an end was pulled over a spout to light. Among the china some rare pieces were shown. Willow ware, a Season's plate. Clews and Coalport china plates, specimens of Crown Darby and Lustra ware were some of the unusual pieces.

The old books and manuscripts were a delight to the Bibliomaniac Grandfathers clocks, tall mirrors, spinning wheels—one over 200 years old were of interest in the furniture department. The case of jewelry contained many beautiful and unusual articles, the tortoise shell comb that one would think it would require a juggler to balance on the head, so great was its size, odd old brooches and dainty fans, snuff boxes, rare miniatures on ivory, and beautiful garnet and pearls made up in various ways. A crowd always about this beautiful case of old treasures.

There was a pewter case too, and the Indian collection was most complete in all the various branches, with a special department for the basketry and beautiful rugs. Taken altogether the exhibit was one of great pleasure to those interested in antiques and the Chapter feels quite proud of having presented it to the city.

A tiny kind of shark is a notable light giver. Specimens captured and taken into a dark apartment present an extraordinary spectacle. The entire surface of the head and body emits a greenish gleam that is constant, and is not, as in the case of most of those luminous inhabitants of the sea, increased by friction and agitation. The smallness of the fins of the fish show that it is not an active swimmer.

A large Chacma baboon, who went through the South African war, is the latest addition to the monkey house at the Dublin Zoo. During the war she was with the Gordon Highlanders, and remained with the regiment for over a year, at the close of the war, afterwards living in County Carow.



Union Souvenir Card Exchange



America's Largest Card Collectors' Club. Organized April, 1904

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 DUES: United States and Canada, 50c per year; Mexico, \$1.25 (Mexican); Foreign, 75 cents, 3 shillings, Fr. 4, Mk. 3. Address all communications to the Secretary, excepting new memberships which should be sent through your nearest Representative. Application Blanks and particulars furnished free upon application to any of the officers or representatives.

JANUARY 1906
Mr. Horace W. Lintz.

Through oversight we neglected to advise our members in the last report of the resignation of the founder and former president of The Union. Owing to Mr. Lintz's business requiring him to be away from home and going from place to place continually he will be unable to properly look after the interests of The Union any longer and feels it his duty to resign. We are sorry to lose Mr. Lintz and will always have him to thank for being the founder of the largest and best card collectors club in the country. Had it not been for Mr. Lintz, there would have been no Union. May fortune smile upon him.

These are our boosters. We wish to thank the following members for the interest they have taken in The Union and the number of new members secured through their efforts, and only wish all members would work for the advancement of the society as have Mr. P. E. Perkins, No. 352; Mr. Wm. Clessen, No. 374; Mrs. John Alexander, No. 218; Mr. Geo. H. Chandler, No. 222; Mr. Donald Stuart, No. 269; Mr. Luis G. Aznar Preciat, No. 169; Miss Mattie H. Simmons, No. 337; Mr. R. A. Donaldson, No. 228; Mr. Ralph B. Platt, No. 259. They never knock, they smile and push.

Please note. Owing to pressure of business our vice president will hereafter be unable to exchange cards with other than Union members. It is therefore necessary to place your Union number on all cards sent him for exchange if you expect a reply.

Rules and Regulations. We respectfully call the attention of all members to the following Rules and Regulations which we believe, if carried out, will be a great benefit to each and every member, and will not only rid our society of dishonest collectors, but will greatly facilitate your exchange.

1. Members should do all they can to promote the collecting of souvenir cards and increase the membership of The Union.
2. Members must answer all cards addressed to them within ten days after receipt.
3. Your full name and address and club number should always appear on the address side of all cards sent for exchange. A small neat rubber stamp is usually used for this purpose.
4. Should any member fail to answer your card report the fact to the Secretary at once: the third complaint against the same member means

expulsion of the guilty party from the club and the public announcement of the same in our official organ.

5. All inquiries addressed to the Secretary or any of the Officers of the club must be accompanied by return postage.

6. All complaints about the non-receipt of the Official Organ should be addressed to the Publisher of that paper and not to the Secretary of the club.

7. Members must never use rubber stamps on view side of a card, as it spoils its beauty.

8. Membership is in force only while your membership card is good. After it expires your name is removed from our lists. When you renew you are given a new number, and your name is again entered under the head of new members.

9. Members wishing to discontinue exchange should address the Secretary in writing.

10. Change of address should immediately be reported to the Secretary and all members will be notified through our Official Organ.

11. Members must never send more than one card for the first exchange when entering into correspondence with a new member. Arrangements can afterwards be made should you desire to exchange in larger numbers.

12. When opening exchange with a foreign member you should not send your first card as printed matter without a word of greeting thereon. Ask him if it will be agreeable to enter into exchange, what kinds of cards he collects, in what quantities he refers to exchange, and if he desires the cards stamped on view side. By so doing you are sure of a reply, sure of satisfying him in future exchange as you will know what he wants and a long and pleasant exchange will result.

13. When sending cards for translation always enclose return postage.

14. Always keep a supply of our application blanks on hand and remember that we give valuable premiums for securing new members.

