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REV. F. C. MITCHELL,
of St. Paul, who gave his collection of over 20000
Curios to the Minnesota State Historical Society.
See write-up in this issue.

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New Offerings in Old Weapons, Curios, Coins, Etc.

Having recently made large purchases, we will offer desirable items in the "WEST" this month as follows

Old almanac, 216 pages, board covers, fine condition, printed in 1804, at Boston, quaint and curious.....	\$.40
Old newspaper, 4 pages, 14½x22-in. printed in 1802, at Boston, good condition.....	.40
Old Cap and Ball-pistol, about 6 in. long, single barrel, plain stock, fine reverse order, like new.....	2.00
Large old Spanish book, relating to Science & Art, bound in parchment, size 2¼x8x12 in., 579 pages and index, printed in 1733 at Madrid, good condition, and quite odd, post-paid.....	3.00
Heavy Bowie knife, 12 in. long, blade 1½ in. wide with scabbard, fine.....	2.00
Large Bronze Medal, Chicago World's Fair, diameter 2 in., Portrait of Columbus and view of grounds, Artistic work by an Italian medallist, very fine (sold for \$1 at Fair) ..	.40
Mexico, 5 centavos, nickel, bright, new design just out very fine.....	.06
17 different bright new copper and nickel coins, nice packet	.17
Philippines under U. S., ½ dollar, silver, fine.....	.35
Panama, ½ dollar, silver, fine.....	.35
Panama, 20 centavos, silver, fine.....	.15
Zacatecas, ¼ real, brass Monument and Cherub with Liberty cap above City, good, rare and cheap.....	.07
U. S. Gold dollars pierced with small hole, otherwise fine, nice for jewelry purposes each.....	1.25
U. S. Gold dollars, damaged a little but very cheap.....	1.60
U. S. Gold dollar, perfect, either large or small size each.....	2.00
U. S. \$3 Gold piece, perfect, scarce and advancing in price.....	4.10
Straits Settlements, large silver dollar of Edward VII with his portrait, new and bright.....	1.05
U. S. Fractional Currency, full set of 6 pieces, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, and 50 cent values, new and bright.....	2.55
15c U. S. Fractional Currency, new and bright (scarce and steadily advancing).....	.60
State of Mass. Bay, \$2 Continental bill, 1780, cancelled with hole, otherwise fine.....	.17
4, 6, 7, 8, or 30 Dollar Continental bill, Revolutionary period good condition, each.....	.50
\$3.00 Broken bank bill, good, scarce.....	.30
\$1000.00 Broken bank bill, not dated or signed, fine and very rare.....	2.00

We have a very large and fine stock of coins, paper money old weapons, etc. Advise us what you desire. It is quite likely that we will have it, and at the right price too.

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*5 Venezuela. Maps. cat. 42c for 10c; 9 Cuba, cat. 28c for 7c; *3 Corea, etc. cat. 31c for 9c; 5 Philippines cat. 16c for 5c; *6 Venezuela. Maturin issue. cat \$3 11 for 75c; 20c *Antioquia. 1899. cat. 25c. for 8c; 1 sh. Queensland. 1898. cat. 40c for 13c; 25c. Venezuela. 1887. cat 12c for 4c; 400 all different stamps in imperial album cat \$6.50 for \$2.25. Write for description. Postage extra on orders under 50c. * means unused. E. F. Harrington. 286 Halsey St. Newark, N. J.

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184	2c	75
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12 Gwalior	15 Dutch Indies
12 Argentine	18 Greece
10 Finland	10 Venezuela
15 Mexico	10 Cuba
6 Ecuador	7 Nicaragua
10 Peru	10 Santander

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contains 12 rare stamps cat. over \$3. Condition guaranteed. Post free to approval sheet applicants for 50 cents.

Note These Prices

5 Tuuis	.03	14 Netherlands	
5 Mauritius	.05	'99	.06
13 Belgium p p 25		10 Japan	.02
3 Crete	.03	10 Portugal	.02
8 Fiji, rare	1.25	15 Roumania	.03
		10 Bulgaria	.03

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15 " Cuba	10 " Russia
35 " France	20 " Spain
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Stamps On

Approval

66 2/3% Discount.

August Fischer

2810 1/2 Baxter Ave. Louisville Ky.

Am simply stuck on the WEST and anxiously await its coming each month.
—W. Straley, Comanche, Tex.

....These Prices Talk!

<i>United States</i>			<i>U. S. Depts.</i>		
	Cat.	Net.		Cat.	Net.
1851 12c black fine....	\$2 00	70	90c Inter. used fine	2 50	1 10
1857 24 lilac fine, new	6 00	1 85	90 Justice " "	27 50	12 50
1861 3 rose o g fine	20	06	24 Treas. " "	3 00	1 15
1861 90 blue used fine	3 50	1 35	90 " " "	60	22
1882 10c br, new, o g "	30	13	15 Navy " "	2 25	1 15
1888 3 car. " " "	12	06	FOREIGN		
1888 5 blue " " "	25	10	Bavaria 1862 18kr no.		
1893 15 Colum. " " "	50	19	14 used fine	75	30
1893 1.00 " " "	2 50	1 75	Canada 1897 \$5 jubil-		
			ee used fine	4 00	1 25
			France 1869 5 fr lilac		
			used fine	1 25	55
			Hawaii 1853 5c blue		
			no. 9 used fine	8 00	3 25

The above are from a 7000 variety collection which I am selling now at cut prices. If you don't need any of the above, let me know what you do want. I can make interesting prices!

Auction Sale!

My next auction sale will be held on March 10th and includes a fine lot of U. S. and a good variety of foreign stamps. CATALOGUES FREE!

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40 " " Japanese worth \$1	04
50 " " Spain (cat. \$1.50)	09
20 " " "	03
50 " " Australia	12
100 " " " very fine	75
20 " " New Zealand	10
50c United States 1895	03
50c " " 1903	03
\$1.00 blk " " 1903	19
1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20c Canada King	08
14 different Sweden (02) 30 different	10
10 " " Canada .01, 25 "	07
10 " " Turkey .03, 20 "	10
500 " " Foreign .80, 200 "	10
1000 " " 2.50 300 "	30
2000 " " 10.00	
100 Blank approval sheets	19
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1.00 Bk of state of Ga., rare12
1.00 New Brunswick N. J. crisp12
10.00 State of Ga 186405
5 00 " "05
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10 00 F. & M. Ga.10
5.00 Hk of Commerce, Ga.10

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Theodosius A. D. 379.15
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50 all diff. including rare Iravan-core, Portugal telegraph, Bolivia, etc. only 12c; 50 for 18c (better) 50 for 25c; 100 for 32c, etc. Small Packet Album 5c. better one, board cover 10c, modern package stamp album \$1.15. Hinges 8c per 1000. The New Century Stamp Co., Smith Falls, Ont., Canada Sole Com-Agents, Butler Bros., Cleredon, England.

CLEARANCE SALE.

	Cat.	Mine
New Foundland 1869 5c blk	\$ 3	95
*China 1878 1c	75	25
Barbados 1882 6 peru	1 50	55
Hawaii 1882 10c	1 25	40
Hawaii 1883 50c&1.00		

..... 17 00 6 50
for the two, only one set left.

U. S. 6c prop. 6c violet	.....	1 50	50
* " 50c Columbian	.....	75	55
" 1869 1c	.....	60	20
" 1869 10c	.....	80	30
" 1893 \$2 Columbian	1 75	75
* " 7c Treasury only one copy left	2 50	80

* means unused

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Stamps Free!



A Sheet of 50 Cuban Revenues
for the names of two Collectors
and 2c postage.

2c Canal Zone in Panama No. 72, unused only.....	\$ 04
Netherlands 1899 2½, 5 guldun, the two	90
Dutch Indies No. 24, the scarce one, only.....	30
U. S. 50c Columbus, fine, used, only	35
.. 100 1895, fine, used, only	20
.. 100 1902 fine, used only	18
Watermark Detectors, all should have one	40
Large Peelable Hinges 1000 in envelope, only	15
..... in box.....	20
Millimetre scale and perforating guage.....	05
1000 faultless hinges 8c, 5000.....	30
WHOLESALE	
10,000 faultless Hinges.....	40
10 Guatemala 1c, 2c 6c, 1902 ast.....	05
10 Hayti 1c, 2c, 1904, only.....	07

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10c stock 1000 hinges, 5 blank sheets 1 approval book, 1 100 var. packet, 1 millimetre scale, 1 confederate bill. Retail value 33c, postage 2c extra.

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\$1 stock 5-50 var. packets, 1, 150 var. packets, 5000 die cut hinges, 10 millimetre scales, 1000 mixed stamps, 50 blank app. sheets, 10 blank approval books, two 50 var. U. S., two 100 var. U. S., 1 stamp button. Retail value \$2.90, five 100 var. packets postage 5c extra.

\$2 stock, ten 50 var. packets, five 100 var. packets, two 150 var. packets, two 200 var. packets, one 300 var. packets, 5000 die cut hinges, 2000 peelable hinges, 10 millimetre scales, 3000 mixed stamps, 100 blank approval sheets, 10 extra heavy approval sheets, three 40 var. U. S., two 100 var. U. S., two 50 var. unused stamps, 1 stamp button. Retail value \$5.50, postage 10c extra.

\$5 stock, ten 50 var. packets, ten 100 var. packets, three 150 var. packets, three 200 var. packets, one 300 var. packets, 10,000 die cut hinges, three 200 var. packets, one 300 var. packet, 3000 peelable hinges, 10 millimetre scales, 100 blank approval sheets, 50 better approval sheets, 25 blank approval books, 1 stock book, 5 dime albums, 5 board cover albums, 1 imperial album, 3 No. 6 stock books, 100 approval sheet return blanks, five 50 var. U. S., five 100 var. U. S., 5000 mixed stamps, 2000 mixed U. S. stamps, 2 stamp buttons. Retail value \$10.50, express 25c extra.

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Send me a dime and a 2 ct stamp and get the following:

- 1 packet of 50 fine stamps.
- 5 Cuban Revenue stamps.
- 1 pretty souvenir postal card.
- 1 pretty photo of a scene in Portland, Ore., (very interesting.) 1 small paper, circulars etc. Walter R. Cunradi, 303 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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Siam 1883 f L, unused, cat. 15c	
per ten40
Bolivia 1894 10c. unused, cat 12c	
per ten18
Dutch Indies 1902 10c, cat. 8c	
per ten .....	.10
Venezuela 1900 1 b unused cat.	
5c per ten .....	.10
Austria 1900 1 k cat. 5c per 10	.03
Antioquia 1899 10c unused cat.	
12c per 1025

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BARGAINS IN UNITED STATES.

	Cat. Price	Our Price		Cat. Price	Price
1847	5c brown	\$.75	\$ 35	1869 3c Locomotive	\$ 01
"	10c black	4.50	1.95	" 6c Washington	30
1851	1c blue	.30	12	" 10c Coat of Arms	40
"	5c red brown	10.00	4.00	" 12c Steamship	30
"	10c green	.75	30	" 15c L of Columbus	70
"	15c black	2.00	95	" 15c L of variety	1.50
1857	1c Type II	1.00	40	" 24c Dec of Indep	2.05
"	1c Type III	.15	07	" 30c Coat of Arms	1.20
"	5c Type II	6.00	2.50	" 90c Lincoln	7.50
"	5c Type III	2.50	1.15	1870 1c grill	25
"	10c green	.35	10	" 2c "	02
"	12c black	1.25	50	" 3c "	03
"	24c lilac unused	6.00	2.00	" 6c "	1.25
"	30c orange	6.00	2.25	" 7c "	1.25
"	90c blue	30.00	12.00	1871 1c ultram	05
1861	1c blue	.06	02	" 7c verm	30
"	5c buff	7.00	3.00	" 10c brown	05
"	10c green	.15	06	" 15c violet	20
"	12c black	.50	25	" 15c orange	30
"	24c red lilac	1.00	45	" 24c purple	70
"	30c orange	.50	25	" 30c black	15
"	90c blue	3.50	1.70	" 90c carmine	55
1862	2c Jackson	.06	03	1887 3c vermilion	05
"	5c black brown	.60	25	" 7c indigo	02
"	15c black	.50	25	" 30c orange	20
"	24c lilac	.40	20	" 90c purple	55
1868	1c grill 11x13 M	2.00	80	1890 15c or 30c	04
"	2c "	.20	10	90c orange, beauties	30
"	3c "	.04	01	1893 Columbian 15c for 12c,	
"	10c "	.75	30	30c for 20c, 50c for 30c,	
"	12c "	.50	25	\$1.00 for \$1.40	
"	15c "	4.00	1.50	" Columbian \$2 to \$5 unused	
"	1c 9x13 M	.75	25	at face.	
"	2c "	.10	05	1895 50c orange	05
"	3c "	.05	01	" 1.00 black	23
"	5c "	4.00	1.75	" 2.00 for 95c, 5 00	
"	10c "	.60	25	for \$1.60.	
"	12c "	.50	25	1898 Omaha's 1 to 10c set 15c	
"	15c "	1.00	40	" 50c for 14c \$1 for 75	
"	24c "	5.00	1.75	1902 Pan American complete 12c	
"	30c "	3.50	1.50	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	
"	90c "	12.00	5.00	1902 1 2 3 10 50c unused o g fine cat-	
1869	1c Franklin	.60	25	alogue value \$1.35 complete for 25c.	
"	2c Horseman	.15	07	1900 maps 1/2 to 1 peso 9 varieties com-	
				plete set unused catalog value \$3.23	
				price 60 cents.	

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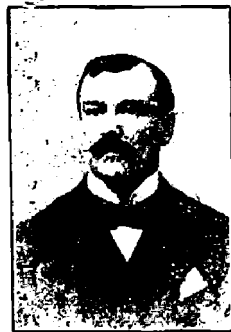
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The curious appearance of the stamp was noticed directly the issue was made. In one of the old stamp collecting magazines for September, 1863 we read as follows:—

There is a very singular looking individual that has just emanated from the United States. The printing is black on white. It has in the centre a head nearly filling the whole field of the stamp, inscribed in oval; "U.S. Postage" above, "Two Cents" below, the figure "2" in each of the upper, and "U. S." in the lower corners. The head is that of General Jackson (not "Stonewall"), and its conformation is very peculiar, the eyes being as near as possible half way between the top of the head and the chin. The closed mouth scarcely showing any lip, is perfectly American. There is a fine head of white hair, brushed up from the forehead, very much after the fashion of the wigs of the time of George III.

It is very singular that the Confederate government has chosen the same general for immortalisation on one of its stamps which was issued in June last. This latter is red on white, and the head not filling so much of the stamp has a better effect.

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By Verna Weston Hantway

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Mr. Jack was one of those creatures whom we designate as a "hobbyist." He had two hobbies in particular—one that society at large smiled at indulgently, the other being inexplicable to the majority made the wise ones shake their heads dubiously. These hobbies were respectively a strong penchant for flirting and an equally strong penchant for stamp collecting. To what lengths these hobbies sometimes carried him may be judged by the following tale.

Mr. Jack was smiling to himself. His thoughts had wandered to his office down town and the lady stamp collector, I should say philatelist if you please, who had called upon him that afternoon. Mr. Jack always liked that style of woman, tall with soft eyes like a dove's, dark hair and a sweet mouth that looked as if it was only made to be kissed.

She had called because she had heard of Mr. Jack's success in philately. She bore letters of introduction from several prominent collectors urging Mr. Jack to see that she was taken up by the philatelic circles of that city. She had a fine, in fact a very unordinary collection. Mr. Jack had urged her to exhibit her collection at a philatelic society that met at his home. Many ladies attended. There was a meeting that evening, would she not come?

The lady had been very grateful, she was a stranger in the country but was a prominent member of the great philatelic societies abroad. Yes, she would come and she would exhibit some varieties.

Mr. Jack was at the present moment awaiting the arrival of the members of this particular society which boasted of fifty advanced collectors as members. These collectors met twice a month in the spacious drawing room of Mr. Jack's city home for the purpose of discussing upon current philatelic topics, exhibiting the latest rarities acquired and welcoming philatelists from out of town.

A common pursuit makes its pursuers kin, and wherever a collector of stamps should go, be it north or south, east or west, there he will find a fellow collector welcoming with outstretched hand regardless of disparity in social position if there be any.

I verily believe if some of our enterprising explorers should reach the North Pole a stamp collectors society would be formed among the explorers and instead of the now contemplated button the escutcheons would be a pole on a field of ice, and a series of commemorative stamps be issued on the spot. Stamp collecting is in fact masonic—it makes its devotees fraternal.

The clock struck nine. In trooped the first portion of the medley. Our host standing at the entrance scanned each face anxiously for the one he sought. At last as the clock pointed to half-past, a carriage drove up, a woman magnificently dressed alighted and the next moment was shaking hands with her host.

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Washington, D. C. Philatelic Society

"Stamps of the Confederate States of America" was the subject of discussion at the regular monthly meeting of the Washington Philatelic Society. President Cyrus Fields Adams presided and J. F. Engle recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The exhibition of stamps which followed the business session was one of the interesting features of the evening. Mr. C. F. Adams showed an envelope marked "Prisoner's Letters," mailed at Elmira, N. Y., from a Southern volunteer to his sweetheart in the south. In the corner was a three cent United States stamp, and below this was a 10 cent stamp of the Confederate States, the second one being necessary to carry the letter on its journey south of the Mason and Dixon line.

A paper on the Confederate stamps was read by Roy B. Bradley. The latter has made a special study of the Confederate stamps, having lived in Richmond, and later having been the publisher of a philatelist paper for several years in Texas. He discussed in detail the issue of the stamps, told of the scarcity at the time the States withdrew from the Union and of the necessity for the postmasters to mark a letter paid, instead of putting a stamp on it. There were no stamps, no silver money, the shinplasters would not be accepted by the postmasters, and consequently the marking of "pd." on the outside of the envelope was at first the rule.

An interesting specimen was exhibited by Mr. M. E. Carpenter of Boston. It was the \$5,000 collection of United States and British North American stamps, which belonged to H. E. Deats of Flemington, N. J. To buy the collection of orders, proofs, etc., of revenue stamps of the government by Mr. Deats, a bill has been introduced in Congress. A hearing on the bill is to be given soon. In this collection of United States and British North American stamps were some of rare value. One 12 pence Canada stamp is worth \$100; two Connell New Brunswick stamps each \$150, and a shilling Nova Scotia stamp and one of New Brunswick are each worth \$100.

PHILATELY

By C. E. Stoepe

Pleasing science	You're a pleasure,
My reliance,	Beyond measure,
Ever present in my mind,—	And I love you more each day,—
Perish never,	You drive my care
Live forever,	From out his lair.
Be to me always as kind.	And keep my thoughts in active play.
Never waning,	Collectors true,
Always gaining,	A word to you,—
In each true collectors heart,—	Stick to your science well,—
More each hour	For aught you know.
I feel the pow'r	Some day may show
Of your dear, bewitching art.	How patent is her spell.

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We will give an illustration of the writer next month.

What is the Lowest Priced Stamp in the World?

The absence of the very low values of $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ cents-de-peseta from the new issues for the Spanish Colonies is scarcely a matter for surprise, since there has never been any actual need for postage stamps of any such tiny denominations. Consider! a quarter cent-de-peseta, even though we accord the Spanish peseta its full nominal value of ten-pence, represents only a fortieth part of a British penny, and of course, a half cent-de-peseta, the equivalent of a twentieth of a penny.

Quite lately the question has been asked—by no means for the first time—“What is the smallest postage stamp in the world?” If the word “smallest” here is intended to refer to matters of length and breadth there can only be no answer to the question, for it is generally agreed that the tiniest adhesive postage stamps ever issued are those of Bolvar (Colombian Republic) of the issue of 1863. These Lilliputian labels measure very little more than a quarter of an inch square, and one can only assume that a paper famine was raging in the province of Bolvar at the time of their emission. Other stamps that run the Bolivarians close in the matter of smallness are the $\frac{1}{4}$ groschen of Brunswick and the $\frac{1}{4}$ shilling of Mecklenberg-Schweerin. These however, are upon a somewhat different footing, since in each case the stamps were issued in quadruple form, although one has the option of detaching them and using them as single stamps.