15. Being a member of The Union does not bar you from joining any or all the other souvenir card societies in existence at your pleasure; but remember that it is entirely out of place to copy names and addresses of collectors and send them cards for exchange unless you are a member of that club.

The Election Contest. Last month we announced a voting contest for the purpose of electing a president and second vice president for our club, and published a voting coupon together with an earnest request that all members fill it out and return to the Secretary at once. Less than ten per cent of the members have sent in their votes. The result of the contest will be announced in our next report, and we again respectfully all those who have not sent in their vote to do so immediately. We do not want our officers to be elected by the votes of just a few on-the-spot members; we want all who have joined The Union to take an active part in this contest.

New Members. This list is published for the benefit of our members and to the knowledge and belief of the secretary to whom the applications were sent all parties listed below are active members of The Union and will answer all cards sent for exchange by our members. You should report at once should any of these as well as the other members of The Union fail to answer your cards, but remember to give your Union number when writing them. 327. Miss Agnes Tinkham, Anson, Maine. 328. Bernard J. Edes, 138 Russell Street, Portland, Ore. 329. Willis E. Elliott, 183 Niagara Street.

Buffalo, N. Y. 330. Otis Bartlett, 51 Spring St., Hartford Conn. 331. Everett N. Rector, 2845 Randolph St., Lincoln, Nebr. (Foreign preferred.) 332. Miss Rose Gilmore, General Delivery, Lincoln, Nebr., (Foreign only). 333. Philip Despott, 89 Sda. Reale. Valletta, Malta. 334. Alton Miles, P. O. Clerk, Lincoln, Nebr., (No comics). 335. Charles Driscoll, Lismore, New South Wales. 336. Miss Fannie Notley, 132 Barson St., Santa Cruz, Calif. 337. Miss Mattie H. Simmons, Centerdale, R. I. 338. Howard E. Lathrop, 29 Grand St., Oneonta, N. Y. 339. Miss Nelly H. Loewe, 361 Ontario St., Chicago, Ill. 340. Miss Emily H. Salles, 246 Adams Street, Dorchester, Mass. 341. J. Burtram Farren, Box 196, Ossining, N. Y. 342. W. G. J. Hill, Box 5362, Johannesburg, South Africa. 343. Miss Emily Corrin, c-o Moline Elevator Co., Moline, Ill. 344. Olaf Bergquist, 588 Main St., Middletown, Conn. 345. George Sergeant, 88 Palace St., Petersham, Sydney, New South Wales. 346. N. Matsubayashi, c-o M. Fukuda, Mitajiri, Japan. 347. C. A. McHugh, 3 Peter's Wharf, St. John, N. B., Canada. 348. Charles F. Engleman, 400 S. Clinton St., Syracuse, N. Y. 349. Wilh. Wieser, Altstetten, Zurich, Switzerland. 350. William Fiss, Jr., 147 Morris Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. 351. P. E. Perkins, 1228 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, Mich. 352. Chas. A. Marsh, Pay Office Royal Lancers, Ambalu, India. 353. John Dundero, 606 Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind. 354. Dr. Lauritz Swendsen, Cort Adellersgade, Copenhagen, Denmark. 355. G. F. Philleo, 33 Metropolitan Opera House Bldg., St. Paul, Minn. 356. Chas. E. Parnell, Floral Park, N. Y. 357. E. R. True, 307 East 20th St., Pittsburg, Kans. 358. Leslie Kerr, 707 East 15th St., Pittsburg, Kansas. 359. Norris Miller, 1318 Sherman St., Spokane, Wash. 360. Julius H. Bjork, 1150 W. Division St., Chicago, Ill. 361. M. A. H. Spencer, Charles, Georgia. 362. H. L. McAlister, Lexington, Ore. 363. Herbert L. Gnaedinger, 94 St. Peter St., Montreal, Que., Canada. 364. Chas. Mantin, Paris, Tex. 365. John Henry Kern, P. O. box 215, Fort Wayne, Ind. 366. Miss Janette V. Longmore, 1052 Geary St., San Francisco, Calif. 367. Miss Susan E. Clark, Centerdale, R. I. 368. Clarence Thompson, Box 898, Rome, N. Y. 369. C. Vincent Solomon, 8 Watson St., Cape Town, South Africa. 370. Mostyn Lewis, 9 Ontario Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada. 371. E. A. Stabler, 610 Reservoir St., Baltimore, Md. 372. Charles S. Quinn, 14 S. 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 373. William Clessen, 42 Moran St., Detroit, Mich. 374. Don R. Davis, Lowell, Ark. 375. Tomas Aznar, Preçiat, Apartado Postal Num. 6, Campeche, Mexico. 376. Teizo Yamada, 140 Motomachi 6-Chome, Kope, Japan. 377. Kisuke Yamada, 140 Motomachi 6-Chome, Kote, Japan. 378. Albert Keckener, 26 Blanch St., Mansfield, Ohio. 379. Wm. Mackie, 309 Armory Place, Sault Ste. Maire, Mich. 380. C. E. Warwick, Box 34, Galveston, Tex. 381. H. S. Reed, Redmond, Washington.