From Spain, the mother country, we get a postage stamp of the absurdly low face value of $\frac{1}{4}$ cent-de-peseta (one fortieth of a penny as already stated), and in contradistinction to the Spanish Colonial issues of corresponding value, this curious little stamp has already been, and is still, used for bona-fide postal purposes. As to whether a single specimen is capable of franking a piece of mail matter through the post we are not quite clear, but the stamp is certainly used in making up odd amounts of postage, and we have already described an envelope recently received in this country bearing some fifty or sixty of these labels as part of its complement of postage. Now that the very low values for the Spanish Colonies have been withdrawn, we believe this stamp to represent the lowest face value of all current issues of stamps. We purposely say we “believe” this to be so, because we wish to invite the readers to tell us distinctly whether or not this is the case. Furthermore even if the stamp is the lowest priced among current issues, does it hold the record for the whole period of the world’s issues of adhesive postage stamps?—Hobbies of England.

In other words our question is this: “What is the lowest priced adhesive postage stamp ever issued throughout the world?” Who can tell us? We want to know for certain. To the senders of the best six letters received on the subject we shall be pleased to award copies of the handbook *A B C of Stamp Collecting*.

There is no doubt that the rarest stamp in existence is the one cent stamp of the 1856 issue of British Guiana, as there is only one specimen known and that is supposed to be in the collection of the Prince of Wales. Another British Guiana rarity is the two cent stamp of 1850. There are only two of them known. Thirty years ago they were valued at \$1 each—today \$5,000 each would be but a fair price.

Identification Contest

At a recent meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society cuts of the following stamps were submitted in a contest requiring their identification by "country." How many readers of the WEST would recognize them? As an indication of how little so many designs are known to so many collectors, even with advanced collections, it may be said that the best reply to the list was only 77½ per cent correct, while the most difficult list submitted for the contest, comprising 13 cuts, was answered only 41 per cent correct.

"Tell me not in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream,
For the soul is dead that slumbers
And things are not what they seem."

Following are the designs used in the contest: Griqualand, A1; Roumania, A2; Luxemburg, A1; Servia, A1, D1; Egypt, A1; Columbian Rep., D1; Modena, N2; Uruguay, A1; Afghanistan, A16, A17, A15; Poonch, A23; Jamum & Kahmir, A1; Grenada, A4; Dominican Rep., A2; Crete, A2; Poland, A1; Russia, A1; Gabon, A6; Tahiti, A1; Nossi Be, A2; Danish W. Indies, A1; Italy, A3; Two Sicilies, A10; Guadeloupe, D1; Peru, A1; Belgium, D2; N. German Postal District, A5; German Empire, A3.

Respectfully, T. C. Mann, Secy., St. L. S. C. S.

Great Philatelic Exhibition for London.—This year, as briefly stated in a previous article, will see another great Philatelic Exhibition in London—this time an international affair, organized under the auspices of the Philatelic Society. London's last international stamp show was held in the early months of 1897, at the Gallery of the Institute of Painters in Water Colors. On that occasion the exhibition was opened by H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, who since then has become President of the Philatelic Society and a keener stamp collector than ever; so that it is more than likely that the Philatelic Exhibition of 1906 will also enjoy the advantage of being inaugurated by His Royal Highness in person.

The Sydney (N. S. W.) Philatelic Club celebrated the jubilee of the five pence green, the "grand old stamp of philately," having been in use continuously for fifty years without surcharge, change of color or design. This remarkable record has not been paralleled. We have cut of it for the next number.

Hints for Beginners from Australian Reader.—Stamps should never be "pasted" down in albums. They are difficult to remove if ever considered advisable, and in the case of unused specimens the gum (an important item) is likely to be lost. Gummed hinges, which can be procured at a very small cost, are much cleaner; and the watermarks, etc., can be examined at any time.

You cannot hope for returns from your want ads if you do not place them in a paper that is known to bring returns. The reputation which the West has made for want advertising makes it the natural recourse of all who have a want of any kind, and the filling of it will be only a matter of a few days.

Philately

By E. Bennison

Philately, the fancy for collecting and classifying postage stamps: The word was formed in 1865 by M. Herpin from two Greek words, signifying love of the art of that which frees from tax. Undertaken first as a pastime, useful in its relation to geography, philately has in twenty five years grown to such extent, that more than seventy periodicals and catalogues on the subject are published, many philatelic societies have been established and collections of stamps are valued at enormous sums, the Galliera collection at Paris, is said to have cost 1,440,000 francs.

Stamped or postpaid paper was used in Paris as early as 1653 in 1758. stamps similar to those now in use were introduced, but were seldom used and were soon entirely forgotten. Practically, the history of the postage stamp begins in England. Sir Rowland Hill proposed the use of the stamp to the commissioners of the post office in 1837, the plan was adopted, May 6, 1840. The design for the first stamp was made by Heath of London, and was similar to those in use now. Since then more than forty issues have been made.

Local stamps were in use in various cities in the United States as early as 1842. The first general issue was made in 1847, in values of five and ten cents, bearing the heads of Franklin and Washington. These were replaced in 1851 by three new values, one, three and twelve cents. From this time to 1860 a complete series was issued, in values from five to ninety cents, and in 1869 an entirely new series was brought out, in 1870 and 1872 there was a new series and in 1875 a five cent stamp was issued for foreign postage. The issue of 1888 was the same as that of 1872-83. The stamps of the issue of 1890 were smaller than those used before. Stamped envelopes were introduced in 1853.

An interesting series of special stamps are the official stamps of the various departments: Executive, Interior, Justice, Navy, War, State, Treasury, Agriculture and Postoffice. These are the same designs as the general issue, with the names of the department alone, with the exception of the Postoffice stamps, which have the numeral of value and official stamp in the oval, with the name of the department above. Newspaper stamps were issued in 1865, and range in value from one to sixty dollars, the stamps are of elaborate designs and beautiful workmanship, but never pass through the mails being cancelled and kept in the Postoffice Department as vouchers for postage paid. In 1893 a special series of large stamps in honor of the Columbian Exposition, appeared also in 1898 for the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, and 1901 for the Pan-American Exposition.

Among the most historical stamps are those issued by the confederate States during the civil war, provisional stamps were issued in 1861 by the Postmasters of the various towns—and these poorly made stamps, often no better than newspaper tell the story of the suffering and privations of those days. The general issues were made in 1861 to 1863 and bore the heads of confederate leaders.

In 1879 postage due stamps were introduced, the special delivery stamp was first issued in 1885.

An interesting feature of philately is the surcharged stamps, issued by various governments to supply a temporary lack of regular issues; and as they become comparatively rare in a short time they increase largely in value.

In conclusion, a short account of the manufacture of stamps in the United States, may prove interesting. The white paper on which the stamps are printed is first counted at the paper mill, then shipped to the government office and counted. Two hundred stamps are printed on a sheet. They are then gummed by a machine, counted again and sent to the perforators, who perforate them in the spaces between the rows, they are again counted and put up in packages of 200,000 stamps, ready for circulation.

Rare Exhibition of Stamps

By G. Arnold

At the 21st annual meeting of the Rhode Island Philatelic society, held in Gelb's parlors last evening, there were exhibitions of Phillipine stamps and United States stamped envelopes. Interesting facts about stamp collecting were also brought out during the informal discussion. The regular meeting of the society was preceded by a dinner, at which W. H. Congdon presided. This part of the evening's diversion concluded, Mr. Congdon spoke a few words concerning the prosperity of the society, noting with pride that at its 21st celebration there was an enrollment of 50 in the membership. He then presented C. H. Rothfuchs, one of the charter members of the organization, who made a few appropriate remarks.

J. M. Bartels, of Boston, one of the best known collectors of the country, was next introduced. He displayed his \$12,000 collection of Phillipine stamps, and explained it very thoroughly and interestingly. It is said that Mr. Bartel's collection in this line is the finest in the world, and the members of the society who were present last evening looked upon it with admiration. Mr. Bartels was appointed by the government to arrange for the stamp exhibition at the St. Louis Exposition. Victor M. Berthold, editor of the United States Envelope catalogue, next displayed some valuable specimens of United States envelopes, showing some of the \$85,000 collection owned by Edward H. Mason of Boston. He explained very minutely the various features about the few specimens he exhibited.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: President—Andrew R. Perry; Vice President—J. B. McIntire; Secretary and Treasurer—W. Irving Cox; Librarian—Alfred Dawson; Exchange manager—M. W. Baker.

Among the prominent members present were Sam'l R. Simmons of New York, C. H. Rothfuchs of Boston, Dr. S. A. Welch, Dr. W. A. Riisk, Gen. W. Howard Walker, Lieut. Geo. C. Arnold, C. W. Bowen, Roy S. Barker;—all of Providence. R. I., and W. A. Morey, Central Falls. R. I.; and many others.

A simple and ready method to determine whether paper is chalky or ordinary, is to draw a line across the face of the stamp, using for the purpose a piece of silver, a 10c piece, if convenient, will do. If the stamp is on chalk paper, a line will show, similar to that made by a lead pencil.

Letter from Invalid Collector

To the WEST:—

Another New Years has come and gone and through your kindness would be pleased to send greetings to our fellow collectors throughout the world. In a former letter I told you that I was an old soldier of our Civil War and for many years have been confined to my home almost a helpless cripple. Forty two years ago this New Years with other comrades, took our dinner of hard tack and sow belly at Holly Springs, Miss. All who have read the history of our Civil War know that we had been with General Grant on an unsuccessful expedition to get in the rear of Vicksburg and that the Confederates had cut off our supplies so at that time there there was no one hunting for stamps, but was satisfied, if we could only find some hard tack or corn to parch. But this is ancient history, and I mention it to show the different feelings today between those who were at that time the most bitter enemies. I received a nice long letter a few days ago from one of the old Confederate soldiers bearing a message of peace and good will. I have written him in the same spirit and I hope that both the North and the South under the folds of our glorious flag will pull together to keep this the greatest and grandest nation on earth.

I suppose of course old St. Nick has dealt liberally with our friends who take pleasure in our Hobby of collecting stamps and there can be no doubt but that many albums have been made rich by having an empty space that has long been vacant filled by some rare stamp. I know that good old Santa Claus has this year made many boys and girls happy by bringing them a stamp album, and I hope with the help of the WEST, the best stamp paper published, will bring large additions of nice stamps to every collector.

Now with your permission I will say a few words about some of the dealers in stamps. We all know that there has been much said and written about collectors not doing the fair thing and just here I want to say that there are others, for instance, several months ago a certain firm wrote me that they would allow me a certain amount for what stamps I sent them that they could use. I sent them stamps catalogued over ten dollars, requesting them to send me a credit sheet for the amount they would allow me so that I could make a collection of what stamps I wanted from their list—as yet have received no reply from them and although I have written them several letters, still silence. Now I know that they have received my letters from the fact my printed return address was on each envelope. At this time will not give the names of the company, not wishing to do an injury, as there might be circumstances or reason for delay. Even such being the case, a postal card would have shown that their intentions were all right. If I do not hear from them in the next few months will give my fellow collectors the full particulars as to how this company does business, as I know this is not the first time they have done the same thing. We know if we collectors do not make prompt return the dealer is sure to make a fuss about it and it seems to me that what is god for the goose should be sauce for the Gander, and I take it that more stamps have been lost by the collectors than by the dealers. Promptness on both sides should be the watchword. I, like other collectors, have had some very pleasant experiences in exchanging stamps, and can in truth say that I have been more disappointed in exchang-

ing with dealers than with my fellow collectors. I have several denominations of the latest stamps of Denmark and the Danish West Indies in my collection and am not surprised to hear that they are not satisfactory and will soon be withdrawn, giving place to something more artistic, and no doubt but that these homely stamps will in time become rare, owing to their scarcity the same as the death marks of Servia and a collector who has them in his album will be fortunate. There are a good many side lights in stamp collecting, as the governor of South Carolina said to the governor of North Carolina, "It is a long time between drinks," so it sometimes seems to us collectors when we wait many months before getting returns for stamps we have sent for exchange. I sent some stamps to exchange with a brother collector living in the Seychelles Islands, Africa, and it was over a year before I received returns, but it came all right. I suppose other collectors have had the same experience. It takes at least two months to get an answer to a letter from most foreign countries, but as a usual thing we get better results. I took up stamp collecting several years ago as a pastime and assure you that I have found it a noble hobby, and a boon to those who are afflicted. I have now in my album nine thousand different kinds of stamps and hardly a week passes but that I add to it, so you can readily see that as I am confined to my chair day after day, the pleasure our hobby affords me, and I wish to say to my fellow collectors that while we cannot expect to get the rarest of stamps we may be fortunate in getting some that in time will become very rare, and therefore no one should be discouraged that some one else has a better collection than he has. I have a stamp in my collection now that has been creating a little excitement among collectors--this is the 50c gray of Persia, Scotts No. 56. A few years ago it was catalogued at a very low price, it has now been jumping at the rate of 50 cents a year. Let any of my fellow collectors try to get one, and they will find that it is not an easy matter. A friend living in Honolulu, Hawaii sent me a freak stamp a short time ago. It is a Hawaii envelope stamp with Provisional Government printed in large letters all over the face of the stamp. It is not catalogued, and I have never heard of anything like it before but I know it is genuine as coming from one who is a member of the Provisional Senate.

I will at some future time write again, wishing every one a happy coming year and great success in our hobby.

Yours truly,

C. E. Beaufre, 129 West Main St., DeKalb, Ill.

We expect to see a society formed soon for the shut in collectors. Miss Hanway has the matter in charge now.—Publisher.

Chile has possibly used more postage stamps which were first intended for revenue purposes than any other country. In 1880 and 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, and 20c, as well as the 1 and 2 pesos tax stamps, were used postally. The 5c blue fiscals were also used in Iquique during the war of the rebellion. In 1891 the 2c, 10c, and 20c, telegraphs were used in postage. Many fraudulent specimens of the latter exist, and even the postmarks have been counterfeited.

Two weeks ago I picked up 637 old U.S. Civil War revenue stamps from 1862 to 72 in the old fashioned court house. She is one of oldest court houses in Iowa.

Hiram N. Gilson, Waverly, Iowa.

Hints to Beginners from an English Dealer

How to begin forming a collection is oft times a difficult problem to the would be beginner of today, and we trust our remarks will prove useful to those who are hesitating on account of the imaginary pitfalls ahead.

Philately, as the study of stamps is called, is very interesting, and forms one of the most popular indoor pastimes or hobbies of the day. Like most hobbies it entails a little outlay, but this outlay can be regulated by the means and leisure at one's disposal. All cannot hope to be the proud possessor of the finest collection; but after all the modest collection in the eyes of its owner should be as interesting and as valuable to him as the one that requires the constant care and attention of a staff to classify its many details.

Many years ago, before stamp collecting was so universal as it is today, collectors had to rely largely upon their own resources for supplies and information concerning new varieties as they appeared, and certain unscrupulous people were not wanting who undertook to even go so far as to invent new varieties for the unsuspecting collector, with the result that now many old collections contain a good proportion of specimens of the forger's art.

Now all this is changed and to supply the needs of all classes of collectors, dealers can be found all over the world. These dealers, who are well established, and have reputations to support, would scorn to impose upon collectors, who would be sure to discover sooner or later that they had been imposed upon, with the result that the victim would cease buying from the unworthy dealer, and warn his friends to do likewise.

Of course there are still the black sheep in every flock, and the stamp dealing fraternity suffers in common with other trades, hence the sure protection for a collector is to guard against dallying with the unknown or mushroom firm who in order to secure his victims insists on business through the post only, but to buy only from such firms of known integrity.

Many collectors at the commencement do not go in for a regular album, but simply use an ordinary copy book to hold their treasures until it is necessary to secure the album most suitable.

At the commencement we advise all to collect as many varieties as possible, then if he should decide to confine his attention to one country or group of countries, those not required may be exchanged for others, when the opportunities afforded by many exchange clubs could be taken advantage of.

Begin with a few well chosen variety packets, then buy as many complete sets as possible or purchase from the approval sheets of reliable dealers. One distinct advantage in buying from approval sheets is that the risk of purchasing duplicates is avoided, while another thing in favor of this course is that you see the actual stamp before paying for it.

We strongly impress upon the young collector to beware of catch advertisements that appear occasionally in the miscellaneous columns of publications taking 'sale and exchange' announcements, for in many cases these announcements emanate from a class of individuals who trade upon the innocence of collectors on the look out for bargains at unheard of prices. Always bear this in mind, that all stamps have a market price, and really rare stamps command a ready sale whenever they are offered in the right quarter.

A sensation has been created in European philatelic circles by the discovery of secret marks on certain Hungarian stamps.

A George Washington Collection

A reader who has become interested in the subject of postage stamp portraiture propounds an interesting question: "Whose head," he asks, "has appeared on the greatest number of postal issues?" If we are to take the query in its widest sense, there can be no answer but one: the late Queen Victoria. The number of British and British Colonial issues adorned with the head of Victoria must reach a prodigious total. If, however, we are to confine the matter to one particular country, then probably the head of George Washington may come near the top of the list. Since the first issue of federal postage stamps for the United States in 1847 there has been no American issue in which the familiar head has not figured on one or another of the denominations most in demand. During recent years the 2-cent stamp, the value in most constant use, has been chosen for the portrayal of George Washington's head; but in earlier issues the portrait has appeared on the 10 cents (1847), the 3 cents (1851 to 1868), the 6 cents (1869), and again on the 3 cents (1870). From the issue of 1875 onwards Washington and the 2-cent stamp have been inseparable, as have Benjamin Franklin and the one-cent stamp. We get more heads of George Washington on the picturesque "Departmental" issues of 1873-79, while envelopes and post cards—are a wonderfully interesting series.

What a collection could be made of George Washington issue alone! Taking into account all varieties of die, shade, perforation, grill, paper and so on, such a collection would embrace a very large number of varieties of adhesive stamps and "entires".

Possibly a good third to Queen Victoria and George Washington as a subject of postage stamp portraiture would be the aged emperor of Austria, but if we are to take the issues of a whole empire into account, there is only one possible successor to the late lamented Queen, and that is her son, King Edward VII., whose head now appears on Colonial postal issues in all quarters of the globe.—Hobbies.

Two Methods of Collecting

In short, there are but two ways of making a "Twentieth Century" collection of the stamps:—

(a) To collect only the face varieties—i. e., stamps which are absolutely distinct in colour, design and value, without taking heed of varieties of watermark or paper.

(b) To collect every conceivable variety of paper, perforation, watermarks, etc., etc.

One must do one or the other. To the young collector with limited means and restricted opportunities, we commend the former course, but to the collector who wishes to enter fully into the true spirit of philately we say emphatically make a complete collection of every conceivable variety.

The New Korean Stamp.—The stamp recently issued by the Japanese authorities for use in their newly acquired dependency illustrates how the Eastern love of symbolic designs still lingers in the breast of the people. The artists who executed it have deftly combined the Chrysanthemum of Japan with the apple blossom of Korea, and have added thereto a number of pigeons to represent the swift and certain delivery of the mails under the new regime.

The Mitchell Collection

Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, of St Paul, Minn., recently presented to the Minnesota Historical Society his very large and valuable archaeological collection consisting of 21,500 relics, of stone, bone, horn, shell, copper, pottery, &c. Almost all of these relics belong to the pre-historic ages, as Mr. Mitchell made no effort to collect modern Indian relics.

These relics are now arranged in fourteen large plate glass cases, in a room 41 feet by 17 feet, in the splendid new Minnesota Capitol building, recently completed in St. Paul, a fire proof building, in which this great collection will be kept open to the public without charge.

The following resolutions of the Historical Society will show how much this gift was appreciated:

WHEREAS, Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, councilor of the Minnesota Historical society has donated to its museum a rare and valuable archaeological collection of more than 21,000 specimens; and, whereas, this society, having accepted the same on November 13, 1905, has agreed to preserve the collection intact, except as it may be increased by the donor, and to suitably house and display it for public exhibition without charge, and has appointed Rev. Edward C. Mitchell permanent curator of it, so long as he shall reside in St. Paul, or its vicinity, and shall be able to care for it; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of the Minnesota Historical society are hereby extended to Councilor Mitchell for his munificent gift; that it recognizes the noble generosity and philanthropic zeal which have distinguished him during his long residence in our state; and that this society acknowledges the obligation resting upon it to preserve and care for this collection for the benefit of the citizens of our commonwealth, and to give such expressions of our gratitude as may be a fitting tribute to this crowning deed of a noble life, and be an inspiration to coming generations: therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, That the library committee of the Minnesota Historical society is hereby instructed to place a suitable tablet in the society's museum commemorating this munificent gift.

The gathering of this collection has been a life long work and pleasure. In 1847, Mr. Mitchell, then a boy in his eleventh year, found, near his home, in Philadelphia, Pa., a stone axe, a part of a stone pipe, and several stone arrow heads. These formed the beginning of a collection which is now celebrated as one of unusual value, containing many relics of great excellence in their distinctive lines. For instance, there are 600 prehistoric copper weapons implements, &c., many of which are among the best of their kinds. In stone relics there are spear heads, arrow heads, axes and hatchets of many kinds, plain, grooved, chipped, polished, perforated, &c., celts, chisels, gauges, tomahawk blades, daggers, knives, hammers, club-heads, spades, hoes, maces, scrapers, skinners, picks, moccasin-last, mortars, pestles, pitted stones, discoidal stones, plummetts, rollers, cones, ceremonial stones, adzes, drills, awls, rubbing stones, idols, gambling stones, grinding stones, wedges, spindle whorls, amulets, gorgets, pendants, sinkers, slug stones, paint cups, pipes, saws, discs, "cooks", tubes, beads, images, rings, needles, scarabs, balls, and many unfinished articles. These stone relics are made of many kinds of stone, including flint, agate, jade, obsidian, &c. In copper there are spearheads, arrow-heads, knives, awls, axes, hatchets, celts, chisels, spuds, fish-hooks, a sickle, reamers, beads, needles, gorgets, pendants, crescents, spades, hoes, bangles, bracelets, pottery wheel, ornaments, harpoon, pick, plummet, &c. Among these copper relics are some famous pieces, including a bayonet shaped spear head of 17 inches length, and believed to be the largest and finest now known. In bone relics there are

awls, knives, beads, fish-hooks, spear heads, arrow heads, tubes, scrapers, chisels, ornaments, spoons, spades, hammers, strings of wampum, whistles, flutes, harpoons, needles, diggers, pipes, images, charms, bracelets, &c., and skulls of Mound Builders. In shell relics there are hoes, beads, wampum strings, anklets, breast plates, head ornaments, hair-pins, ear-drops, masks, plummets, sinkers, necklaces, digging tools, dippers, cups, celts, &c. In pottery there are over one hundred vessels of various kinds and of many sizes, images, idols, pipes, balls, ornaments, lamps, spindle-whorls, awls, discoidales, rattles, perforated discs, scarabs, paint cups, beads, tablets, tiles, &c. Besides the above relics of pre-historic ages there are some which are of great historic age, including items from ancient Egypt, Rome, Greece, Venice, Herculaneum, Byzantium, France, Germany, Great Britain, &c. Some of these historic relics are of copper, brass, glass, lead, silver, bronze, iron, wood, &c. In copper there are about 400 ancient coins, from 1000 to 2000 years old, from ancient Rome, Greece, Byzantium Herculaneum, &c. In brass there are gorgets, spear heads, arrow heads, beads, tubes, bangles, images, bracelets, ornaments, &c. In glass there are beads, an ancient Hebrew tear bottle, &c. In lead there is a heart shaped ornament as a pendant. In silver there are ear-rings, and an ancient Mexican idol of a man with a hawk's head and ancient coins. In bronze there are images, mirrors, ornaments, pendants, an antique seal (siguet), a spear head, an ancient Roman necklace of amber beads, ancient coins, &c. In iron there are knives, axes, hatchets, arrow-heads, spear heads, club-blades, a mortar, &c. In wood there are baskets, images fish-hooks paint-box combs bead-necklaces a bag made of wood fiber a knife &c. In combined metals there are an old Japanese opium pipe and a box for opium. Besides the above there are relics of various kinds not classified in the above lots.

Case No. 1 is devoted to relics from foreign lands (that is outside of the United States) including Mexico, Peru, Columbia, Chili, Yucatan, West Indies, Hawaii, Canada, British, America, South Sea Islands, Samoa, New Zealand, New Guinea, Japan, India, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Bulgaria, Tyre, Rome, Venice, Herculaneum, Jerusalem, Egypt, Switzerland, France, England, Ireland, Greece, Byzantium, &c. Among the European relics there are many pre-historic articles including some of the finest chipped and polished stone implements of ancient Denmark, England, Ireland, Germany, Switzerland, &c. Cases 2 and 3 are devoted to Wisconsin, and include a wonderful display of the best forms of copper relics, several hundred in number; besides many very fine stone relics. Cases 4 and 5 are devoted to Minnesota. In case 5 are contained a large part of all the pre-historic relics found in St. Paul and vicinity, during the last 35 years, in the mounds, and on the surface, or by plowing up, &c. Case 6 contains relics from Pennsylvania and Illinois, including many very ancient paleoliths from Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, and a remarkable display of extra large flint spear heads from Illinois. Case 7 is devoted to Ohio, and is filled with fine relics including many extra large flint spear heads, and some large caches of flint implements. One cache, found buried near a very large tree in Fulton Co., Ohio, consists of 192 very handsome "leaf-shaped" spear heads and knives, made of fine flint, very thin, and very finely chipped. Experts have thought this to be one of the finest of known caches of stone relics. The Ohio display is especially full and excellent. Case 8 holds a splendid display from

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Forged Postage Stamps

In spite of the enormous amount of labor and secrecy necessary to forge a postage stamp which must then run the gauntlet of lynx eyed dealers, it is, nevertheless, a fact that a large number of forged stamps are bought by collectors every year. These forgeries, says the London Tit Bits, are certainly carried out for the greater part in Japan. Austria also contributes a large quota, but very few are made in England.

The great object of the forger in the first place is to deceive the dealers if he possibly can, and so create a medium for the sale of the stamps as they are produced, but it is very rarely that this can be done.

One of the largest swindles on record was the great Finland stamp forgery which took place five years ago and was the means of swindling hundreds of collectors in this country and thousands more abroad. It was announced that although Finland was Russian territory she had been granted permission to reissue her own stamps, and a black stamp, bearing upon it the word "Suomi" (Finland), began to appear, and collectors vied with each other in their greed for specimens. The bubble was pricked at last by the official announcement that the suppression of Finnish stamps was still in force, and that the thousands of pounds worth sold were therefore forgeries. It very often happens that the engraving and watermarking of forged stamps are so perfect that the cleverest experts are deceived. But the forger frequently comes to grief over a simple point when a little more care would have made the forgery perfect.

A few years ago Hawaii 1851 issue became rather common, and collectors began to wonder how this could be. To all appearances the stamps were genuine, but suddenly a dealer discovered something that was instrumental in bringing the forger to justice. In making these stamps the individual had shaded a button incorrectly, a trifling error, which secured for him a term of imprisonment.

The forger can impose upon the guileless collector in many ways. The colors of stamps can be very often changed by acids, and this in the case of some stamps will make a difference of \$250 to \$500, or even more to a single specimen. Moreover, the art of stamp forgery has been brought to such a high level that it is possible to remove completely the effigy from one stamp and substitute another without the fraud being detected, unless the specimen is examined under a powerful microscope.

Worried by Stamp Collectors. — If the young minister from Portugal is not heaping anathemas upon the postal department of his country he must have a singularly gentle and forgiving nature. Stamp collectors all over the country are making life a burden for Viscount Alte. It is all because Lisbon has marked the seven hundredth anniversary of the death of St. Athony of Padua by issuing a set of stamps which portray various portions in the Saint's life. He was born and lived in Lisbon, although he always is credited to Padua. The Viscount, who is a favorite in the White House, has presented to Kermit and Archibald Roosevelt sets of the ten stamps. But it is more than he can contemplate with equanimity to give stamps to several hundred girls in Washington and as many of their dear friends in Washington. — New York Press.

Our Postal System

By J. H. Houston

(Continued from last month.)

In 1713 the General Assembly of the province of Maryland passed a law entitled An act for more speedy conveying of public letters and packets of this province and defraying the charge thereof and to prevent the abuse of breaking open and concealing any letters whatsoever. By this act the sheriffs of the several counties were informed and commanded to take care of all public letters and packets and to convey them to the sheriff or his deputy of the adjoining county.

For this duty he was paid from the public levy certain specific sums while it continued in force the sheriff of Tabbot county was paid 8 hund. pound of tobacco annually for this service.

While Parliament made provisions for postoffices for all the Colonies as early as 1710 it does not appear that any great benefit accrued to the inhabitants from this act for many years, as the Colonies continued to provide postal facilities for themselves until the troubles with the mother country were upon them. Nor does it appear that the home government took much interest in supplying the Colonies with postal facilities for very many years.

Not until 1753 do we find that any definite action was taken looking to the proper execution of the law. In that year Dr. Benjamin Franklin and W. Hunter were appointed Deputy Postmaster General for the Colonies, the former served until removed by the British Ministry late in the year 1774.

Mr. Hunter appears to have been an unknown quantity in connection with the office or the postal affairs of the colonies as beyond the fact of his appointment little is heard of him.

Dr. Franklin's salary was fixed at \$600 per annum provided he can get it, which provision goes far to prove that the British government intended the Colonies to take care of themselves so far as that was concerned. The zeal and energy with which Dr. Franklin entered upon his duties demonstrated how deeply interested he was in the welfare of the Colonies as it is stated that the experiment brought him in debt \$900. He however pushed matters vigorously and made the most he could out of the means at his command. As early as the year following his appointment, 1754, it is said that the people were started by the announcement that mails for New England would leave Philadelphia once a week throughout the year whereas they had hertofore only done so once in two weeks in winter. In 1760 he proposed running stage wagons between Philadelphia and Boston for conveyance of the mails, one leaving each city on Monday morning and reaching its destination Saturday night. It appears that up to this time it had taken two weeks to convey the mail over this route. The advantage of this arrangement was said to be that the people would thus be enabled to receive answers to letters sent between the two cities in three weeks instead of six, as had been the case heretofore.

At this distant day the obstacles that Dr. Franklin had to overcome in the discharge of his duties fail to be properly estimated. A country sparsely settled and in many cases without roads, and the post rider as a general thing compelled to ford the streams along his route, it seems a marvel that Franklin should accomplish so much in the twenty-one years he held

the office, that too in the face of the unfriendliness of the home government and the intense excitement that agitated the Colonies for a large portion of the time especially during the years immediately preceding the Revolution. The crowning act of the British government was his removal from office in 1774.

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Notes on Stamps

In London, about 1872, at an auction sale of stamps a beautiful copy of the 30c value of the 1869 issue, U. S. with inverted medallion, was knocked down for the insignificant sum of \$9.00. We would think the bottom had dropped out the stamp business for sure should this stamp be sold for ten times that amount today.

Each year there are more reasons why the beginner should be a successful collector. Not many moons ago all dealers priced the very common varieties of stamps in their lists at 1c each. Today we have numerous dealers who sell the common varieties at $\frac{1}{2}$ c each, and I have seen a list lately where stamps were priced at 1-3 and 1-4c each. So it will be seen that the dealer is helping the beginner along as well as adding more custom to his trade, and I predict that in the near future you will find all catalogues with stamps now quoted at 1c pricing them at fractions of a cent, according to the scarcity of the stamp.

What is more exasperating than to find among some old correspondence any amount of old envelopes minus the stamps, and upon examining them find they were sent just prior to the first issue of stamps. I recently found a number of letters dated as late as 1849 that had been sent from Chester, Pa., and they contained no stamps, but instead had the old familiar hand-stamp (5) to represent the amount of postage, and in the term of the small boy "that made me hot."

One of the best ways to mount stamps, and the easiest for inspection, is to fasten the hinge in the center of the stamp, at the left side, leaving the bend of the hinge protrude over the stamp a fraction. In this way your stamps do not bulge, and can be examined on the back with no danger of injury to the stamp.

State Revenues—There is no philatelic fad more interesting than the revenue stamps of California, Oregon, Nevada, Louisiana and Alabama of which there are about 400 varieties. They are scarce, and priced low considering rarity. Even if you can afford only a few of them they are pretty sure to be worth more than you have to pay for them. They are all bonafide issues and long since obsolete.

If any difficulty is experienced in finding water marks, turn stamps downwards and paint on a little benzine with brush or finger, when the watermark will immediately appear quite distinctly. No harm can be done to the stamp, and the benzine evaporates at once.

The St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society

By C. Grandpierre, Secretary, St. Louis

In January, 1905, after a sound sleep of several years, interest in a Philatelic Society in St. Louis was revived through the efforts of Charles Grandpierre and on February 2nd a dozen or so of collectors were assembled in meeting, at which meeting the St. Louis Collector's Society was formally founded. At a subsequent meeting, the following officers were elected: W. A. Sisson, President; C. H. Deitering, Vice President; C. Grandpierre, Secretary; F. R. Cornwall, Treasurer; other members of the Governing Board being H. A. Diamant, Dr. J. W. Higson and Chester Myers. The secretary having been prevented from performing his duties during more than half his term, T. C. Mann was appointed acting secretary, the latter doing the work incumbent on another without having the honor of the position.

The Society entered upon its career with an enrollment of twenty-six members, all but two of whom are still on its roster. Five members have since been admitted, making a membership of twenty-nine at the end of the fiscal year. Of this number, twenty-one members participate actively in meetings. The average attendance at sessions for the last half of the year was thirteen, which average has however been increased at recent meetings.

As the result of a vote at one of the early meetings, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News and the Philatelic West were adopted as organs of the society.

At the meeting of June 7th, an exchange system was inaugurated with H. A. Diamant as its first manager. At the close of the initial circuit a total catalogue value of about \$200.00 had been removed from the books. Other circuits have since been operated with equally good results.

With the assistance of some of the members, entertainment features have been provided from time to time in the shape of prize contests and exhibitions. Some of the auctions held at almost every meeting have been particularly successful. The Society has not neglected general philatelic work. The work of the National Stamp Committee has been fully endorsed and a subscription accorded to the same. The Society has also introduced a new feature in American Philately. Whilst the formation of a Junior Section has been shelved for the present a number of small albums have been purchased, which, together with some stamps and hinges, have been, and are being distributed at five cents each (much below cost) to boys desiring to start a collection of stamps. Meetings of boy collectors, in the form of a kind of Philatelic School for beginners, have received the endorsement of the Society and the help of some of its members.

The acting secretary has been the recipient of occasional inquiries and applications for membership from out-of-town collectors, showing an interest in our Society of more than local extent.

A word of thanks is here in place to the many members who have contributed to the prosperity of the Society. These thanks belong rightly to nearly all our members, but particularly to Dr. Baer and Messrs. Diamant, Cornwall and Hopkins.

We are always pleased to receive good original short stories, poetry on stamps, coins, curios, relics, photographs, etc., for publication in this paper. If you have any of your own make-up, send 'em along, and if good, they will be published.

Counterfeits and Their Detection

By R. R. Thiele

(Continued.)

SPAIN. The multifarious issues of Spain have long been the delight of the specialist, the early issues containing enough rarities to make them a worthy game for the hunter. The same reason has made them particularly subject to the nefarious work of the forger. To be sure the early issues have suffered far and away more than those of any other country from counterfeiters during the time of their currency, intended to defraud not collectors but the government; in fact it was this trouble which led to the annual new issues of the earlier days, the authorities vainly hoping to discourage the forgeries. These counterfeiters for postal use form an interesting field by themselves, much sought after by specialists, but it is not with these we have to deal here—rather with those made especially for collectors, and of these there is a multitude. In my counterfeit collection these are chiefly represented by the higher values, especially the various 2 reales; but as these are little apt to trouble the beginner, for whom these articles are chiefly intended, I shall describe one of the counterfeiters of the lower values. It is the 6 cuartos of 1853—poor meat, one would say, for a counterfeiter. The forgery is rather a crude one, though even the original is no great masterpiece of the engraver. It can be told even without comparison with an original, by the dimensions, the original being $18\frac{1}{4}$ mm. wide by $22\frac{1}{2}$ mm. high, while the counterfeit measures 17 mm. in width by $22\frac{1}{4}$ mm. in height, being thus much too narrow. This has resulted in making the pearled circle an oval and in making the entire portrait of the queen too narrow. Queen Isabella was evidently less of a beauty than all the amorous adventures related of her would lead one to imagine; even the portrait on the genuine stamp in question, which, if anything, is apt to be flattered, is exceedingly homely, but on the forgery it is a very nightmare of ugliness. The chin is pointed, the nose stubby, the eyes much too small, the expression fierce. The shading along the neck on the original slopes upward, while on the forgery it slants downward towards the right; on the cheek the shading of the original slopes upward toward the chin and mouth, while on the forgery it is almost horizontal. On the original it is very evenly and clearly drawn, while the lines of shading are very uneven on the forgery. On the crown of the original there are the following ornaments, beginning at the forehead: half a large trefoil, a small trefoil, a large trefoil, a small one, a large one, and finally a small trefoil: on the forgery the last small trefoil is indistinguishable in the line of the hair. At the back of the head there are two braids. On the original each of these is divided by a line down the center and the shading on each braid slope up to the left on the right half of the braid, up to the right on the left half of the braid.

On the counterfeit only the inner braid is divided and here the shading is inverted. The lines of shading in the spandrels are evenly spaced on the original; there are 10 of them in each spandrel. On the forgery they are unevenly spaced; in the left upper spandrel there are 14 lines, in the right upper spandrel 12, in the left lower spandrel 13, in the right lower spandrel 11. On the original the vertical lines bounding the horizontal lines at the

right and left terminate with the upper and lower horizontal lines, respectively, and do not extend to the upper and lower labels; on the forgery the vertical lines extend to the labels. The pearls surrounding the center are rather large and regular on the original; at the left there are 32, at the right 31, counting all pearls which are only partially visible. On the forgery they are small and irregular, some being oval in shape; on the left there are 32, as in the original, while on the right there are only 28. The letters of the inscriptions are all too thin; the three letters C are tall and narrow on the original, but wide and open on the counterfeit. The two parts of the S in CORREOS are equal on the original; on the forgery the upper part is much smaller than the lower. The two parts of the figure are equal in size on the original; but on the counterfeit the upper part is larger than the lower. The color of the forgery is fairly well imitated, though not quite so vivid. The forgery is cancelled with a "postmark" somewhat resembling those in use in Spain at that time: An oval field the long way with parallel lines; but the lines are too thin and seem to be struck in printers' ink.

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Revenue Notes

By Oscar T. Hartmann

Fiji Islands. You will find outside of the 12 or 10 perforation mentioned also 10x11 and 11.

Germany has about a year ago introduced railway stamps. They make a fine appearance. I have seen following: Prussian, Prussian-Hessian, Grand ducal Baden railway and express freight, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, state and local. Value from 5pf to 1m. New Zealand, N. S. Wales, and So. Australia had them for years.

If you smoke Porto Rican cigars, see that the box containing them has the name printed in red on the tax paid stamp.