Change of Address. No. 254. James T. Callender from 1678 Berlin St., New Orleans, La., to 1678 Robert St., New Orleans, La. No. 339. Miss Nelly H. Loewe from 361 Ontario St., Chicago, Ills., to 129 14th Ave., Melrose Park, Illinois.

Expired Memberships. Nos. 86, 87, 88, 92, 93., 235, 236, 237, 239, 240, 241. All memberships up to and including No. 93, and numbers 231 to 241, inclusive have expired, and you should not send cards to any of these members as they have either given up collecting or renewed their memberships in

which case their names will appear under a new number.

Resigned. No. 91. A. W. VanLeer, 1008 No. East St., Bloomington, Ill.

Complaints. No. 311 against 47 and 52. (Both expired memberships). No. 269 against 9, 11, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, (expired memberships) and 226, 245, and 251 (active members).

The Philatelic West. From time to time the Secretary receives complaints from various members of the The Union about not receiving their Official Organ regularly. This is something that I cannot be held responsible for, as I send your subscriptions in cash to the publisher as soon as I receive your application and remittance: and have also asked every member both new and old to address all such communications to the publisher, and not to me. Of late the WEST has not appeared as often as it should, and the publisher alone can give the reason. It has been the only ambition of the officers of the Union to give entire satisfaction to all our members, and it never occurred to us that the publisher of our official organ would fail us. Perhaps though, it is no fault of his and we can forget and forgive past delays and hope for future improvement.

Special offers to Union members. 1. Messrs. Anderson-Neary, Jones & Company, Alexandria, Egypt, will furnish to Union members cards of Egypt and Palestine at the following prices: 20 cards 35 cents, post free. 30 cards 50 cents post free, 50 cards 75 cents post free, 100 cards \$1.40, post free. At the above prices they are all different and will be mailed under cover but should you desire them sent separately and stamped on view side please so state when ordering, and add two cents for postage on each card. These cards are not only very rare but exceedingly interesting and worth double the price asked for them.

2. Mr. W. R. Gatt, 32 Sda. Vescovo, Malta, will supply members of The Union with any number of different cards from ancient Malta, for one cent each sent under cover, or two cents per card if separately addressed and stamped on view side. This is the cheapest these cards have ever been offered, and all members should take advantage of the offer.



The 24th regular meeting of this Society was held in their rooms, 1123 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Jan. 5, 1906, Pres. W. F. Dunham presiding. A communication was received from Lyman H. Low, who presented the society with some statements regarding the four Confederate half dollars, which the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge. Chas. Blumenschein, Eswald Pettet, Clayton C. Herr, Capt. Emile Dietrich, Thos. L. Elder, J. B. Holmes, Edward T. Newell, J. M. Henderson, C. C. Northern and W. E. Pearse were elected to membership. The President appointed V. M. Brand, M. P. Carey and H. C. Whitehill a committee on revision of the constitution and by laws, and instructed them to report at next meeting. The following officers having been duly elected at the December meeting, were then installed: President, G. W. Tracy; Vice President, E. C. Verkler; Secretary, Ben G. Green; Treasurer, F. Elmo Simpson; Librarian, and Curator, Virgil M. Brand:

Censor, W. F. Dunham. Executive committee, Dunham, Brand and Green. On motion the name of C. L. Burlingham dropped from the membership roll for non-payment of dues. The President appointed Messrs Green, Brand and Dunham a committee to audit the books of the Treasurer. The cabinet received several donations, among which were twelve Chicago store cards. On motion a vote of thanks was tendered the out-going officers for their faithful and efficient efforts during 1905.

The question box was opened and a considerable discussion of the various inquiries followed. Under exhibitions Mr. Pearce showed a gold mohur of India, Mr. Dunham a fine ancient aes, Mr. Brand some double and triple thalers and Mr. Green his collection of U. S. freak coinage. Those present were supplied with sets of the nickel coinage of Jamaica for 1905, and one set was placed in the cabinet. Books received since last meeting were: Histoire Monetaire de Geneve by Demole; Nineteenth Century Tokens by W. J. Davis; and Histoire Numismatique Belge by Guioth. Spink's Numismatic Circular, The Numismatist, Arnold's Numismatic Guide and catalogs of sales of Low and Green were also received. The Secretary reported a total of fifty members, of which twenty-six were elected in 1905. Adjourned to meet Friday evening, Feb. 2, 1906.—Ben G. Green, Secy.

T. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

President: W. A. Sisson. Vice President: C. H. Dietering.
Secretary: C. Grandpierre. Treasurer: F. R. Cornwall.