Lately I have seen an assortment of U. S. tinfoil tobacco wrappers. The difference is that on the tinfoil the revenue stamp is printed with the particular brand for sale, instead of a separate stamp. Values $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 4 and 8 ounces. They were first issued in 1868 and are limited used up to present date. In fine condition they make a fine show and are well worth keeping. Some were also printed on common ordinary paper. Some of them are very scarce.

You might as well be on the lookout for those high denominations of countries where they are used both for postage and revenue, because those real high values are mostly used for revenue and postage being the exception.

Stamps which have been "oxidized" should be soaked in a solution of peroxide of hydrogen; 10c worth from any druggist will last a long time. After being soaked for a few minutes rinse in clear water.

Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps

By R. R. Thiele

(Continued.)

The new British Colonials are just as monstrous in their sheet arrangement as they are in their design, and that is saying a good deal. Sheets of 120, arranged in two panes of 60 each, consisting of 10 horizontal rows of 6 each—that is the general scheme almost without exception. The new issue for St. Kitts—Nevis is just like the rest in this regard, but in common with several others of the bi-colored issues it has this distinguishing characteristic, that only one of the plates, the so-called "duty" plate, which prints the frames, is of this size; the "Key" plate, which prints the view in the center, prints only one pane of 60 stamps at a time, so that it has to be impressed twice for a full sheet. I suppose this is done to facilitate the register of the second impression. The sheets printed in this manner can generally be told by having four plate numbers, instead of two, where one impression from each plate is sufficient.

The present issue of Bavaria is printed in sheets of 100, divided into two panes of 50, arranged one above the other. Each pane consists of 5 horizontal rows of 10 each. The panes are separated horizontally by a blank space across the sheet, the depth of a stamp. As the watermark extends over this blank space and it might thus be utilized for counterfeits, three horizontal bands of color are printed on it at the same impression by which the stamps are printed, just as is done on the French sheets.

There are probably very few small and medium collections in which the issues of Sardinia (classed by Scott's Catalogue as early issues of Italy) are not represented by reprints. Of these there are more than of the Originals. These latter were made by A. Matraire, a printer and engraver at Turin, in sheets of 160, 10x10. The first issue (Scott's No's 1, 2 and 3) was lithographed entirely, but it was counterfeited so extensively that embossing was resorted to as a safeguard. In the second issue (Scott's No's 4, 5 and 6) the entire design is embossed on colored paper, but this was not clear enough, so in the next issue (Scott's Nos. 7, 8 and 9) the head was embossed on white ground; This colored ground was first lithographed. The inscriptions even now were too indistinct and thus for the next issue (Scott's No's. 10 to 15) the head alone was embossed, while the inscriptions and background were lithographed. In 1862 these stamps were replaced by the De la Rue set and the contract with Matraire was terminated. Carelessly enough the Government permitted him to retain the dies for embossing the inscriptions (they seem to have been stereotypes), the sheet die for embossing the head, and a lot of waste sheets and finished stamps. It seems probable that he also made some reprints, as certain shades are quite common, unused, but are never seen genuinely used. In 1870 this material was acquired by one Usigli of Florence, Matraire having died. Usigli made no reprints; in 1882 or 1883 he sold the outfit to Rabuffetti & Co. of Rome, who in 1885 reprinted the 1853 issue (Nos. 4-6). They were made in sheets of 100, like the original: the colors of the papers are away off. These reprints are met with spurious obliterations from genuine postmarking dies: fortunately they are dated

March and April 1853, whereas the stamps did not circulate before the middle of May of that year. In 1888 the whole outfit came into the hands of one Bonasi who in turn sold it to David Cohn of Berlin, who still has it. He reprinted the issues of 1853, 1854, 1856 and 1862 and cancelled some of them with genuine postmarks (usually showing no year). The reprints of the 1853 issue were made by Cohn singly, one by one, on a small handpress; the sheets were necessarily small, but I do not know of how many stamps each consisted. The colors differ. The 1854 issue was reprinted by Cohn in the same manner in which the originals were produced. First the colored border was lithographed in sheets of 100, 10x10; these were cut into strips of twenty each and the head was afterwards impressed singly in the handpress. The colors are not so bad, but the paper is woodpulp paper, which that of the originals was not. The 1856 issue was reprinted by Cohn in sheets of 50, 10 rows of 5; he had a plate with fifty heads made for embossing, so that the whole sheet was embossed at one operation. This plate was carefully made and the reprints show the head in the same position on each stamp in the sheet which is not the case with the originals. These reprints are also perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$, while the genuine 1862 issue is perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$. The colors differ widely; upon the whole they are too bright. Besides these there is an official counterfeit of the 5, 10, 20 and 40c of 1856, made by the Italian Government in 1890 or thereabouts for exchange purposes: these do not occur in the markets.

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The WEST carries an unusual amount of advertising this month, including some entirely new business and propositions. Several good things are offered to agents on terms which would insure a good increase to the regular incomes. We urge every reader to carefully read all the ads and to patronize as many advertisers as they can.

We know many of our readers feel a personal interest in the WEST and we want them to realize that they can help to make it a great magazine by buying as much of their goods from WEST advertisers as possible and by recommending them to their patrons. The advertising columns are the foundation of a this paper and the only way they can be kept filled is for the advertisers to secure sufficient business from them to make it profitable. Therefore our friends who wish to see the WEST thrive and grow great can do it no better favor than to patronize its advertisers. Be sure and mention it when answering ads.

Practically the full set of "European" issues for Morocco can be purchased for a very trifling percentage over their face value. Used specimens are not so readily obtained, but should be picked up at a smaller total cost by the patient collector. In our view the used stamps are infinitely more interesting than the unused, if lightly postmarked copies.

The prices of old postage stamps have advanced greatly during the last two years, and the stamp catalogue for 1906, shows a general increase of ten per cent, for stamps sought by collectors, while in a number of instances stamps have increased in value 100 per cent or more.



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.

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

256. Shall I collect Shades?—That depends upon your own will and pleasure and the chances you may have to do so. To decide intelligently you will have to consider the cause of shades. If you wish to make a collection of changelings, i. e. a collection demonstrating how the original color in which any stamp was printed may be changed under various conditions, there is no one to forbid you, and the result might be interesting enough, if you find yourself able to determine and note the condition which in every case caused the change. I have not, however, heard of any such collection being made. Shades caused by different printings are collected by many, and the prices that have been paid for some of them show that their collection may prove quite profitable. There is, for example the 2c U. S. 1890 which for a short time was printed in a dark shade of "lake" (a purplish red, approaching brown) before the lighter carmine was adopted; this lake stamp could at the time be had at 2c each unused and at 5 or 10c a hundred used. It is desirable though that, when a collection of shades is made the collector should also note the dates and all obtainable particulars of his shades. The more exact and authentic the information about any shade the better will be the collector's chance to realize on that shade. Care must be exercised not to confound changelings with stamps printed in different shades. Proofs should also be distinguished from shades of regular issues. In short, you may collect whatever you will, but you should know exactly what you have and you should be sure to present each stamp correctly as what it really is: else you may think you have a valuable piece, while nobody but yourself will care for it.

257. What is an error?—In philately we call a stamp so which in any particular contrary to the manufacturer's intention was produced different from what it should be. Thus we have errors of engraving, errors of printing, errors of paper-making, errors of perforation. Minor defects are not usually designated as errors; for example, if one needle in the perforating machine were broken out and the machine would therefore fail to make a hole in a certain place, we would not call the stamp with this deficiency an error; but, if a whole sheet of stamps which should be perforated passed out of the manufacturer's hands without any perforation or perforated one way only instead of vertically and horizontally, the stamps in such a sheet we would call errors, provided such sheet was issued in the regular way the same as other perfect sheets. If defective stamps are not issued but taken out of the printery to be sold or given to collectors, they are designated as printer's waste and are not considered of much value, while the genuine errors, i. e. defective stamps issued to the public for postal use, are as a rule eagerly sought and highly valued. The more prominent the defect, as a wrong color, blue instead of red, green instead of brown, etc., or an inversion of part of the design, or a misspelled word in the inscription, the greater is the

right of the error for recognition. There are also many errors of surcharge, but there is frequently some doubt whether or not they are genuine errors: some wrong surcharges were made intentionally.

258. What is proof?—A stamp printed for trial. It may be printed in precisely the same color which finally is adopted for the regular issue or it may be printed in some other color, in which latter case we would call it rather a color-essay. It may be printed from the original die or from the finished working plate or from any part of the latter in course of construction. If a proof is taken from a design that is altered before its final adoption, we call it an essay. Proofs as a rule are very fine and clear impressions and show what the die or plate was in its original state. They should be worth more than the real stamp issued for use, because they are much rarer. A good collection of proofs is a fine thing and should be valued much higher than it usually is.

259. What is an albino?—In the manufacture of embossed stamps, such as the stamps on the U. S. stamped envelopes, the die will occasionally make an impression without any color. Such a colorless impression is called an albino. The cause may be that the printing machine is set in motion before any printing ink is in it, or, and this is no doubt the commoner cause, that two thicknesses of paper are fed into the machine instead of one. In the latter case one layer of paper only will receive the ink, while the other one will receive a colorless embossing. Albinos are not priced in catalogues. They are considered as curiosities, and any price may be agreed upon between seller and buyer.

NOTES.

There is a pretty little paper called "The Columbus Philatelist" issued at Columbus, Ohio, by George Ward Linn. The last number is No. 1 of Vol. IV. It contains good articles on Parcels Post, The Story of a Stamp (from Meville's A. B. C.), and Philatelic Literature News beside Editorials. The whole is a credit to the printers' art, and, if the promise of future improvements is kept, the following numbers will rank with some of the best. The subscription for a short while is 10c only per annum. Give the publisher a lift.

A paper for boys, "for all kinds of Boys" is "The New Boy" issued at 128 East 23d Str., New York, by "The New Boy Publishing Co.", price 50c a year. The November number is particularly devoted to stamps, and the WEST'S writers are there represented Thiele, with "The Joys of Stamp Collecting," Hanway with "Philately and the New Boy", Hunt with "Why I Collect Stamps," and "A Unique Entertainment," Dorpat with "Stamps Thirty Years Ago and Now," Eckla with "The Fascination of Stamp Collecting," Nast with "About Match and Medicine Stamps." The paper contains 26 pages 4^o and covers.

From St. Louis, Mo., comes a new little magazine, "The Philo-cartist News and Camera Craft" devoted to picture cards and photography. (One must be a devotee to the post-card album or the camera to appreciate its worth. For the philatelist there is little in it. See their ad in last issue.)

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Tweezers or stamp tongs should always be used in handling stamps, otherwise there is a possibility of them being deteriorated by the fingers.

To Advertise Philately: Three Suggestions

By Henry Herbert Huff.

It should be the interest of both dealer and collector to help make philately the greatest hobby and to extend its limits both in number of devotees and range of study and research, far beyond the ones it now has. There are many ways in which they may be able to help on this good cause, principally by assisting in the advertising of philately in the manner I shall suggest and by suggesting new ways to increase the number of stamp collectors. An increase in the number of stamp enthusiasts will mean an enlargement of the dealers' pocketbook, and therefore we shall look to the dealer for assistance in a financial way. But the ordinary collector has an equally important part in the advertising of stamp collecting, for it is as true as ever in this case that money alone can do little. The collector may be prompted to ask in what way an increase in the number of philatelists would benefit him. It would of course, give philately a prominence and importance it could not otherwise possess: it would enlarge the stamp societies which would make them more interesting and membership less expensive; it would enable stamp magazine publishers to give their subscribers a larger publication at the same or a lower price; it would enable dealers to sell stamps cheaper; and it would profitably affect philately in many new ways that an enlarged membership affects any other kind of society. Both dealers and collectors should do as much as they can to advertise philately and increase the number of stamp collectors. I suggest that the matter come up before stamp societies at their meetings and that new methods of working be discussed in the philatelic press. In this article I make three suggestions.

I. The Philatelic Booklet: I suggest that the larger dealers together issue a little booklet neatly printed and concise and convincing in its statements to be used in recruit work. I notice now, that I have written it "larger dealers." I think it well that all dealers and even collectors contribute to the fund which is to be used for the issuance of this work. In the proposed booklet I should have such facts about stamp collecting as are practical and calculated to convince the skeptic that philately is a really educational institution and not thorough foolishness. Among these would be a brief history of stamps and stamp collecting, the educational benefit to be derived from it, names of prominent people who are collectors, an appeal to parents to urge their boys to collect, and to the business and professional man to try philately as a pastime, etc. The full contents are immaterial now, but will prove a subject for profitable discussion later. As I stated before this book should be very convincing in its style and above all, appeal to the people to give philately a trial. Now the issuing and distribution of these booklets could be assumed by a committee chosen or elected, as may seem best, and which may be known as the Philatelic Recruit committee, or a similar nominal application. Advertisements could be placed in different Boys' and other magazines to the effect that anyone who would like to learn something about stamp collecting, the delightful and instructive pastime, would receive free upon request a handsome illustrated booklet telling all about it and a few foreign stamps. An appeal to the parents of boys might be made in some ads. With the book could be sent a few common and yet

attractive stamps. If the boy had any sense for collecting at all, these would probably appeal to him and get him interested, but if they did not it is very likely that he would show them or give them to some of his boy friends who would become interested and become collectors. This same committee could make up some young collectors' sets consisting of small blank books, a few hinges and a hundred varieties foreign, and in the booklet urge the person that if he be the least interested in stamps that he send fifteen cent (or some small sum) for the collectors' outfit and give it a trial. Nine out of ten who have been interested enough in stamps to send for the outfit will continue to collect and as a special inducement it might be stated in the booklet that to any who do not find collecting interesting who will return their outfit, their money will be returned in full. Collectors could distribute these booklets to those in their town who might be made interested in philately to send in names of possible collectors. When collectors are thus added to the ranks of philately, to pay the cost of securing, then their names could be sold to stamp dealers who would send them their price lists and publishers who would favor them with a sample copy of their magazine. The recruit system would of course be quite different in the case young men and women were to be the targets. Now for the second suggestion:

II. Advertising Philately Through the Store Keeper: This could be carried on by the dealers and without the aid of the recruiting committee. An outfit valued at from two to five dollars could be furnished smaller dealers and a more elaborate one for the larger stores. These outfits would consist of a large white sheet of pasteboard on which is neatly mounted some odd and attractive used and unused foreign stamps, several large posters telling what philately teaches and urging parents to encourage their children to become interested in this delightful hobby, a few 100 var. packets small albums and hinges. Many boys viewing the window display would become interested in stamps sufficiently to purchase a small outfit and not beyond possibility grow to become a full fledged philatelist. These stamp exhibits could be made in the show windows of almost any kind of a store and sales result, but stationers, druggists and toy merchants would probably do the most business. It would, of course, be hard to convince dealers that they could sell stamps so it would probably be necessary to send out the first assortment on trial, payment to be made when all are sold. These stamp stores and stamp departments in the cities in Europe and other countries and there is no reason why they cannot be equally numerous in and successful in America.

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I am often asked what does perforations 12, 13, 11, and so on, mean?

Holes punched through the stamps to enable them to be separated are called perforations, and the different measurements very often indicate a different issue. The standard of measurement, or gauge, is two centimeters (French) equal to 20 millimeters, or four-fifths of an English inch. When we say a stamp is perforated 12, it does not imply that there are 12 perforations on the side or end of the stamp, but that 12 perforations can be counted in the space of two centimeters.

Notes for U. S. Collectors

By E. R Aldrich

Under the law the owners and masters of vessels not regularly engaged in the transportation of mails are entitled to compensation on their arrival in port for letters brought and delivered by them to postoffices for transmission to destination. In every case the amount thus paid the owner or master of a vessel is collected by the postmaster at the office of delivery, in addition to the regular postage, which amount is therefore made good to the government.

There has been a considerable fluctuation in the expenditure for this object, but it is believed that \$1,000 for the coming year will be sufficient to cover all contingencies. This is the amount of the appropriation for the present year.

Not long since I was asked "is the precancelled being collected now as much as formerly?" This is a hard question to answer because the number of collectors of these specimens has never been known. If we judge by the size of the Precancelled Club it would seem to be on the decrease, but upon writing those who have dropped out by far still the greater number seem to still be collecting them. I candidly believe the number who collect these quietly and as a side line to a regular collection is increasing, but not those who collect them as a line of specialism.

The Bennett Magazine Agency send out their fall catalog with their Chicago return card but evidently made elsewhere, as it is franked by Cincinnati Permit No. 94, value one cent.

I have in my collection an interesting specimen, not only because of the fact that as a specimen it is interesting but also that it has philatelic association, being on an original cover addressed to E. W. Voute the publisher of the well known Chicago stamp paper of years ago—The Stamp Collectors' Figaro. The envelope was franked by a triangular half of a four cent green, and passed thro' the Chicago office without protest or a postage due being attached.

Binghamton, N. Y., dated 11 05 is among the latest precancelleds I have met with.

The new Scotts show marked advances in the lower values Columbian used, the set 1-10 going from twenty six cents to thirty seven cents. While this does not look like a great advance, yet proportionately it is, the 3c goes up 20 per cent, the 4c 100 per cent, 5c 66 per cent, 6c 43 per cent, 8c 50 per cent and the 10c 33 1-3 per cent.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition stamps are another series showing a noticeable advance, the five values used quoted at 15 a year ago are now listed at 33, the three cent value going from 3 to ten cents. The old catalog

lists them unused at 33 cents while the new one places a value of 55 cents.

Of course there are places where there are slumps in prices perhaps the most noticeable being the 24c going from \$17 to \$12.50, 30c from \$20 to \$15 and the 90c from \$37.50 to 27.50.

Never before I believe, has a price been quoted in the Scott Catalog on a specimen in fine and poor condition but this year the 2c green Navy is listed and then in small a price quoted for "poorly centered copy."



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

and eight cent values "5 BIT, 1905," none are now obtainable.

A book is issued by the Junior Philatelic society of London, "The Stamps of the United States," treating in a popular style our regular postal issues.

Obock is a French possession on the Red Sea, and it is reported that its capital city is a village of huts. It is nevertheless civilized enough to have postage stamps as witness 32 different varieties during the years 1892, 1893 and 1894.

A very efficient committee has been given charge of arrangements for the annual convention of the American Philatelic association to be held in Boston next August. As the leading stamp society in the country a very large attendance will be planned for.

The Earl of Crawford is adding to his laurels by calling at the islands of Tristan da Cunha in the capacity of mail carrier. One thousand miles west of Cape of Good Hope, isolated as they are, the barely 100 inhabitants of this group of islands will appreciate the favor done them.

It looks as if John P. Green, United States postage stamp agent, will be minus a job one of these days, the recent reorganization of the post office department leaving nothing for him to do. When the next appropriation is made there is no salary in it for a stamp agent. That work in future will be under the stamp division.

The public is warned against writing anything except the address on the face of pictorial cards intended for parties in the Netherlands. The Dutch postal law provides that in case there is writing on the face of the card the recipient is fined in the sum of six cents, our money. The card with writing on the face is regarded as a letter underpaid and the rule of assessing double postage applies. The same rule also applies if the words "Post Card" are not printed on the face.

A recent London auction sale a 12 pence, 1851 Canada, imperforate on laid paper, realized \$200.

Of the three provisional stamps recently issued in the Danish West Indies made by overprinting four, five and eight cent values "5 BIT, 1905," none are now obtainable.

POSTAL CARD DEPARTMENT



Covers & Envelopes

Observations on Some Original Covers

By R. R. Thiele

(Continued from last issue.)