The twenty-fourth regular meeting of the Society was held January 9th, with thirteen members in attendance. In the absence of president and vice-president Mr. Grandpierre was elected to fill the chair. After reading of minutes of the previous meeting, nominations for officers were held for the ensuing year, resulting as follows: For president, C. Grandpierre, F. R. Cornwall, W. A. Sisson, Dr. J. W. Higson, Dr. Paul Baer; for vice president, H. A. Diamant, Otto Patzseeke, H. H. Kring, Dr. J. W. Higson; for secretary, T. C. Mann; for treasurer, H. H. Kring, F. R. Cornwall, H. A. Diamant. On motion of Dr. Higson, nominations for president were reopened, and Mr. H. A. Diamant nominated to the office. It was then moved to reopen nominations for Secretary, but the motion failed to carry. It was voted to postpone nominations for members of the governing board until after the election of officers. The entertainment feature of the evening consisted of an impromptu spelling bee arranged by Mr. Hopkins, for which he donated two prizes. Twenty-five names of philatelic "Countries" were read and the members asked to write them. The first prize, a 50c U. S. red-brown unpaid, was awarded to T. C. Mann for a score of 84 per cent of a possible 100. F. R. Cornwall won second prize with a score of 72. One list written in short-hand was adjudged the booby prize. The following is a list of the names in the contest: 1, Mariana Islands; 2, Philippine Islands; 3, Seychelles Islands; 4, Wadhwan; 5, Hawaiian Islands; 6, Kishengarth; 7, Venezuela; 8, Guatemala; 9, Curacao; 10, Macao; 11, Sungeri Ujong; 12, Arequipa; 13, Wurtemberg; 14, Nyassa; 15, Nossi Be; 16, Sweden; 17, Tierra del Fuego; 18, Charkhari; 19, Madeira; 20, Uruguay; 21, Labuan; 22, Fernando Po; 23, Modena; 24, Romagua; 25, Mozambique.—Respectfully,
T. C. Mann, Ass't Secy., 1416 Hickory St., St. Louis, Mo.

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| Trustees—W. Hendricks, Paxton Hotel; Hopson and Brown..... | Omaha, Neb. |

Pres. Wilkinson has appointed Harry Ketchum, of Chester, Manager of Sales or Exchange Dept. It will pay all readers to send him any of your duplicates you wish to sell or exchange, he can help you on good returns. Look up his ad.

New Members: H. T. Davis, Rushville; R. Gerspacher Grand Island Box 62. Applications: J. Plummer, Hastings Rfr. 1; Rev. Konard Jahn, Rfd 1, St. Libory Howard Co.

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Atlas Stamp Co., Brooklyn, and Mapes of Indiana complain of J. W. Werner, 12 E 3 St., New York City, and A. S. Arnold, Providence R. I., 383 Willard St. This last party seems to have left for parts unknown. E. Smith of Illinois complains of Walker of Holdenville, Indian Territory; Robinson of Illinois complains of Diehl of Iowa: Stone of Virginia complains of F. White, Belle Telephone Co. Cowansville Que. Canada; Terry of Seattle Wash. complains of A. Melict, Alexander Egypt; C. Anderson, Biringbro Denmark, S Dennis, Budjpest Hungary and C. Castarus, Greece sent them stamps and got no returns; M. C. Burnham, Klein and Atlas Card Co. of 10 E 23 St N. Y. seems to all be the same Co. from complaints of Stone, of Virginia and others. We know they owe us for ads. If there are any others we would be glad to hear, but remember to send 4 cents postage with each complaint. We are glad to help all we can to get your returns.

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Engravers and Printers of the Broken Bank Bills of 1800 to 1866

Paper money collectors as a rule do not ever think of mending their bills or straighten out the corners and the edges, just put them as they receive them, how much nicer the pieces when the bills are in nice condition and then again see how much more their collections are worth if they are all straight and mended and they never say anything about the engravers and printers, but you take a stamp collector the first thing he looks for is the engraver's or printer's name, why not in other lines of collecting, there are a good many engravers and printers, that do bank note work. The following list is not complete, there is 35 firms as only one company and a few others independent: Edward Mendel, Chicago: R. C. Rootanthony & Co., New York City: E. Morris, Philda.; Woodruff & Hammond, Cincinnati; Hosford & Co., N. Y.; Hosford & Sons, N. Y.; W. L. Ormby, N. Y.; Graphic Company: V. Bales & Co., N. Y.; Burton & Curley, N. Y.; W. E. Tucker & Co., Philda; Reed Eng. Co.: Terry, Preston & Co., Boston & Prov.: T. Groom & Co., Boston: New York Bank Note Co., N. Y.; American Bank Note Co., N. Y., Philda, New Orleans: National Bank Note Co., N. Y.: Union Bank Note Co., Newark, N. J.: New England Bank Note Co., Boston; P. Maverick, Albany, N. Y.; A. Lemet, Albany, N. Y.: Wellstood, Benson & Hanks, N. Y.: Wellstood, Hay & Whiting, N. Y. and Chicago: Wellstood, Hanks, Hay & Whiting, 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 Games!

Mr. Geo. R. Sawyer of Davenport, Wash., an A. S. of C. C. member has lately favored us with some valuable information, regarding finds near his own locality. We are always pleased to get information of the sort.

He states that itacolumite has been known near Moscow, Idaho, for several years, and occurs in great quantity. Local parties have been selling it as a curio for several years. This makes two known localities for the mineral in the U. S.; the other being in North Carolina.

Parties living in the city of Davenport, Wash., are at present engaged in developing a molybdenite mine. This mineral is a composition of molybdenum and sulphur, bearing the chemical formula of MoS_2 . The mine is 17 miles north of Davenport, near the Spokane river. The vein has a width of four feet and carries about twelve inches of clean molybdenite. Some molybdenite or molybdic acid in fine yellow incrustations, also occurs.

Large veins of wolframite occur in Stevens Co., Wash., about thirty miles north of Davenport. These veins can be traced for 25 miles north and parallel the rich leads of silver bearing ores; the latter being rich in chlorides, bromides, and native silver.

Large masses of amber have recently been uncovered on Staten Island, now the borough of Richmond of the city of New York. The mineral occurs in cretaceous strata, and the deposits have been commercially worked. Some advance the theory that this amber may be the product of sequoia-trees which grew on the Atlantic coast in cretaceous time. Be that as it may, this discovery will be hailed with delight by mineral collectors and those interested commercially, in the product.

Amber is a natural resin produced by extinct trees of the pine family. Most of the supply of the world, up to this time, has been brought from the shores of the Batic Sea in Europe, where it is most extensively found. Many specimens of amber are found, enclosing insects; the latter being caught up in the natural process of solidification and brought to light again after the passage of untold ages. Amber has found a very valuable use, in the manufacture of jewelry.

Doctor Ami, of the Canadian Geological Survey, in a recent lecture, expressed the belief that diamond drift may exist in the northern part of Canada. This belief is based upon the fact that eight diamonds have been found in the glacial deposits of Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan. The drift in which the diamonds were found is believed to have been carried down from Canadian territory in the ice age. Doctor Ami will follow up his lines of research, as soon as possible. No other theory will account for the presence of the diamonds in the three states mentioned.

Reports have, from time to time, come from other localities in the U. S., to the effect that diamonds had been discovered. While some of these stories may doubtless be true, it has been impossible to discern if the reports were authentic. Consequently it was thought best not to give them to the public for the present. Kentucky, however, is one of the states which share in these doubtful honors.



CAMERA NEWS

Editor, F. J. CLUTE, San Francisco



Cultivate the Artist

By Walter Brown, Chicago, Ill.

The average amateur has a deal to learn. While he is experimenting with new developers and discussing the relative merits of various types of lense with like specimens of his class, some other individual who has never employed other than the first developing formula that he happened upon and who does not know the name of half the others, is making work that wins praise and recognition from those who are capable of judging. The whole secret lies in the better understanding of the principles of art. We are besieged in the photographic press with articles telling us that composition is such and so, that this and that rule must not be violated: but, are our teachers qualified? In many cases they are not. It is too often a case where "where all are blind, the one-eyed man is king." It is not the indiscriminate reading of this sort of instruction that will make artists of us all. It will certainly not develop that individuality that is characteristic of all good art work. There is in every community a few persons that know art unfettered by the unconscious acceptance of the conventionalities of Photography. They will tell you bluntly that your work lacks tone values. That out-of-focus blur is not atmosphere. That detail should be suggested, not destroyed; made subordinate instead of being replaced by more obtrusive masses too far from the center of the scale. They will show you why a certain composition is pleasing while violating the conventional rules of the art writers in photographic magazines. A correspondent of mine who has won praise and encomium for his work wherever exhibited has learned his lesson from a newspaper illustrator who had the good fortune to spend a year or two within the atmosphere of an art center abroad. Another who is doing good work, as yet unpublished, worships at the shrine of a scene painter who is an educated artist, even in his humble line. A third has profited by the instruction gained from a gentleman who qualified as a decorator in one of the good technical schools of Germany. I could add a few more examples, but it is hardly necessary. I only wish to call attention to the fact that one may learn more by submitting their work to an actual personality than by the absorption of pages of generalizations. I might add also, that in the cases of the people mentioned above, there has been no sacrifice of individuality. Each is doing work that is characteristic. There is no imitation, no suggestion of a "school." Therein lies no small portion of the charm which individual work possesses. Go and do likewise. Seek out the one most capable of advising that you can reach; the man who appreciates good art and understands it; not the scene painter, the decorator, not the newspaper artist particularly. These examples are but cited to show that the right persons were to be found in all walks of life. Appreciation of art and a knowledge of its underlying principles is an endowment of no particular class.

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We are always glad to get names of any and all Nebraska collectors and camera people, all who are active with either will be pleased to see all the names and can help out more this way am sure.

LIGHT FOR PORTRAITS AND LIGHT FOR LANDSCAPES.

A friend came to me the other day with a peculiar difficulty. He has for some time desired to secure a picture of his own small side lawn, with its trees, shrubs, and landscape effect; but containing as well the figures of his immediate household. The difficulty seemed to be that trial after trial resulted in nothing satisfactory. In one print he had secured the landscape portion most pleasingly portrayed, but the group was a sad example of screwed-up features and the usual effect of sunlight in portraiture. In another the group was well handled as to lighting, but the landscape had lost its brilliancy and seemed flat and unattractive. While the only solution of the difficulty lies in the selection of a different position, even though less desirable, for the group: thus permitting of their being in more diffused light while the lawn is bathed in sunlight, the prints emphasized the fact that two entirely different kinds of lightings are demanded as a rule for these two classes of work. Good portraits have been taken in direct sunlight, but the cases are rare. A few landscape studies seem to demand soft lighting; but the fact remains that well defined shadows if rightly handled are the making of the major portion of our landscape pictures.

USING UP DOUBTFUL PLATES.