Here is another letter which came today and bears a postmark which I never saw before. The letter—a registered one—came from Montzen, Belgium; it bears two 5c stamps of the issue just obsolete and two of the new 20c stamps—pretty good looking stamps, by the way. The registration label is the usual printed one. The entire label is printed in red, only the name of the office is struck by a hand-stamp in black ink. There is also another

number, 133, struck on the face of the letter with a numbering machine in green ink, but there is nothing to show where this was done. Next comes

R BELGIQUE MONTZEN 668

VERVIERS (OUEST) 6 OCTO 12-13 05

in a single lined circle, the date in the center. 12-13 stands for the hour, for in Belgium the hours are numbered through to 24. Then the letter went to Brusses, as shown by this postmark

1 BRUXELLES (RECEPTION) 6 OCTO 18-19 05 *

the words and the star between two concentric upright ovals, the date within the inner oval. and a large figure is above the whole, whose signification is unknown to me—perhaps merely the number, of the postmark. Next comes the postmark which I had not noticed heretofore: it is one of the sea post office stamps and reads as follows:

U. S. SEA POST. NO. 2. OCT. 7 R. B. FORSYTH

all in rather small thin capitals and surrounded by a rope-like single circle; it is struck in violet ink. The name below is no doubt that of the postal clerk on this route. Is there not one among the readers of the WEST who could give us a list of the U. S. Sea Post Offices with their routes and numbers? Such a list might prove of service. Next comes the familiar

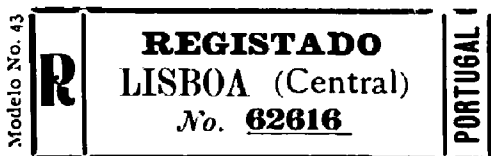
REG. DIV. OCT 16 1915 CHICAGO, ILL.

the words between two concentric circles, the date within the inner circle. Chicago is a pretty swift town, but it is like the Windy Village to claim to be ten years ahead of the rest of the world; notice the date above, which reads just as it does on the letter. It was probably at Chicago that another registry number. **57035** was struck in green ink with a numbering machine. Finally comes the arrival stamp of Wauwatosa, dated Oct. 17, 7 a. m., while the departure stamp of Montzen is dated Oct. 6, 12-13 (i. e. 1 pm.). Pretty good time isn't it, especially for a registered letter?

There is before me an original envelope bearing a peculiar postmark which I had not noticed before. The letter came from Lisbon, the beautiful capital of Portugal: it was sent to me as long ago as 1897. The letter bears two 80 reis purple stamps of the 1895 issue with head of the present king. 1

do not quite understand why it was prepaid in this manner. The international rate from Portugal at that time was 50 reis; a double letter like the one in question would require 100 reis and registration (this one was registered) required another 50 reis, a total of 150 reis, not 160 reis as represented by the stamps it bears. To cover such rates as that on this letter the 1895 set contains 100 and 150 reis stamps. (In 1898 the international rate was raised to 65 reis, hence the 56, 115, 130 and 180 reis values issued in that year; just now the rate has again been reduced to 50 reis and we may thus expect some more stamp changes. At all events my correspondent threw in 10 reis extra for the benefit of the Portugal exchequer which no doubt made no objection. The stamps are cancelled by a curious postmark, the one I spoke of. It consists of a large circle containing another smaller concentric circle. The inner circle contains a large **R** across whose center there is a horizontal oblong label containing the date 31 MAR 97. The R of course stands for REGISTADO—registered. Between the two circles are the following inscriptions. a: at the top: 'RECIBIDA DAPOIS DAS 36 HORAS—(Received after 6 o'clock); at the bottom: LISBOA (central). In the word LISBOA, by the way, there is an error; it is distinctly spelled LISBDA (D instead of O). Postmark errors may not be frequent, but they do occur now and then. But why should the box office at Lisbon have a special postmark for letters received for registration after 6 o'clock—p. m., presumably? I suppose this department was used only by the clerk or clerks on night duty at the registry office window of the main postoffice; the hour of mailing is not otherwise indicated on the letter. Other registered letters I have from Lisbon show date stamps of a more usual form, indicating the hour of the day. This letter bears the international registration label in this form:

The whole is printed in red on white paper and perforated; only the name LISBOA (Central) is printed in black and the registry number is inserted in black ink with a numbering machine. The inscription Modelo No. 43 at the left of the label simply stand for "form No. 43." Rather superfluously the registration label is also cancelled by the same postmark as that already described. The next postmark is the familiar registration mark of the London (England) postoffice through which so much of the European registered mail passes on its way to this country. It is struck on the back of the letter, but so indistinctly that I cannot give the details of it. Next comes the New York postmark, also struck on the back of the letter:



NEW YORK, N. Y. 4 - 15 1897 REG'Y. DIV.

in the usual double oval. Another registration number, 14424, is struck on the face of the envelope in green ink by a numbering machine; I believe this is the number added at the New York office, although the number there is usually struck in blue ink. The PAID ALL mark usually impressed at New York or other entry ports is missing from this letter, as seems to be the general rule with registered letters. Date of arrival is not shown.

(To be continued.)

The Fate of the Pearls

By F. O. Willius of Minnesota

A true stamp story.

"Run get your hat and open the gate, we're waiting."

It was mother's cheery voice from the wagon seat where she was perched ready for the long drive to the city. Sister Fannie was beside her, all dressed up, and father, whip in hand, in front.

"Climb in now, and we're all aboard." I had finished my allotted task and was soon seated beside my father. A trip to the city was an important event in the life of a farmer's child and caused no little excitement. As I was going to visit cousin Frank whose collection of stamps was larger than mine, I followed my mother's suggestion and took my dearly beloved stamp book with me. It contained "everything," i. e. stamps from all countries in the world, and formed a veritable string of pearls among my child's possessions. At first I was reluctant to take the risk which the long trip to the city necessarily involved, but finally gave in and tucked the book under my arm. After the first few miles had been passed my burden appeared to become heavier and my mother suggested: "Let me put the book into my bag under the seat, you are getting tired of holding it."

"No thanks, it might get lost."

"The cream jar behind will prevent it from falling out, come along."

"No, I guess not."

My mother had separated a quantity of cream and was taking it to town for her sister. The jar and the bag were deposited behind the rear seat on the floor of the wagon. The stamp book on my lap was very much in the way and so after a while I gave in to my mother's request and my treasure found a resting place under the wagon seat. The road was rough, after the recent rains, especially near the city, but at last we climbed out at our uncle's door and shook our clothes and tired feet. In the excitement of the greetings I had almost forgotten my treasure. I ran to the wagon, but both bag and book were gone. How could it possibly have happened? The only plausible explanation came from father, that the bag had been jarred out on the rough part of the road near the city. I nearly cried and wanted to go back along the road in search at once; however I was dissuaded, and had to content myself with the hope that the driver who was to take the team back would keep a sharp lookout on the road as he drove home, and would thus find my stamps.

In answer to my eager questions, when I returned home a few days later, the driver said that he had found the open bag at the side of the road and near it the covers of the stamp book, but that the cream which had bespattered the leaves of the book had attracted the hogs, who true to their nature, had devoured the entire collection. My grief you may imagine, it is beyond the ability of my pen to depict. This was the fate of my "pearls". The swine devoured them. Since sustaining this irreparable loss I have not had the courage to start another collection.

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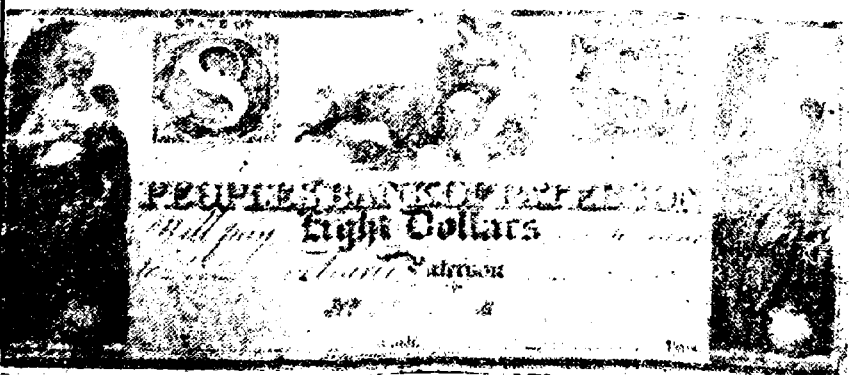
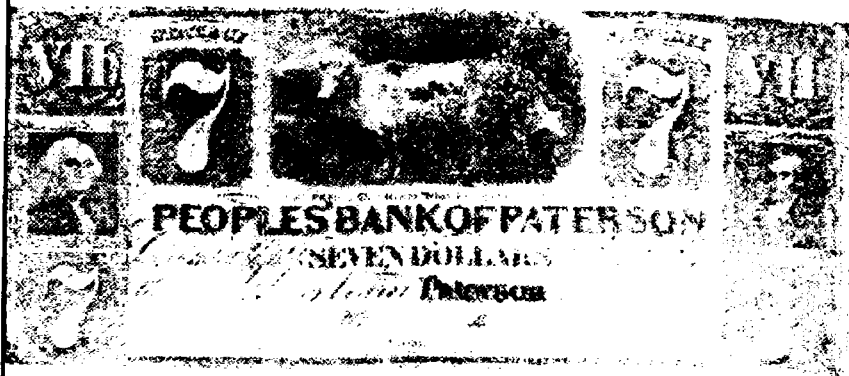
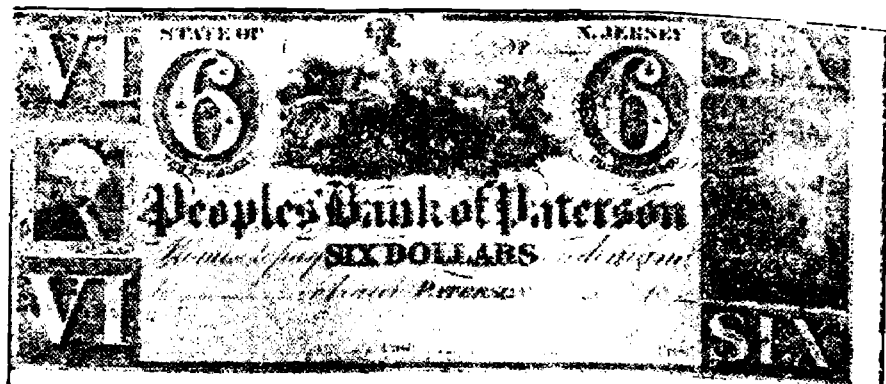
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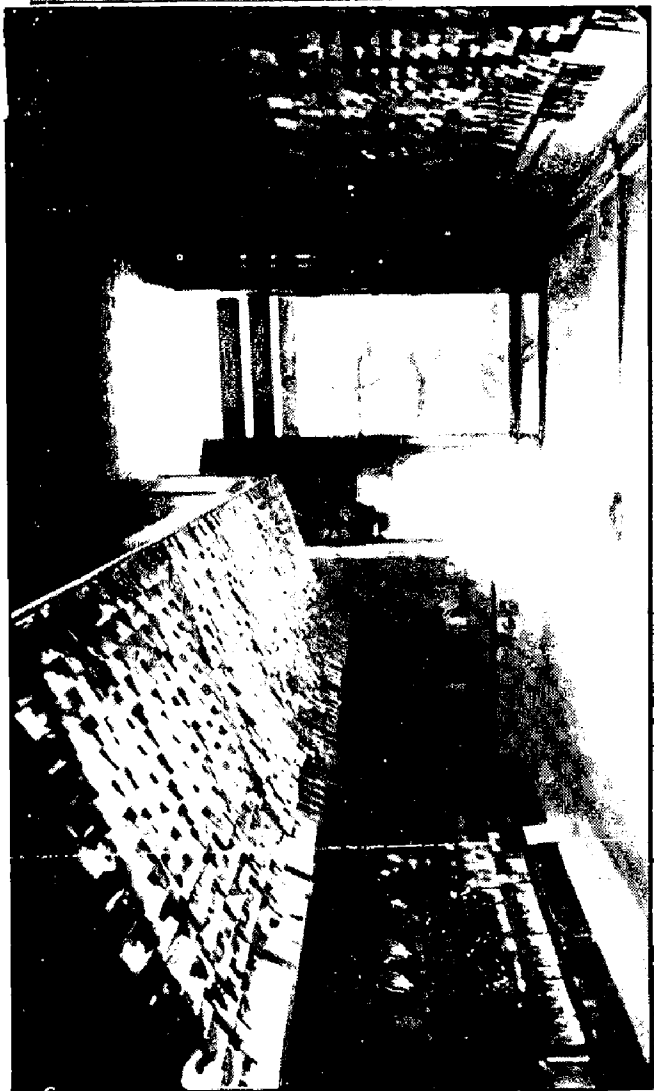
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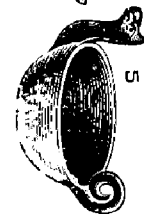
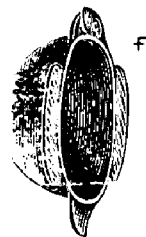
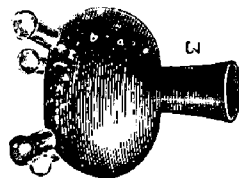
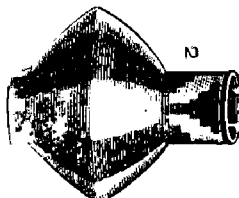
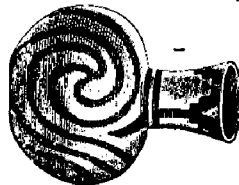


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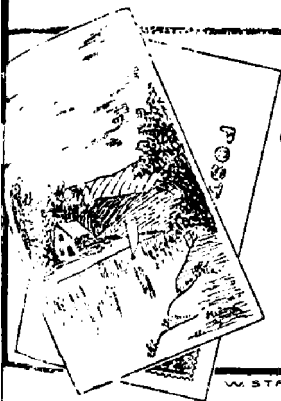
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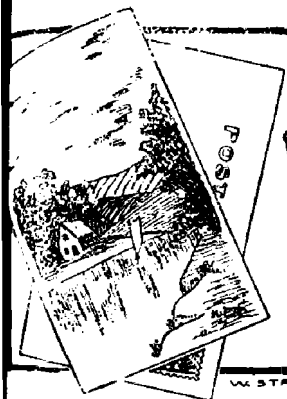
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the veil of anonymity. Whoever the offenders, it is encouraging to know that the postal authorities have put this sort of postal card under the ban. If a few readers could be reached and the law's hand could also be laid upon the merchants who sell them the effect upon the public would be salutary."

The writer spent some weeks at Atlantic City during August and September, and was exceedingly astonished at the display of many hundreds of crude and indecent post cards. That the sales were enormous was vouched for by the owner of a postal card stand, who remarked that the results from this class were larger than from any other line carried. Certainly the person possessed of the least delicacy, morality, or refinement will not fail to condemn this bizarre and vulgar habit.

"The Globe" published at Minneapolis, Minn., now reaches its subscribers attired in a modest, but attractive cover. The literary portion is given more space and is attractively illustrated with reproductions of interesting postal cards. Altogether it reflects credit upon its editor and cannot fail to attract many new readers, appreciative of its progressiveness.

Speaking of post cards and post card journals our cousins across the pond are, as it is well known, enthusiastic collectors. The appearance of the journals which occasionally reach ye scribe attest to this. In beautiful illustrations attractive typographical dress, and meaty literary matter, they are not surpassed.

Our fraternal hobby has many followers among that class aptly dubbed "shut ins," who through its means enjoy to some extent, the pleasures indulged in by the rest of the world.

The helpless invalid, for instance, longs for the beauties of the nature that surrounds me, as I write in this charming woodland, this glorious day in Indian summer. The wide expanse of sky, the bank, and the brook that babbles on at my feet telling strange stories of the joys open to the followers of the goddess, Nature, to all who have the wisdom to interpret them. All around me Nature is aglow with the charms of her ripe and full maturity. But birds grow fainter day by day, announcing that the season of decay, the season of the "sear and yellow leaf" is near, and that all this glory must go with the way of all Nature. But not so the glory depicted on the picture post card. Its charm is ever and eternal, in season and out,—the next best thing to Nature herself.

Well do I know how some "shut-in" in the crowd, or some poor invalid on the couch, lovingly, tenderly, each day drinks in the beauties of the miniature of Nature, sent by some loving or friendly hand.

Have you ever my reader felt a hunger for some favorite spot, "away from the madd'ning crowd," soothed by a glimpse at its miniature? If you have not, then you have not yet tasted all the bliss open to humans. No, it does not entirely still the hunger, but it eases and refreshes the jaded spirit, of all those who have an imagination—for it is only such who find a pleasure in either Nature or its miniature.

Readers—Send clippings of little notes about souvenir cards (from daily, weekly, or monthly papers,) or send the entire paper and we will acknowledge receipt on a nice View Card. Address WEST, Superior, Neb.

The Remarkable Growth of Post Card Collecting in Chicago

.By Herman J. Funk

It is most surprising to note the steady increase in the demand for Post Cards in Chicago. There are new stores constantly starting up who deal exclusively in philocarty supplies. You can also note that all the large stores are taking an interest in the small pieces of cardboard (that some people are wont to call Post Cards. They are devoting considerable space to the post card departments and put them in the most prominent part of their stores. Here is an account of the largest exclusive post card store in Chicago, which firm has over two thousand cards on display in racks and counters. When you step into the store you can scarcely believe your eyes. postcards greet you from all sides, the most artistic display of cards that can be imagined. Post cards of Actresses, Authors, famous paintings, flowers: also religious, historic and novelty cards, there is no end to the variety of view cards. The majority of these cards are imported. The proprietor has just departed for Europe on a business trip. Can anyone in the face of these facts say that the postcard fad is dying? No! It has just taken a fair hold in the United States and will increase in demand every day. The only thing that will probably check the interest in post card collecting are the cheap comic cards which are sold for a trifle. It is very discouraging for a true card collector to receive a number of these cheap cards in exchange for pretty view cards. The cheap cards only spoil one's collection and a wise collector will throw them in the waste basket. Take my advice, and if you are not in a position to exchange first class cards do not exchange at all as you will never be able to enjoy your collection. The best way to insure you of receiving first class cards is to join a good post card society such as the Union Souvenir Card Exchange. Never write much on your cards you send out, as the writing often spoils the beauty of the cards.

An Interesting Collection

One of the most interesting collections that can be made is one of minerals, insects, eggs, and plants. There is one thing which makes it more easily obtained than most other kinds of collections—the fact that it can be made from things which may be found right in your own neighborhood.

This branch of collecting leads to the studying of the nomenclature of natural history and to the desire to obtain a deeper insight into mineralogy. A studious and observant collector will examine his find minutely and note the resemblance between certain varieties and wherein they differ. He is sure to become interested in biology, botany, and natural history when he realizes how wonderfully and fearfully nature has made all living things. By giving most of his leisure time to this study he will learn to know the peculiar features of the different animals and insects, and how to mount them. He will become possessed of a vast amount of information, and will acquire a great degree of proficiency in the art of classificatoin and arrangement. The collecting of minerals, plants, eggs, etc., often determines a person's occupation and success in after life. It draws out his natural talents and creates a desire for study.

Hints to Buyers of Oriental Antiquities

By C. W. Anderson-Neary

(Continued from November number.)