At the close of the season I generally find that I have a few partially filled plate boxes with contents of a doubtful character. These are the result of filling one or two holders and then not marking on the outside of the box just what remains, and why. Again, in going out for some subject, I will remove the plates in the holders and substitute fresh plates or ones of a different kind. The plates in the holders go in the first box that comes handy and when again stumbled upon, their kind and condition is forgotten. In this and similar ways the stock accumulates during the summer. I am now using them up and would advise others to try my plan. Such exposures as I now make are limited to one.



A N S W E R S

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J. R. W.—CARBON PRINTING: You have been frightened by a harmless bogey, but you are not the only amateur who has been prevented from tackling carbon printing by the stupid instructions which are sometimes published under the name of working directions. I have sent you, by post, a little pamphlet by which you may be safely guided, and I can assure you that, if you will only make a trial for yourself, you will find that the process is really one of the easiest we have. If you have any difficulties let me know.

W. B. M.—CONTRASTING NEGATIVES: If your negatives are too contrasty this cold weather, change to the metol-pyro formula which the makers of your plates recommend and develop until the image is well out, strengthening with an after application of pyro if they are inclined to come too weak. Warming the developer will result in softer negatives and diluting the developer will also assist.

B. H. M.—OXIDATION OF DEVELOPERS: Adding a small lump of camphor to the solution is said to be a complete preventative of oxidation and a little of any common acids added to the mixed developer will assist materially in preserving them. It is important that pure water be used and water from which all air has been removed by boiling or distillation will still more assist the keeping qualities of any developer with which it is compounded.

M. J. B.—LABELS FOR BOTTLES: About the simplest way to label your bottles is to write the labels on good note paper, paste them on the bottles and then give them a coat of any transparent varnish. This done and the bottles can be washed without the labels receiving any damage. It is advisable to make the label also carry the formula which has been used in compounding the contents. The date of filling the bottle is also important in the case of such solutions as deteriorate after a time as it advises one whether the contents can be expected to be of value or not should some time elapse before all the contents are used.

A. K. G.—A CHEAP BACKGROUND: The cheapest kind of a background of which I have any knowledge is made by using simply a large sheet of brown paper and shading its surface with the ordinary cheap school crayons of various colors. The red will photograph nearly black and other colors will give varying shades between that and white. The colors are best applied by first grinding up the crayons in a mortar and then rubbing the powder on with a rag made into a small pad. With a very little practice, most effective grounds can be made in this way and their cheapness allows of a new one being made quite frequently.

D. S. Y.—TRANSPARENT PASTE: A transparent paste for mounting prints on glass face downwards can be made as follows: Boil half a cupful of rice starch in two quarts of water for forty-five minutes. Strain this through a cheese-cloth, being careful not to use any pressure. To use, spread a thin layer of this starch on the glass, and place the print on top, being careful to remove any air-bells.



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A Wrinkle in Making Sunsets

By Fayette J. Clute

The beginner at this work has, as a rule something to learn. He must learn to discriminate between a sunset sky that charms by its color and one that may be much less satisfactory to the eye while lending itself more completely to a pleasing translation into black and white. He should buy a cheap pair of blue glasses and study the ever-changing effects of a few sunset skies before essaying any great amount of plate exposing. He will be the gainer in the end. When he does come to make exposures on this class of subjects he will find the knowledge gained through these blue-tinted glasses of greatest value. Even after this preliminary course of study the use of a blue-glass cap over the front of the lens will prove of advantage in selecting the best of a series of gradually changing effects. When a composition that is thought satisfactory presents itself while observing the image on the ground glass, one has but to remove the blue-glass cap, insert the holder and make the exposure. This same blue-glass cap is worth the expenditure of a small sum in having it constructed in a neat, substantial manner. Its value in landscape work is fully as great as in the case of sunsets and the like.

Blue Print Cloth

A Massachusetts correspondent asks for directions as to the making of blue-print cloth; what formula is used and what kind of cloth is best suited. Any good formula suited to paper is used. Photo-Miniature No. 10 gives several that can be tried. Blue print formulas are like those for developers: one will suit one person and another, another. The cloth most generally used is sold in the East under the name of "Near-Silk." It is a cotton cloth with a smooth finish similar to that used for the better and heavier grades of red bandana handkerchiefs. A good formula is as follows:

No. 1.

Citrate iron and ammonia50 grains
Water.....4 drams

No. 2.

Red prussiate potash.....32 grains
Water.....4 drams

This would no doubt be more suitable for cloth if less of the amount of iron and ammonia be used, say 32 grains instead of the 50. Again, it might be advisable to keep the sensitizing solution more on the surface by dissolving the iron and ammonia in gelatine water (sheet gelatine 10 grains, hot water one-half ounce) instead of water, as mentioned. The addition of 10 drops of a 10 per cent solution of bromide of potassium to each ounce of the mixed solution will cause the cloth to print slower but greatly improve its keeping qualities. The best chemicals obtainable should be used and the iron and ammonia salt well protected from the air.

Don't get excited and risk your brains by butting the ground glass while taking a pretty girl.—St. L. & Can. Phot.

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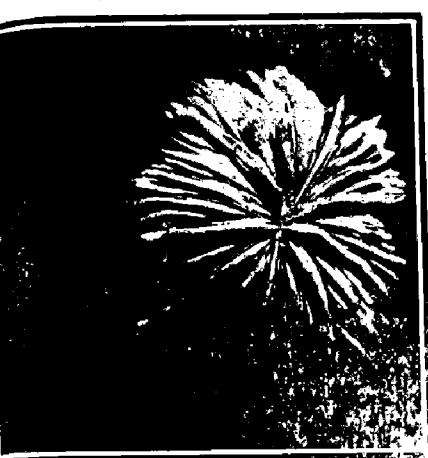
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An amateur in Illinois writes to ask if he cannot rig up a couple of struts, one on each side of his camera back, to hold a piece of mirror in position at an angle of 45 degrees so that he may see the image focused upon in its proper upright position. He can easily do this. It is often recommended by writers on the subject and looks quite tempting to the beginner whose entire lack of practice makes the inverted image a source of annoyance. A more advisable plan is to overcome the difficulty by a little patience and perseverance. With practice one will soon learn to view the inverted image without noticing that it is not in its proper position. Not only this, but in judging the value of lines or masses in a composition, the inverted image is better than would be one correctly placed. I have even known good artists to turn a picture upside down in order to determine more readily just what is lacking in the composition. You may be sure that a composition that seems out of balance when inverted will be equally faulty when viewed rightly placed. The use of a mirror as suggested will only delay a lesson that you will some day have to learn. In work such as the Reflex camera is intended for, the aim are different and, of course, the same argument does not hold so strongly. Here one is generally attempting to secure some rapidly moving object in the most telling position, regardless in a measure of the demands of good composition.

For clean labels on bottles, coat a small space with varnish, attach the label, and then cover with varnish, allowing same to lapp over the edge of the label. When dry the bottle can be washed without injuring the label.

A little vaseline applied to a glass stopper will prevent it from sticking.



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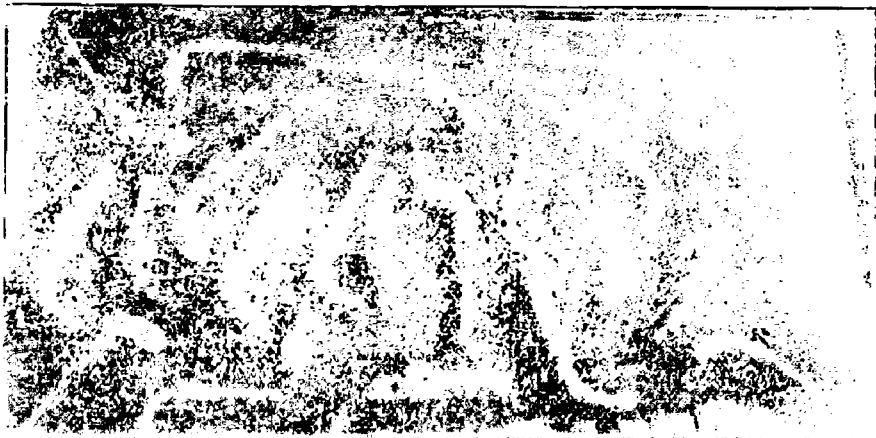


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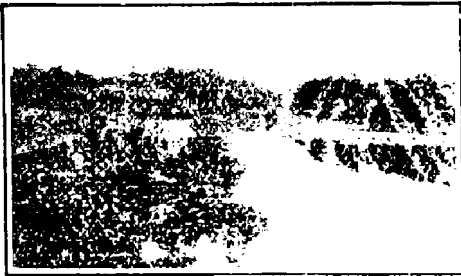
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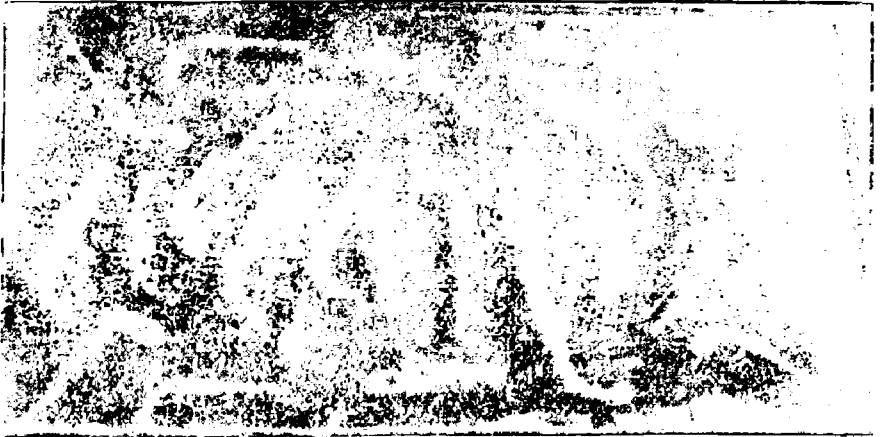
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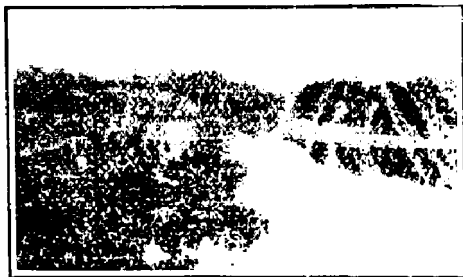
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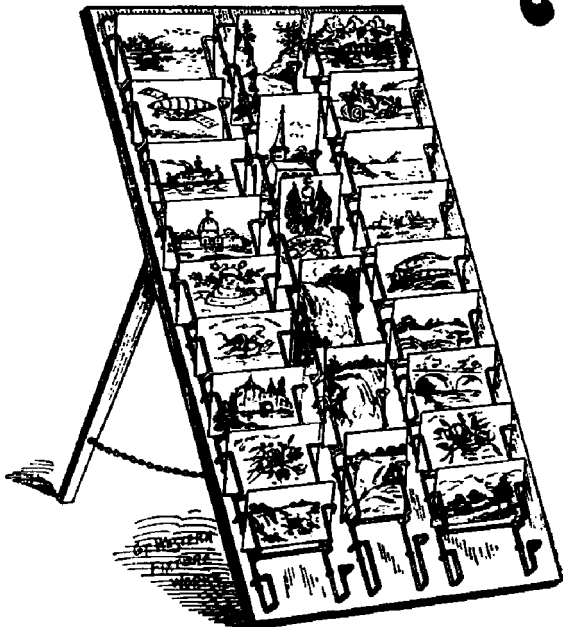
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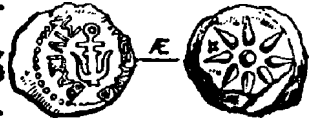
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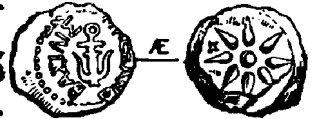