A good collection of ancient glass is appreciated by all lovers of art in color and form, and the exquisite examples of the 18th Dynasty Egyptian glass are certainly works of great beauty, but only the very wealthy can afford to collect from this period for the specimens are rare and bring very high prices. The beginner may well commence on the Roman glass however for the vases with handles, tear bottles and the glass bottles placed in the tombs often present striking shapes and are frequently incrustated with most glorious colors due to the action of nitrates in the earth during thousands of years. Tiffany's best efforts fail to equal even the poorest specimens of this iridescent glass as nothing but the slow process of nature can bring out the magnificent glinting radiance and the soft, smoky latent fire in mauve lilac and amethyst border with gold, crimson and purple which these old pieces have attained. The Roman glass dates from about the 3rd century and a collection may be made containing down to say 600 years ago as some of the old Arabic glass is also most beautiful and crystal bottles are often found engraved, all of which make pretty cabinet pieces. In selecting Roman glass specimens found in Cyprus or Egypt should be bought exclusively, as the Syrian pieces nearly always lose their brilliancy after short exposure in a case but the colors can be partially revived by placing dull pieces in the sunshine for a few hours—or better still, in a hot oven. During the Ptolemaic era it was the custom to inscribe in the wrapping of mummies which were prepared at that time, long and interesting accounts of the doings of the deceased in the other world. These writings sometimes in hieroglyphics text and sometimes in demotic, were embellished with various pictures. From time to time it is possible to obtain these pieces of mummy cloth and when one knows what they represent their interest increases. One in the writer's possession consists of a scene in the Sekhet-Hetepu. First are the two gods Qubhsennof and Mestha, then the deceased looking out of his sarcophagus surrounded by the four canopic vases, the deceased then praise the goddess Hathor, and his soul Bain in the form of a human-headed bird, stands behind. Next comes deceased in a small chamber playing a game of chess, in his hands, and Horus hawks mounted on standards guard both sides of the chamber with feathers of truth. Next on one side the deceased accompanied by the goddesses Nephtys and Iris, stand before the winged scarab as a symbol of everlasting life, while on the other side the ape of Thoth sits in front of Horus on the "Aat" standard. The sacred utchat eye looks upon the scene from the top of a pylon beside which sits the cynocephalus ape, further along in the Hall of double truth the deceased may be seen in the form of a serpent. In this manner many scenes from the Book of the Dead may be observed just as the imagination of those old artists of 2500 years ago pictured them. It is a matter of considerable difficulty to transliterate the demotic writing but the hieroglyphic inscriptions may be puzzled out little by little with patience and a good book on hieroglyphics and frequently the general meaning may be gleaned and the by looking through a volume of the Book of the Dead the chapter may be found and the whole thing explained.

(To be continued.)

The Water Cure

As Administered by the Boys in Blue in the Philippines

By Chas. C. De Selms

Our illustration last month is that of American soldiers in the Philippines, giving the 'Water Cure' to a refractory 'Gugu' spy, who refuses to give up information. A pastime occasionally indulged in by our 'Boys in Blue' (Khaki), during the troublous Insurrecto times of the American occupation of the Philippines; though evidently not relished by the luckless victim.

The illustration clearly shows the method of giving it. The spy, on being caught, was placed in the position shown in the picture, and held by two or three soldiers, while another poured water down his throat from a bamboo tube. The result was a painful over-supply of water in the stomach, which very promptly effected a willingness on the part of the subject to tell all he knew; a second or third application being seldom necessary. This practice was loudly decried and condemned by a sympathetic public at home, unacquainted with the traits and habits of the Insurrecto, or of the conditions existing. But it may be said, in extenuation, that in many cases the motive was justifiable, and the results not serious to the subject. I have not heard an authentic account of anyone having been actually injured from the effects of the 'water cure'. It was usually administered to Filipino spies, who were enabled to enter and operate within the American lines, and even directly within the camps, from the fact that those who claimed to be 'amigon,' or 'pacificators', that is, those who were loyal to the government, were protected, and often fed by the government forces; and spies, sleeping and accepting this protection, used it as a means for shielding their work, and even murdering and stealing whenever opportunity offered.

You will surely agree that it is not a pleasant feeling to know that many of the objects of your protection and charity harbored through motives of humanity, were enemies who would at any moment try to rob or murder you; and when you thus discovered one, you would feel that a little "hazing" in the form of the water cure would be letting him off quite easily, especially in view of the fact that death is the usual fate of spies. The fate of the white man—American or Spaniard—who fell into the hands of the Filipinos in those days, was to be horribly butchered and left to die, or be buried to the neck in sand and the red ants turned on him to eat him alive—if not one of many other atrocities, the modes of which may not be mentioned.

These brutal crimes are not unknown even today among the ladrones or highwaymen who infest certain provinces robbing, pillaging and fiendishly murdering their own kinsmen, under the guise of patriotism; but whose number are being rapidly reduced by the Constabulary. A few day ago I saw four victims of these 'ladrone' fiends; men who had been suspected of giving information against the ladrones or of being loyal to the government. One had the tendons of his legs cut so he could not walk; two had their lips cut off; while the third had one foot cut off, and had been buried and the red ants trained on him, but was rescued by agents of the Constabulary.

No doubt, in some cases, the 'water cure' was administered in a spirit of

reckless fun or deviltry; such things occur when young men thus thrown together are looking for something to amuse themselves. In European armies in the Orient, many more serious forms of 'amusement' have been indulged in at the expense of the unfortunate native.

But for the most part, the 'water cure' was used as the only available means of obtaining valuable information from spies found within the lines (although it was not sanctioned by the officers, or permitted when known). And, in view of the many aggravating circumstances and conditions under which the soldier labored in the early days in the Phillipines, it is only surprising that he did not frequently resort to more rigorous means of extorting information from or punishing the native spies.

Our picture also shows a bit of familiar native scenery. The tree at left is a mango, which produces the delicious fruit of that name. Back of the hut in center, is a clump of bamboo. The shacks or huts are the typical Filipino 'bahay', found throughout the Islands; the framework is of bamboo, and the sides and roof covered with the nipa leaves.

Hereafter, we will endeavor to give each month a picture of something typical of the Philipines, accompanied by a few words of description.

Records of St. Louis Kept by Carpenter

T. F. Ward, of St. Louis, who has preserved newspaper accounts of happenings since 1880, can, at a moment's notice lay his hands on a press clipping which recounts any birth, marriage, death, murder, robbery, suicide fire or other happening in St. Louis or vicinity since that date. Twenty-five years ago he began his unique collection, and to such enormous proportions did it grow that he began a system of filing and indexing, which, augmented by his remarkable memory, secured a ready reference to any clipping desired.

Fifteen volumes, each as large as a Webster's unabridged dictionary, comprises Mr. Ward's library of news items. These are carefully grouped. Mr. Ward, who is a carpenter by trade, has only his evenings and Sundays to devote to his records.

Suppose John Jackson suddenly appears in St. Louis, claiming to be the long lost son of J. J., Sr., who died in 1887, and contests the will. By Mr. Ward's ready reference bureau his claim is instantly refuted, as the news clipping shows that J. J., Sr., was survived by only one child, Miss Katherine Jackson, who duly succeeded to her share of the estate in question.

Should Tom, Dick or Harry Brown make a death-bed confession at Evansville, Ind., or Kankakee, Ill., stating that in 1884 Jimmy McManus, a M. D. T. messenger boy, who was found dead in an alley on Locust street, came to his death at their hands, Mr. Ward can, at a moment's notice, produce a press clipping, long forgotten by everyone else, to show that young McManus died of heart disease, superinduced by the rapid pace at which he was delivering a telegram.

Mr. Ward is justly proud of his collection, and spends many a pleasant evening with these records of bygone days.

It is not to be expected that the cataloguers of foreign auction sales should be experienced in American autographs. The result of this lack of knowledge is found in many sad errors. The letters are often mere copies, or written by another man of same name.—N. Y. Collector.

An Inexpensive Mount for Butterfly Collectors

By Oswald A. Bauer

Many methods have been devised for the collecting and preservation of butterflies, but outside of the the plaster mounts used by museums none has thus far been devised which will successfully preserve the specimens indefinitely. The plaster mounts are rather expensive to an ordinary collector and for their benefit the following mount may be of some assistance in preserving specimens. In addition to being inexpensive it possesses the quality of keeping the parasites from the specimen and if properly constructed will last indefinitely.

To sum up briefly the articles needed in its construction are as follows: Several lattice strips, procurable at any lumber yard, a roll of passe partout binding, a roll of common cotton, a small box of medicated cotton, a pound of moth balls, several empty cigar boxes, some pieces of glass 4x5 inches and hammer and nails. Total cost about eighty cents.

From the lattice strip saw two lengths 5 inches long and two 3¼ inches long and from the top or bottom of the cigar box saw a piece 4x5 inches. With these pieces make a box the sides of which will be composed of the lattice strips and the bottom of the cigar cover, leaving the top open. Use fine wire nails so as not to split the wood and make the joints very tight. When this is finished place two moth balls in the box and fill it up with common cotton just even with the top of the box. On this place a thin layer of medicated cotton about ¼ inch in thickness. Now take your specimen which has been previously stretched and lay it exactly in the center of the box on the cotton with wings spread out. Carefully lay your glass size 4x5 (old negatives with the film washed off are good for this) on top so as to form a cover for the box and specimen. This will also serve to keep it out flat. Next take your passe partout binding, dark green being the best color, and with it bind the glass cover down on the box. Allow this to dry before handling. When dry run a piece of white binding around the sides of the box that remain exposed. Place your label which should be somewhat as follows:

Vannessa Antiopia
(Morning Cloak Butterfly)
HABITAT: New York

down in the left hand lower corner of the glass front. If proper care is taken you will now find that you have a mounted specimen that for looks puts the plaster mount to shame. With proper care also this mount will last for years. The object of the camphor balls and medicated cotton is of course to keep the parasites from the specimen, and wherever tried it has been successful.

An outlay as first described will make from twenty to twenty five mounts unless you have to buy the glass in which case it will cost a little more. For almost all specimens the size 4x5 is large enough but a few require a larger mount, for these make the box six by eight in size.

Moths as well as butterflies may be mounted in this way.

Prehistoric Stone Relics of Shelby County, Ohio

By David B. Emert of Ohio

This article is submitted solely in the hope of bringing out criticisms and articles pertaining to archaeology, and I hope every reader who is interested in prehistoric relics will contribute an article on the relics of their vicinity, or met within their travels. The relics of this county are I suppose, the same in all general respects, as those found in all parts of the states composing the Northwest Territory. For the purpose of classifying these relics we will divide them in groups, according to the method of Dr. Wilson in the Smithsonian Reports, and then consider each group separately.

Group 1. Includes all flint implements such as arrow and spear heads, disc and leaf shaped articles.

Group 2. Is composed of axes, hammers, hammer stones, celts, pestles, etc.

Group 3. Implements, or probably more correctly slate objects.

Group 4. All implements or objects not mentioned in the preceding groups.

Group 1. Arrow and spear heads are found in all their various shapes, such as straight shank, barbed shank, barbed and bifurcated shank, and war points or those arrows of triangular shape without any shank; also some finely chipped oval and leaf shaped implements and some nearly round all of which I have several specimens found here. There have been found in this locality a number of long, narrow, finely chipped flints, pointed at both ends similar to a double arrow.

Spear heads have been found in all the same general shapes as arrow heads. Drills of several varieties have been found. But the most numerous are those with a long slender blade and a very wide and flat topped head, although there are a few with a straight head or shank similar to an arrow. No flint celts have been found here so far as I know. I have several large, thick chipped pieces of flint, that may have been celts. Also have several entire rough chipped flint objects, rather flat but thicker in the middle and with both ends rounded; these may have been celts, or perhaps are unfinished arrow or spear heads.

Group 2. Axes, hammers, hammer stone, celts, pestles etc., have been found in great variety of workmanship, design, and also in material, a few very fine axes have been found but the majority are rather rough. One axe I have has been a very fine implement, but one side has been split off. The groove is very large and perfect, the head is smooth and altogether shows it has been very finely finished. I have several hammers or blunt edged axes which have been made from the pebbles or rocks abundant here, most of these have only the groove around the head. But I have seen some with a groove running lengthwise along the back or wide edge of the hammer. In celts I think we can show several fine varieties made from all kinds of stone though those made from the ordinary boulder and hard slate are most numerous. These celts range from five to seven inches in length and from one and one-half to three inches in width. The finest celt in my collection is made from a good quality of blue slate and is a little larger than ordinary.

In pestles we have the straight pestle, the bell pestle and the elongated or rolling pin pestle. I know of a large number of the bell pestles but of only a very few of the straight and the elongated pestles.

Group 3. Slate objects—The most common slate objects found here are what are commonly called gorgets. These are made from green or brown slate, mostly with one hole, a few with two holes which have been made by drilling from both sides of the object. Several slate objects have been found in shape like diamonds, crescents and double crescents, with one hole drilled through the center the wide way of the object, also several tubes have been found from one to three inches long.

Group 4. About the only implements to come under this head are a few paint stones, and a few pieces of pottery found in a gravel pit. The pots crumbled in a few hours after being brought to the air. There are probably many fine specimens in the county which are unknown to me, as I am writing about those found in one small locality.

Destroying United States Currency

By Ray Murray—Continued.

After a time the crisp notes which have gone out of the treasury so fresh and clean are sent back in a dilapidated condition to be exchanged for new ones. They are first sent to the Redemption department where they are counted by experts who decipher the denominations of the defaced bill.

Not much time is wasted in the disposing of the currency which has outlived its usefulness and which comes to the graveyard at the National Capital. After the money has been counted it is taken into the basement of the treasury building to be destroyed in the macerator, which is in operation every day at 1 p. m., and in which an average of one ton, or more than \$1,000,000 worth of bills is cut and slashed into unrecognizable form every afternoon, might be compared to a giant sausage machine. It consists of a huge steel cylinder in which steel knives revolve at lightning speed. Jets of steam are poured into the big cylinder in order to soften the paper which eventually comes out in a gray pulp which sells for \$400 per hundredweight—a large part of it going to the souvenir manufacturer, who fashions from it the small statuettes sold on the streets of Washington.

Prior to 1883 Uncle Sam followed the plan of paying the cost of transporting to Washington any currency which it was desired to have exchanged for crisp new bills, but as the business of the country expanded became well nigh impossible for the government to keep pace with the demand. Thereupon the government abolished the plan of paying the freight or express charges and made the rule that any individual who wished new money for the old must, if shipped to Washington bear the expense himself. Thus banks and business houses each year spend more than \$4,000 in sending back paper money to the National Capital.

Sixty Years a Postmaster.—Mr. William Kenward, of Wivelsfield, near Hayward's Neath, England, claims to be the oldest working postmaster in England. He is 85 years of age, and has held the position of postmaster and parish clerk for sixty years.



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Mr. Earle K. Bryan, of Dallas, Texas, has been duly elected president of The Union by the votes of a majority of our members. It may be truly said that Mr. Bryan has been with The Union at all times and has never let an opportunity pass to speak a good word in its behalf, and his pleasant ways have won for him the friendship of those who have elected him to our highest office. He possesses a collection of over 8000 view cards and his other hobbies are the collecting of stamps, guns, swords, knives and bolos of which he has a den full. Under the leadership of President Bryan The Union is about to experience a season of prosperity such as it has never known before.

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COMPLAINTS.

225 against 220, 226, 249. 269 against 322. 348 against 291, 300, 311, 314. 349 against 191, 209, 349. 403 against 166.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

94, 95, 96, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 242, 243, 245 and 247. Memberships 1 to 105 inclusive and 231 to 247 inclusive have now expired. You should not send cards to any of these members, unless they have renewed, in which case you will find their name under a new number, and their old number should be discarded and the new one recognized.

SPECIAL OFFER TO NON MEMBERS.

All card collectors who are regular subscribers to The Philatelic West, but not members of The Union may join same by remitting 5 cents in cash to the Secretary on or before April 1st, 1906. This offer will positively be withdrawn after date named.

Notes on the Coins of the Kings of England. —Half pence and farthings were first struck in silver by Edward in 1280.

Shillings were first coined in 1503 by Henry VII.

The crown was first coined in the reign of Henry VIII.

The half crown, six pence and three pence were coined by Edward VI.

Gold was coined in England by Henry III, in 1257; but the series of gold coins commences properly from Edward III, in 1344.

In 1527 Henry VIII, added to the gold coins the crown and half crown.

During the reign of Geo. III, vast numbers of seven shilling pieces were issued and continued some years in circulation.

From the Easy Chair of An Autograph Collector

(Continued from last month.)

By John Thomas Lee, Wis. Sec'y State

Mr. Robert Barr's article on the autograph hunter in the Christmas, 1903, issue of *The Saturday Evening Post*, like everything by that versatile writer, is dashing and clever. He certainly has a case against the persons commonly known as "autograph fiends," and he makes the most of it. But no one knows better than Mr. Barr that there is another and more pleasing side of that particular kind of "fiend," and that there are innumerable demons more to be dreaded, pitied or despised as the case may be. The autograph collector is bad enough, heaven knows, but he is an angel (although he may not always reveal himself) compared with those other persons who pursue every man and woman of sufficient prominence to attract their baleful attention.

There is the ambitious young author who sends his works--in manuscript--with the modest request that you read them and find him a publisher; the person devoted to charity who has heard that you are always "kind to the poor," and proffers a child or two for adoption, or asks you to lift a mortgage and receive the blessing of him who is ready to perish; the young woman who has heard that you are rich and requests you to buy her a piano; the photograph collector who honors you by asking for your likeness--large size--in six different positions; the genealogical fiend who is sure you are related to him and asks for your family tree; the intrusive individual who wants to find out your peculiarities that he may exploit them in the newspapers--surely, dear brother, these demons should cause you to be indulgent and look with amenity upon the inoffensive collector of autographs.

It seems to me that a very readable article might be written on the subject of "The Other Fiends," and I am sure the much abused autograph hunter would enjoy it hugely. He has been painted in dark colors so long that the reading of such a dissertation would be balm to his soul, for the comparison would be entirely favorable to himself. No man could perform the task better than the genial author of *Tekla*, and I hope he will some day write on "The Other Fiends."

Be it far from me to defend the autograph collector in everything he does, for his conduct is sometimes reprehensible; but he is not wholly bad. Often he is intelligent, amiable, courteous, persuasive, and withal as pleasing flatterer. He is a benefactor to the small celebrity, and a not unjust penalty upon the larger one. Many a struggling author has been made happy by a letter from a so-called "fiend," which showed real appreciation. It cheered him and made him think that he was somebody after all, even if the critics had treated him shabbily or ignored him entirely. I am quite sure that authors and others retain some human characteristics, and are far from being displeased by requests for their autographs. But, of course, it would never do to permit this lamentable weakness to become generally known, therefore hauteur is feigned to keep the autograph collector properly humble.

It is a consuming passion, this collecting of autographs, and one may

not easily cast it aside; in fact, it might be said that the malady is incurable. So I would warn the uninitiated before they become fatally enmeshed. Your first autograph will cause your downfall. It will lead you to spend your last cent and write letters until you have an acute attack of writer's cramp.

But I must not complain, for my collection affords me unspeakable pleasure. It is a restful and altogether delightful avocation. As the eyes rest on this or that letter or document, I am led to review the life and work of the writer, and in this way I derive an increment—alas, too small—of intellectual development.

The reader and I ought to be well enough acquainted now to meander together through my collection. We will browse at will without taking heed of the sign-posts, enjoying ourselves as best we may

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(the following all one company.)

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Valuable Collection of Butterflies

The fine collection of butterflies formerly owned by Count Sergis Menschikoff, a Russian, at one time a resident of Duluth, is now the property of the Duluth high school museum. Ward Ames of Duluth bought the collection from the successful bidder at the sheriff's sale and presented it to the high school museum. The estimated value of the collection is \$1,000, and it would be vastly more valuable if the specimens were catalogued.

Petrified Yolk.—A pigeon belonging to a Grimsby, England fancier laid two eggs. It hatched one and sat on the other for seventeen days without result. The egg was then broken. Inside was a stone the size of a marble.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

BY ROY FARRELL GREENE.

It is claimed that the ancient people of Peru carved their bas-reliefs by covering the lines intended for relief with ashes and then heating the entire surface. The unprotected portion of the stone became more or less decomposed by the action of the fire, leaving the protected parts unaffected. The work was completed by the sculptor carving out the decomposed parts with his copper chisel.

Some years ago the directors of the National Museum gathered a very complete collection of our native forest timbers. Each of the 420 specimen blocks was sawed out longitudinally, transversely and diagonally, to show the characteristics of the wood from all points. A specimen of the Yucca tree which was procured for this collection, though sawed off from both roots and top, grew, thrived and blossomed twice. The trunk of this species was too spongy to be given the treatment accorded to the other specimens. It was about two feet through, with stringy, knotted bark, from which, in place of the regular limbs expected to grow on trees, grew bayonet-like leaves. A very fine specimen of the Douglass spruce from the Rocky Mountains was included in the collection, the bark of which, several inches in thickness, was perforated with numerous holes reaching to the wood, the holes having been made by woodpeckers to store nuts for food.