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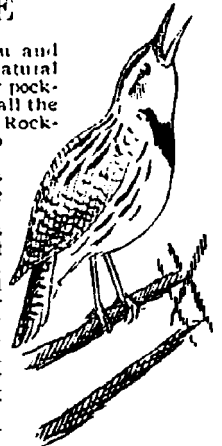
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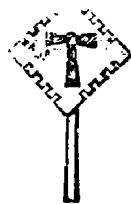
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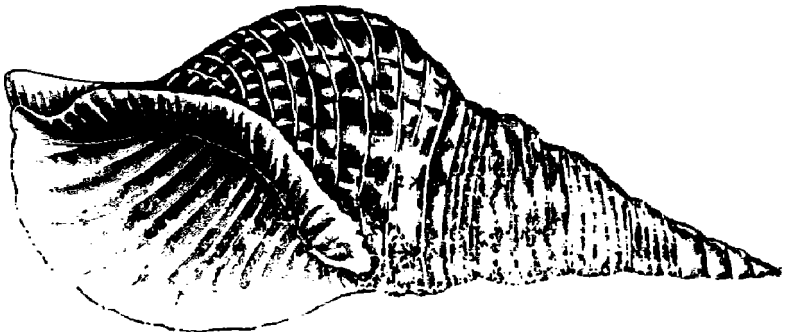
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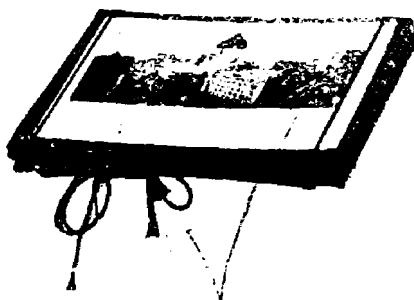
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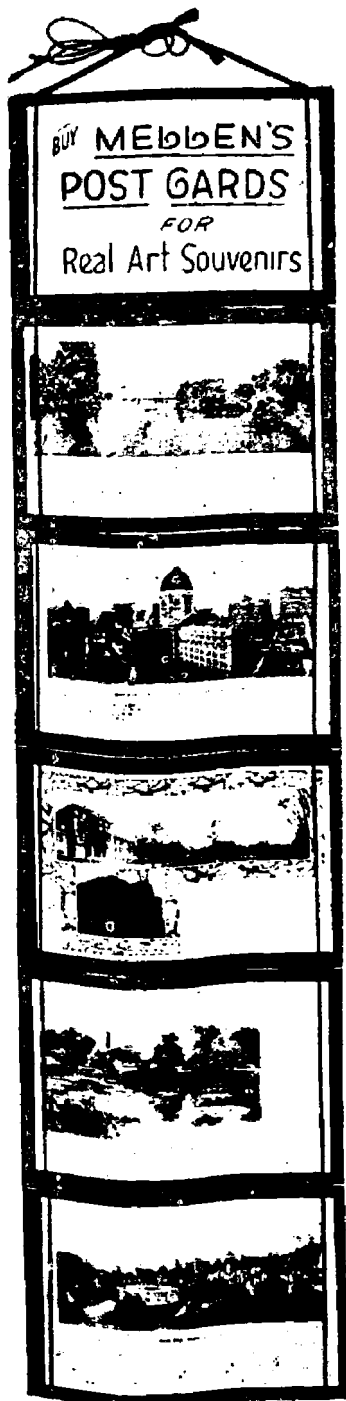
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