Sir Charles Giesecke, an eminent British antiquarian, says that numerous ruins exist in southern Greenland which are evidently relics of Norsemen who dwelt there centuries before Columbus discovered this country. The locality is near the present Esquimaux station of Igaliko. The ruins consist of remains of walls of seventeen stone dwellings, one of them marked in such a manner that it is reasonably certain that it was the house of Eric Rauthi, a banished Iclander jarl, who was the first to land in Greenland. He established his settlement at Brattlelid, as it was named then, and Igaliko is believed to be the spot where the colony was located. It was on an isthmus between two fiords, and so is Igaliko. The fiords are believed to be the Erick's and Einer's fiords of the old sagas.

There are several varieties of opals found in the quarries of Mexico, and the gemstone collector should have no difficulty in obtaining for his cabinet a specimen of each of the following: The precious or noble opal, the fire opal, the common opal, semi-opal, wood opal, ferruginous opal and hydrophne.

Rock crystal, much used by the ancients in fashioning vases and even articles of jewelry, is reputed to be nothing more nor less than quartz in its

purest state. The whitest comes from Madagascar, but some varieties, nearly as limpid, are found in South America, in India, and in the Alps and other mountains of Switzerland, in lodes or veins. Rhine, Cayenne, Allencou, Mamarssets and Paphos stones are merely fragments of rock crystal worn and rounded through being rolled about in rivers and torrents.

At the famous auction rooms of Christie, in London, a few months ago a notable collection of old books was put under the hammer. The library was the property of Judge Philbrick, and included in it was a collection of seventy different editions of Walton's "Compleat Angler," also a collection of books on philately. The volumes in nearly every instance brought good prices. Judge Philbrick was widely known a decade or more ago as a stamp collector, but he sold his collection at auction in 1893 and 1894, in London, realizing for it about ten thousand pounds or \$50,000.

A problem which perplexed the people of this country a generation ago was the long extinct pigmy race which centuries ago undoubtedly inhabited the Tennessee mountains. Legends among the Indians told of such a tribe of dwarfs, who were supposed to be of more intelligence than the red man. But these legends were very hazy. A burying ground, however, actually was discovered in the early part of the last century in which all the skeletons were of pigmy proportions. Some of them were carried away to college museums. But as far as known no scientific inquiry has ever been directed especially to this question.

The wonderful variety in the shapes of plant leaves is among the chief sources of interest in the field of botany. Varying from the "simple" egg-shaped leaf of the laurel or the india-rubber plant to the intricate and exquisite "cutting" seen in those of the maiden-hair fern, the yellow briar rose, the acanthus, or the fig, what could offer a wider and more interesting study. The "cutting" in the different species of parsley is among the most elaborate of all, but it would be difficult indeed to attempt to say which is the most beautiful in form. The wild geraniums are as elaborated as the parsleys. In some foreign plants the leaf has the brilliant hue commonly enjoyed only by flowers, the poinsettias showing this to perfection with their pure vermilion leaves at the top of the stem. The cultivated "foliage plants" of our front yards are other examples.

The birds which are only with us during the winter season, leaving us in the spring for northern lands and snow-banked hillsides are surprisingly tame and friendly during their stay with us. Pine grosbeaks and crossbills whose real homes are in the silent moss filled spruce forests of the great north, will almost allow themselves to be caught in your hand during their winter stay with us. With the field roving kinds, like the snow buntings, horned larks, and longspurs, this fearlessness is not found, but the rosy little red-bills, the reepers, kinglets, "little friend chickadee," as the northern Indians call him, and all the other deep forest dwellers, seem to be as unafraid of us as they are of the gentle deer of their home woods. Strange isn't it, when our summer residents, the feathered friends who remain with us in the most propitious seasons, are so flighty and afraid?

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Oregon and California, including many very large and fine Obsidian relics, and nearly 2000 Oregon gem points, tiny bird points of flint, agate, obsidian, &c. Case 9 contains relics from Tennessee, Kentucky and Alaska, and is rich in "good things." The Alaska relics show peculiar carving on ivory, bone &c. Case 10 is devoted to Missouri, North Carolina and South Carolina, and makes a fine display, especially in very large and fine flint spear heads from Missouri, and also a rare set of stone saws. Case 11 holds relics from Indiana, Colorado, North Dakota and South Dakota, including some fine caches of flint relics from Indiana. Hanging on the wall of the room, near Case 11, is a fine cache of 96 large flint spear heads and knives, mounted on a plush covered board. These are from Fountain Co., Indiana. Case 12 contains a fine display from Arizona, Iowa, Michigan, New Jersey, Washington and New Mexico. Arizona furnished a fine lot of excellent pottery. Michigan contributed fine copper relics, including the very large copper spear, previously mentioned. Case 13 has relics from Arkansas, Georgia, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and some relics whose original location is not known. Arkansas displays many pieces of fine pottery and Georgia has a very fine general collection. Case 14 contains relics from all the 6 New England States and from Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, Maryland, Alabama, Mississippi, Virginia, West Virginia, Nebraska and Idaho.

This large and varied collection will afford an excellent opportunity for the study of archaeology in its different lines.

Mr. Mitchell has long been a very active collector. After giving away the above-named archaeological collection, he still has, at his home, a very fine scientific collection of shells, corals, &c., numbering over 5000 kinds; a very fine collection of minerals; a collection of coins, a collection of autographs and many articles under the head of "general curios," besides a collection of old china, ornaments, &c. At one time, Mr. Mitchell had a fine collection of stamps, including more than 8000 kinds; but he disposed of this collection years ago.

Our Illustrations

CHARLES ROEMER was born 53 years ago in Germany, coming to this country in 1887 and moving to San Antonio, Texas, in 1893. Has collected stamps since early boyhood, and commenced dealing in 1894. He is a member of The American Philatelic Association, was formerly superintendent of the sale department of the Texas Philatelic Association, and is at present president of the Southern Philatelic Association. Look up his page ads in the last issue.

MR. W. H. DODGE is a Chicago young man who has recently come to the front as a stamp dealer. He is perfectly honest in his business dealings, and careful to represent nothing but the bare facts to his customers who are ever increasing in numbers owing to his strictly business methods which can not but be admired by all. Mr. Dodge imports stamps to a considerable extent from large European dealers and is therefore in a position to name right prices on all stamps. He is constantly looking for stamps that are of interest and carries a stock that is in demand. He has quite a large private collection and is particularly interested in collecting U. S. Revenues. He advertises in a number of reliable stamp papers and believes it pays. Finally, one might say Mr. Dodge is a hustler in a city of hustlers. His ad may be found in this paper.

M. D. KANT was born in Baden, Germany in 1850—fought and died for his country before he left it in the war of 70-71, and has collected

since 1880. He has about 8,000 Asst. stamps and is in the the wholesale delicacy business. He loves collecting of stamps in general, and takes a great deal of good solid comfort out of it in his spare time. It removes him from trouble for the time being and gives his mind a perfect and healthful rest. He likes to correspond and exchange with good people, no cranks nor grafters. He has some nice cover designs for the WEST.

MATTHIAS F. STELZER, who is an active post card collector has been a resident of Chicago, Illinois, all his life, which is a little over twenty years. He has been keeping shy of all card clubs but was successfully landed in the Union Souvenir Card Exchange by their Vice President, who happens to be an old schoolmate of his. Mr. Stelzer has several view cards which were posted from some very out of the way places such as Alaska, Siam, Sengal, etc. Mr. Funk is a very enthusiastic card collector and it gives me great pleasure to look over his collection, which by the way, runs up to four figures, and expects to show five figures before the year is out. The post card craze in Chicago seems to have struck the right spot as some of the stores here are certainly doing a land office business, and so are the card collectors who treat their card friends in an honest way.

H. M. SMITH is a Nebraskan, born and bred. Has been collecting six years, and is now eighteen. Is making collection of U. S. Revenues. At present he is day clerk at a hotel, but expects to get out on a cattle ranch in the spring. He collects postal cards.

JOHN L. PROUTY was born several years ago, and ever since he can remember has had "hobbies," Indian relics, moths and butterflies, sea curiosities, coins stamps etc. The latest disease attacked him about two years ago when amateur photography obtained a deep seated hold on him, and since then he has been the means of enabling several photo supply dealers to ride in automobiles. He is, however, still interested in some of his old fads except stamps and butterflies. Is a member of the Columbia Photographic Society of Philadelphia, and the I. P. E.

MARY A. HOPPER has a number of fine pieces of old dishes which she prizes very highly and has eleven pieces of copper lustre, also three pieces of silver lustre, so hard to get in good condition, and has the Helmet pitcher and the Washington pitcher which are fine. On one side is the picture of Washington bidding good bye to his mother, as he goes to his first battle: on the other side, Washington holding in his hand a scroll with the words American Independence; on the front, the flag and shield of the United States. She has also a pitcher that belonged to her great grand mother—it is very odd looking, and is one hundred years old, and has also her old hand-irons which is the same age of her pitcher, and her old dishes; and takes great pride in them. She also collects medals and post-cards, and has a fine collection of them, having over six thousand. She would be very glad to exchange duplicates of any kind with any other exchanger. She has 150 pieces of old china.

W. J. ENGLAND. Will simply say that he has been collecting specimens during the past ten years, and has a very fine collection of Indian relics, coins, minerals, eggs, sea shells, and marine curios; minerals and Indian relics being his specialty. He was one of the early members of the A. S. of C. C., and has been a reader of the WEST for a number of years and has appreciated it very much.

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!

We have recently received from the U. S. Geological Survey, a report of the amount of production and value of minerals from 1895 to 1904. There are many valuable points and much information embraced therein, and we shall give some of the more valuable points. The list of minerals having a marketable value, is as follows: pig iron, silver, gold, copper, lead, zinc, quicksilver or mercury, aluminum, antimony, nickel, platinum, bituminous and anthracite coal, natural gas, petroleum, brick clay, cement stone, corundum and emery, crystalline quartz, abrasive garnet, grindstones, tripoli, millstones, oirstones, arsenious oxide, borax, bromide, fluorspar, gypsum, lithium, minerals, marl, phosphate rock, pyrite, sulphur, salt, crude barytes, cobalt, oxide, mineral paints, zinc white, asbestos, asphaltum, bauxite, chromic iron ore, clay, feldspar, fibrous talc, flint, Fullers earth, glass, sand, ganphite, magnesia, manganese ore, marl, mineral waters, monanzite, zircon, pumice stone, rutile, talc, soapstone, uranium and vanadium. The above list does not include the precious stones, the value of which in 1904 was \$315,900; showing that as yet, the production of precious stones in the U. S., is a comparatively unimportant industry. As yet it appears that in has not been produced in any commercial value. The value of some of the more interesting products for 1904, is as follows: pig iron \$233,025,000; silver, \$69,303,319; gold, \$84,551,300; copper, \$105,629,845; lead, \$26,402,000; zinc, \$18,629,845; quicksilver, \$1,503,795, platinum \$2,600; bituminous coal, \$305,842,268; petroleum, \$101,170,466; borax, \$698,810; uranium and vanadium \$10,600.

This report with hundreds of interesting facts and figures may be had gratis by writing to the U. S. Geological Survey Washington D. C.

A Minneapolis jeweler recently received five very large uncut diamonds, from the Kimberley, South Africa, mines. There are two pairs of the stones, the combined weight of one pair being 90 carats, and the other pair 43½ carats. The largest stone is of 70 carats weight, and one like it is rarely seen, even in the uncut state. A conservative value of the five stones is \$18,000 and when cut, they will be approximated at about \$120 a carat. If they are cut into small stones, there will be about 150 diamonds, ranging from ¼ to 1 carats in size.

During the cutting, the stones are broken or "cleared" into slabs, and then cut into the size stone that is required.

Nothing like the five stones has ever been seen in the Twin Cities and diamonds of their quality, are seldom seen in the northwest. They were brought from the Kimberley mines by a special representative for the jewelry company, and will be later returned to New York for cutting. The stones will be sent by express, closely guarded, and a heavy insurance has been taken out by the owners, on a New York company, which insures jewelry to mporters, and members of a jewelers alliance.

The following extract lately appeared in the "Miles City (Mont) Yellowstone Journal." As Miles City is but a short distance from Glendive,

the home of the editor, it is reproduced here, as a further incentive to geological research.

"Al Sensiba, of the Sensiba Bros., north side stockmen, is in the city. Mr. Sensiba says that representatives of eastern museums have been viewing some fossiliferous remains that were found near their ranch on Crooked creek two or three years ago, and they have been pronounced worth a large sum of money. They are said to be the remains of a species of dinosaur and are about thirty feet long, the petrification being perfect in every detail. They were found first by Oscar Hunter and Gus Colan and a deal was made between them and Sensiba transferring the right of ownership by discovery.

Columbus Numismatic Society

This society was organized on Wednesday, January 10th, '06, with the following officers elect:

President—Robert T. King, Columbus, O.

Vice President—H. E. Buck, Delaware, O.

Librarian and Curator—Arthur B. Coover, Columbus, O.

Secretary and Treasurer—Dr. J. M. Henderson, Columbus, O.

Meetings will be held the first Wednesdays of each month at 7 p. m.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted, which among other things provides for the building up of a library and cabinet.

All members are to be active members.

Anyone interested in numismatics may become a member under proper recommendations, and non residents may become members.

Mr. Coover read a paper on Ohio paper money, and illustrated it with his collection of the same.

Adjourned to meet the first Wednesday in February

Feb. 7th, '06.

The second regular meeting of this society was held at the office of the Secretary on Wednesday, Feb. 7th, President R. T. King presiding.

Jno. Lyday, High and Town Sts., Columbus, elected an active member. Other names were presented, but laid over until the next meeting for investigation.

Several communications were read congratulating the society on its recent organization, and offering suggestions, and help, which were much appreciated by the members.

This was an "exhibition" night, and each member brought some of his "pets" to exhibit and talk about. The choicest exhibit was by D. L. Ziegler who showed a collection, all uncirculated of Masonic Mark pennies.

Books etc., received were The Numismatist, "The Virginia Coinage" (by C. T. Tatman,) from G. C. Adams, "United States Necessity Money" (by Ben G. Green.) The Coins of the Russian Empire (By G. W. Tray,) The Object of Coin Collecting (by Virgil M. Brand,) from G. W. Tracy, The "West" and catalogues from several dealers.

Adjourned to meet Wednesday March 4th, '06

J. M. Henderson, Sect'y.

Remember—Collecting postcards 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.

T. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

President: H. A. Diamant Vice President: Otto Patschke
 Secretary: T. C. Mann. Treasurer: F. R. Cornwall.

The 25th regular meeting of the Society was held January 23d, with twelve members and one visitor present. Reports of officers for the past year were read, voicing the general prosperity of the Society. Mr. F. E. Ellis was elected to membership. The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: President, H. A. Diamant; Vice President, Otto Patschke; Secretary, T. C. Mann; Treasurer, F. R. Cornwall; other members of the governing board being, W. A. Sisson, C. Grandpierre, Dr. J. W. Higson, Chester Myers and H. H. Kring.

The entertainment feature of the evening consisted of a novel contest to guess the results of the election. A prize in stamps donated by Mr. Diamant, was divided between Messrs. Humes and Myers, each succeeding in "Picking all the winners."

Respectfully, T. C. Mann, Sec'y, 1416 Hickory St.

THE KANSAS CITY STAMP CLUB

The only stamp society in Kansas City, Mo. Meetings held second and fourth Fridays of each month in Room 37, Jenkins Bldg., 13th and Grand Ave., Kansas City.

President—Fred Goldstandt	Officers for 1906	2500 E. Fourteenth street
Local Secretary—Arthur L. Nelson		1823 W. Prospect Place
Corresponding Secretary—George Clement		2141 Gladys Ave., Chicago, Ill
Treasurer—Wm. Fishman		1309 Tracy Avenue
Librarian—Arthur C. Nelson		1823 W. Prospect Place

Official Organ—The WEST

Secretary's Report—February 20th, 1906.

The following members have been dropped from the roll for non payment of dues:

Arthur Elliott, Chicago, Ill.; Geo. Ralph, Chicago, Ill.; Elmer Nasby, Chicago, Ill.; Harry Goodman, Chicago, Ill.

I have received application for membership from six persons since my last report. Their names will be balloted upon at our next meeting and if accepted they will be printed in full in the next issue.

Respectfully submitted, Arthur L. Nelson, Secretary.
 Librarian's Report.

Since my last report I have subscribed to The Stamp Lovers Weekly, this making nine magazines which we are receiving as they are issued. Mr. Nelson has donated 22 copies of philatelic magazines to our library which now totals 161 copies.

Very truly yours, A. L. Nelson, Librarian.
 Treasurer's Report.

January balance \$4.07. Disbursements: L. T. Brodstone for official organ, \$1.00. Refreshments for Anniversary meeting, \$1.55. Miscellaneous, \$.48. Balance on hand Feb. 20th, \$1.04.

Respectfully submitted, Wm. Fishman.

There is no limit to the sphere of the Souvenir Post Card, even the barbaric countries endorse them, and it is by the addresses obtained by these clubs and exchanges that one can reach even the remotest places.

LARGEST STAMP SOCIETY IN AMERICA

Stamp Collector's Protective Association of America

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 3, 1899.

President-- E. Chandlee.....	Roanoke, Va.
Vice-President, W. P. Kelley.....	Kansas City Mo.
Secretary-Treasure--L. Brodstone.....	Superior, Neb.
Sales Superintendent-- E. Spinony, Box 453.....	Great Fall, Mont.
Auc. Manager--H. DuBose.....	Huguenot, Ga.
Attorney--H. Swenson.....	Minneapolis, Minn.
Trustees--Wilkinson, Brown, Hopson.....	Omaha.

Official Organ, The WEST.

New members and renewals: J. P. Vasque, Roxbury, Mass., 6 Gayland St. W. Shields, Honolulu, 1509 Young St. J. F. Seybold, Syracuse, N. Y., 904 Butternut. H. C. Elliott, Salina, Kans. F. B. Archer, Montreal, Canada. 995 St Urbain St. C. DeSelms, Manilla, P. I., Bx 1072. J. J. Barnhurst, Philadelphia, Pa., 239 Wonon Ave., Germantown. W. E. Edwards, Bx 147, So. Bend, Wash. W. Hopson, Omaha, 1505 Howard St. Helen Cavanah, Kansas City, Mo., Sta. B. E. Holmes, Success, N. Y. City. W. F. Schad, El Reno, Okla. G. Longwell, Chicago, 6406 Ingleside Ave H. Holmes, Greenland, N. H. C. Burns, Beachville, Ont., Canada. Dr. Crossland, Charleston, Ill. D. Donaldson, Bx 706, Lincoln, Nebr. C. Hofert, Chicago, 600 W. Adams St.

Has been complaint made by Voorhees of Illinois, and Stone of Virginia, on Rev. Hawley of Michigan. Any others?

Nebraska Philatelic Society Nebraska's Pride

ORGANIZED 1892. LARGEST STATE SOCIETY EXTANT.

President--E. H. Wilkinson.....	Omaha St
Vice-President-- F B. Woolston.....	Omaha Registry Dept.
Secretary-Treasure--L. T. Brodstone.....	Superior, Neb.
Sales Superintendent--H. Ketchum.....	Chester
Attorney --H. Whipple.....	Omaha, N. Y. Life Bldg.
Auction Manager--H. Whipple.....	Omaha, Neb.
Trustees--W. Hendricks, Paxton Hotel; Hopson and Brown.....	Omaha, Neb.

President has appointed H. Whipple of Omaha, charge of Auction Dept. Write him or call on him at N. Y. Life Bldg. Wishes to make it a success.

New Members: J. Plummer, Hastings, R. F. D. Rev. K. Jahn, St. Libory, R. F. D., Howard Co. Applications: T. Thorson, Omaha, Opp. U. P. depot. D. Donaldson, Bx 706, Lincoln.

Fellow Members:

I have been appointed Sales Superintendent for the year 1906 and hope you will all cooperate with me in making the department a success. Books are on sale at 2 for 5 cents. A circuit is ready and those desiring it should write me at once.

H. V. Ketchum.

Postal Card Information.—A page of the WEST will be devoted each month to such items of general interest to its readers as can be written on a postal card All subscribers are requested to send in any information about any subject written clearly and concisely on a postal card. For the two best items of greatest interest awards of one dollar in stamps will be made. Only the information sent by subscribers to the WEST will be considered in the awarding of the prizes.

It's a good policy to place your want or exchange ad early, so as to secure proper classification. No matter what you want to sell or exchange you will not be disappointed in the WEST.

Souvenir Postal Cards

By M. Keller

Thanks to the view card which transports the weary mind to new scenes among strange picturesque places and people, but a gentle warning to collectors. Do not persist in covering the otherwise pretty new side with unsightly rubber stamps or with written note or address. Every good, clean and attractive card sent out will do no end of good towards furthering philately. On the contrary, a dirty, poorly printed card is bound to cause trouble for the would be collector or card fiend, if it is answered at all, it will be with the request to send no more. A certain Exchanger, who is as yet a new beginner, writes to me "I have a collection of Souv. postal cards numbering some 270 from N. S. Canada, and a few foreign countries, views from 32 states and territories. The new postal is not only pretty, but a great help to education in that one learns names of states, cities and towns, and gains interest in geography. When receiving a postal you naturally look it up; if on a river, you learn about that, whether large or small town, if it has fine scenery and famous buildings. I collect most of my cards by exchanging. In this way I gain them from people who describe the pastimes of towns from where sent." This extract from letter shows a correct idea and spirit of collecting, and tho' a beginner in the large field open, will make a success and derive much benefit, and knowledge. From India is seen fine card of late from Benares, showing a tower, where, according to a tradition, Buddha preached to his disciples from a tower which is still standing. The holy man of Thibet performed strange rites at this famous spot. He burnt 200 lbs. of clarified butter around the tower, lighted nearly 300 lamps and scattered flowers and cakes in adoration of Buddha, lasted an hour. The famous old Alpine guide, Leopold Grand of St. Bernard in the Alps has been swept away by an avalanche and badly hurt while trying to rescue lost travelers. He is said to have kept watch on the summit of the pass for twenty-two years, and has the record of having saved over 50 lives. Many who have views from the Alps, or read about the dangerous summits will know the disaster, wrought there quite frequently. One of the most thrilling feats occurred 13 years ago. Grand and his son were occupied in rescuing a detachment of French Alpine troops who had been buried under an avalanche near the pass, when a second avalanche carried both over a precipice, killing the son. Grand has long been pensioned, but no efforts could induce him to give up his dangerous occupation. From the Italian Alps we have a fine view of the famous Buocier peak which most of the readers have perhaps read about, or even seen. Lately Lieutenants Menotli and Roissard of the Italian army and Walter Vollman, the noted German Alpinist struck a bad experience. When about two hundred feet from the summit they roped themselves together, and started to the one rising almost perpendicular. They came to a narrow edge overhanging a deep precipice. Suddenly Vollman slipped and fell head foremost over the edge. Lieut. Menotli grabbed the falling man and caught him by the ankle. In falling Vollman had struck his head and was unconscious. It was impossible to pull him up again for there was no place to rest his inanimate body.

(Continued in next issue).



The 25th regular meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held in their rooms, 1123 Masonic Temple, Friday evening Feb. 2nd, with the largest attendance the Society has ever had. G. W. Tracy presided.

The committee on revision of Constitution and By Laws reported progress. The auditing committee made a full report upon their examination of the Treasurer's books and accounts, which was adopted and the committee discharged.

Communications were read from H. E. Morey, Geo. B. Vail and Dr. J. M. Henderson.

Elmer S. Sears and Clifford C. Palmer were elected to membership. The resignations of S. C. Stevens and A. R. Frey were accepted.

Papers on the most beautiful and artistic coin were read by G. W. Tracy, F. Elmo Simpson and Ben G. Green. The question box was then opened and the contents disposed of.

It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee keep a set of books showing all financial transactions of the Society.

Uncirculated minor sets of Hungary were supplied to those present at cost, and one set placed in the cabinet. An informal auction netted the Society \$3.25 for the binding fund.

Mr. Brand exhibited a double scudo of Genoa, 1676; a crown of Halberts ad 1691, a crown of Brunswick 1722, a scudo of Placentia 1591, a 1st brass, remarkably sharp of Julia Mamae, a Magdaline Island penny in proof condition, an Owens Ropery uncirculated and a 5 cent encased postage stamp of Schapker and Bussing. Mr. Tracy showed some Russian coins and medals; Mr. Simpson an artistic double thaler and Mr. Green a bronze Masonic Mark penny.

Accessions to the library since last meeting were: Coins of Venice by Schweitzen, 2 vols.; English coinage by Folkes; Coins of the Jews by Madden; Mint Manuel of Coins by Snowden; Hard Times Tokens by Low; Saxonia Numidmatica by Tentzell, 2 vols; Australian Tokens by Stansfield; and priced catalogues of Green's 19th and 20th Auctions. Magazines received were Spink's Numismatic Circular, the Numisnatist, the Coin Cabinet, Numismatische Correspondenz and Numismatischer Verkehr, all for January. Auction Catalogs were received from T. L. Elder and Kube, and catalogs with fixed prices from Sally Rosenberg, Frankfort and Morechio & Majer, Venice.

Adjourned to meet March 2nd, 1906.--Ben G. Green, Secretary.

The Souvenir Postal Card Fad.—No doubt you have noticed the growth of this unique and pleasing fad, and at the present time it is almost considered a breach of friendship when writing to your friends, family or sweetheart to use other than a Souvenir Postal Card. The fad originated in Europe, where it has been a recognized custom for more than 15 years. The Americans were not long in taking it up, and at the present rate it has developed into a habit, affecting all classes in every walk of life. Collectors of Souvenir Postal cards are as numerous as either coin or stamp collectors.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 1898 AS THE LEAGUE OF CANADIAN PHILATELISTS

OFFICERS FOR 1905

President—O. W. Barwick 17 Tara Hall Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Vice-President—H. L. HART 71 Gottingen St. Halifax, South Carolina
Vice-President for the United States—C. H. FOWLE 43 Magoon Ave, Medford, Mass.
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Sales Superintendent—H. SMITH 42 Dudley St. Medford, Mass.
Auction Manager—G. P. LEGRAND Paspébiac West P. Q. Canada
Librarian—H. A. CHAPMAN Box 72 Rocky Hill, Conn
Attorney—G. F. DOWNS, Drawer G. Strathcona, Alberta, N. W. T.
Purchasing Agent—E. W. STANTON. In care Guarantee Co. of N. A. Montreal, Canada
Executive Committee—GEO. VAN GUILDER, J. E. WARRINGTON, Montreal
Official Organ—The WEST

Secretary-Treasurers Report.

Admitted to membership:—386 Hy Reed Manchester. 387—J. D. Taylor.
388—Robt. H. Skimmings. 389.—E. W. Burt.

Change of address: 349—E. G. Gaylord, 39 Fairview Ave, Chicopee,
Mass. Re-instated: 308—R. Lebino.

Yours very truly, F. B. Archer, Secy.-Treas. Canadian Philatelic Society.

Why I Collect View Cards

By Lionel E. Mintz

Most of the postal card collectors, at the present time are collecting more view cards than any other kind. This is proved from the numerous exchange postal advertisements in the papers in which the "ads" are stated view cards exchanged."

The souvenir view card is usually beautiful. It gives some pretty, significant scene of the county from which it comes, as well as some wording of the language.

It is a genuine pleasure to take out your card collection on a rainy day or night and study them over. Would you find enough enjoyment in studying a plain card collection? You glance at the card, note the country it came from and that's about all. Souvenir card dealers do not often advertise common foreign cards for sale. There is, however, some exceptions to this for instance, where a private collection or the like is for sale. They mostly advertise picture post cards. To substantiate this fact, refer to a number of the West and see how many dealers offer plain cards for sale. Some view cards are instructive, others reproduce a noted river, city, park, monument, county, or any other place where some important event has occurred.

The above reasons are mainly the ones why I collect and prefer the view cards to all others. I think the other card collectors agree with me and confirm my statements.

Miss Woodside lady collector of Ireland has the following printed on her souvenir cards: "Am greatly pleased with your last card. It is very beautiful. Please accept thanks. Do you collect stamps? If not, why not? Coins, curios and postmarks are so very interesting. Here of course we are great collectors. Being exceedingly busy I am sorry not to be able to send you something better than one of these printed post cards, but all the same I do thank you very much for your very beautiful card just received. It is as beautiful as the sender, and this is no small praise. Au revoir.

UNIVERSAL PHILATELIC UNION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1906.

President—Steve Clement	18 Cicero Court, Chicago, Ill.
Vice President—H. C. Elliott.....	2392 Wilcox Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary-Treasurer—George Wm Clement.....	2141 Gladys Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Librarian—Elmer Nasby.....	416 LeMayone, Chicago, Ill.
Curator—Kenneth Murphy	Calif. and Monroe Sts., Chicago, Ill.
Supt. Sales Dept.—George Clement	2141 Gladys Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Sargent—Carl Webber	839 S. Sawyer Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Secretary's Report.

During the month of January we received the following applications for membership, all of whom were accepted. Mr. Harvey Goodman, 404 N. St. Louis Ave., Mr. Roy Purcell, 1311 W. Monroe St., and Wallis Roseley, 918 Whipple St, all of Chicago, Ill. I regret to report that Mr. Geo. Ralphour former secretary has been obliged to resign. I wish to announce that an exhibition of Siamese stamps will be held in the curator's rooms, beginning March 15th. There promises to be many fine collections of this country's stamps presented.

Respectfully, Geo. Wm. Clement, Secretary.

Librarian's Report.

I wish to report that the following Library Rules were framed Friday evening, February 17th, 1906 and will go into effect March 1st, 1906.

1. An assessment of 10c payable quarterly or 40c annually will be charged to help maintain our library.
2. All library books can be retained for two weeks. A fine of 1c a day being imposed upon any member keeping any periodical over time limit.
3. Any magazines that are lost or damaged must be replaced by a new copy.
4. Members who are delinquent in their assessments shall not be allowed the privilege of the library until fully paid up. The following magazines are to be subscribed for: Philatelic Advertiser, The Perforator Philatelic Inter-ocean, The Collector and McKeels Weekly Stamp News.

Respectfully submitted, Elmer Nasby.

Curator's Report.

I wish to announce that I will be pleased to receive your queries on coins, Botany, mineralogy and civics. The many questions which I have received regarding the various hobbies proves that the interest in our society is rapidly increasing. Trusting to receive and examine your doubtful specimens I am

Respectfully yours, Kenneth Murphy.

Supt. of Sales Dept.

I wish to let the members of the Universal Philatelic Union know that I shall hold an auction Mar. 30th, 1906. Several fine collections will be disposed of as well as several fine single specimens. Members wishing to dispose of any duplicates should correspond with me. Corr. members desiring lists will receive one by sending me four cents postage.

The 10 per cent commission has been reduced to 5 per cent. Exchanges will be allowed only every other meeting after Mar. 2.

Respectfully submitted, Geo. Clement, Supt. Sales Dept.

SOUVENIR POST CARDS.

The walls I've covered, likewise the floor,
Also the windows and the door. Everywhere Post Cards galore,
Please return; room for more.



..Camera News..

Editor—F. J. Clute, San Francisco

The Camera in Business

By Mrs. Helen Combs, New York.



The camera, brought out a few years ago as a "snapshot" fad to amuse the class of people who must have a new fad every so long, has evolved from the toy which it was at first deemed, and its usefulness in many ways in the hands of the amateur is being demonstrated. Of course a large percentage of those who bought cameras when they first began to be the fashion, dropped the use of them before mastering the first principles of photography. Some few stayed in because of the fascination which the camera has for those willing to take the trouble to learn not only to take, but also how to make pictures.

And to some of these the possibilities which the camera opens up are being daily disclosed. One camera owner recently was called upon in a hurry to take pictures which had to go into court the following day. A large corporation was fighting for certain rights, and in order to state its case clearly, photographs were needed. The camera owner was appealed to, went out in the afternoon got pictures delivered them next morning early, and so furnished a most important piece of evidence.

Another picture taker in the amateur ranks was approached by a man who was building a house. "Said he.." "I am borrowing the money to build my house, and I want to go tomorrow and get a payment on it. I am afraid the man I am getting it from will not believe that the work is as far advanced as it is. Could you take two pictures showing him just how far we have progressed." "Certainly", said the amateur. The pictures were taken, developed and printed in short order and the next day at noon the man had his money on the evidence of the pictures.

It is quite likely that in the future the camera will be a valuable witness in law cases. It will not lie. One can tell at a glance, in a good picture many things which it would take hours to explain. The camera has been used in many cases but its use is by no means general. The time will come however, when its usefulness will be more plainly demonstrated, and then much money will be saved. In the meantime the amateurs are realizing that there is money in picture taking, in these days of craze for illustration, and many who took up the fad for amusement are staying in it for profit.

With snow on the ground, it is safest to "Stoop down" and take a quick snap, except when the shadows are deep. Then expose for the shadows and develop for the high lights.

Nebraska Camera Club

Founded January 1898

Any reader in Nebraska can become a member—Membership card free for the asking
President—Miss L. Tillotson.....1305 32nd St., Station B, Omaha.
Secretary-Treasurer—L. T. Brodstone.....Superior, Nebraska.

Those marked x exchange souvenir post cards.

- New members—x813. A. Betcher Pierce; 814. xJ. E. Nelson. Ericson;
815. Harry Ketchum, Chester; x816 F. Shepard, Omaha, 1822 Farnman St;
x817. Miss E. Babb, Valentine; x818 H. Smith, Omaha, 1114 N. 24 St.;
819. G. Nelson, Box 22, College View; 820. J. Plummer, Hastings, R. F. D.;
821. Rev. Jahn, St. Libory, R. F. D. 1.
Applications—822. J. Anderzen Loomis; 823. F. Tomblin, Arapahoe;
824. C. Hoebet, Fairfield; 825. Prof. Lange, Fairbury; 826. xMiss W.
Wright, Superior; 827. W. Kurtz, Oakland.

Many a print is spoiled by toning in too strong a light.

Apply a little vaseline to the dull side of your ground glass and the image will show up much clearer.

It is best not to get too much into your pictures. They look crowded and no one particular thing is prominent enough to attract the eye. Art is based on simplicity.

It is impossible to hold the camera in your hand while making a time exposure. To do it is to get a picture that will make you dizzy to look at. Always use a tripod.

The difference between the work of today and that produced by the old masters, lies to a great extent, in the possibilities which we can find for the exercise of our appreciation of beauty as shown by the outward expression of the soul within. No picture in itself is perfect.

BLURRED NEGATIVES.

By not using a good steady tripod when making time exposures, and by using too much power in operating the finger release of that form of hand cameras, we cause a great many otherwise excellent negatives to be defective through blurring of the image. While a house could be moved several inches during the exposure and yet be fairly sharp, if the camera be moved the thickness of a sheet of paper during the same time, the resultant negative would show it quite plainly. Learn to operate the trigger as a rifleman does his. Press down firmly just far enough to not quite release the spring and then make the additional pressure required to release it almost imperceptibly. It is hard to do but can be acquired. A person naturally presses down hard, with an instinctive feeling, perhaps, that they are the more surely impressing the picture upon the plate. I find myself doing the same trick after trying for a good many years to overcome the inclination. Of course with a tripod camera and bulb release, this does not matter so much, but it is a bad habit.



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F. M. L.—Exposures: All the prints show signs of considerable over-exposure. If you will let me know what exposures you have been giving, I shall be able to advise you to more purpose. With several it is evident that you have been using the time lever instead of the snap-shot one.

J. Humphrey.—Making Interiors: Certainly you can use the camera for interior work. Provide yourself with a light tripod stand, and be sure to give ample exposure. Before inserting the roll of film it is a good plan to take off the back of the camera, and select your picture by means of a focusing screen.

P. L. S.—Cleaning Platinotype Prints: It has been advised to mix flour and cold water to form a thick paste, say about the consistency of thick cream. To this add powdered alum, about a teaspoonful to a large cup of the flour originally used. Rub all together to make the paste as smooth as possible and with a soft brush apply it all over the face of the print. Wash this off by holding under the tap and in doing so you will remove with the paste all the dirt and dust that has been gathered in the grain of the paper. Use plenty of the paste and a soft brush. A stiff brush and too little paste will result in abrasion of the surface of the print.

G. B. M.—Varnish for Transparencies: The following is a formula used by a good worker of my acquaintance:

Gum mastic	¼ ounce
Canada balsam	4 ounces
Benzine	12 ounces

Of course this is quite a quantity. Mix up the amount desired, preserving these proportions. Dissolve the mastic in the benzine. Bake the balsam in an oven until brittle, taking care that it does not catch fire, and then add to the other ingredients. This varnish may be used cold.

EDINOL AGAIN.

Further experiments have been made with the comparatively new developer, Edinol, both in the line of developing plates and gaslight papers, and it seems to leave nothing to be desired for either. The writer has recently tried it in combination with pyro, in the proportion of one grain of Edinol to two grains of pyro, and of a strength to suit the plate under development. The most thorough tests of this combination were made on some flower negatives, where the desideratum is a soft negative, full of detail and texture, without any clogging for the high lights. The combination worked most satisfactorily. Seven ounces of pyro solution of the strength of one grain to the ounce were made up, and to this a scant four grains of Edinol was added. Two ounces of this was added to two ounces of water, and the development of the plate started in the dilute developer. The image made its appearance in from one and a half to two minutes. The plate was developed in this for five or six minutes, till all the details in the flowers were well out: then the dilute developer was poured off and the plate flooded with the stronger solution and developed for about one to two minutes longer and the result left nothing to be desired.



EDITOR SAYS

Sunlight in Landscapes



One of our correspondents writes as follows: "In looking at the illustrations in the photographic magazines I have often wondered why so many of the reproductions were evidently from negatives taken in cloudy weather. Situated as I am on the south shore of Lake Erie, with four or five months each year of cloudy weather, I enjoy the sunshine when it comes. These dark and dreary pictures recall our dark and dismal winter months. As I am only a novice in photography, I will not attempt to criticize the work of those more advanced, but it seems to me quite strange that so many should prefer to do their photographic work without sunlight. Were I to eliminate my pictures containing sunlight, there would not be much left to represent my enjoyment of photography. For my part, I do not understand how others can enjoy these dark and funeral pictures in preference to those portraying nature in all her brightness and beauty. Neither can I believe that I am such a rare and exceptional case in using my camera for the production of pictures that please the eye, that can be understood and that are as true to nature as it is possible for me to get them with a camera.

"In writing this I do not wish to quarrel with the impressionist; if he prefers the foggy and indistinct in photography, I do not wish to deny him the right to satisfy his taste while claiming the same right for myself. Were I to find fault it would not be so much with these impressionistic workers as with the judges at the exhibitions. I am not prejudiced in saying that in the few I have visited, the work of the impressionist was seemingly given the invariable preference. This is not giving the worker who believes in straight work a fair show, and I contend that President Roosevelt's motto should hold good in photographic exhibits: 'Give every man a square deal'."

BUBBLES IN LENSES.

Sometimes when buying a good lens the amateur is frightened at seeing one or more bubbles in the glass, and thinks that the working of such a glass must be faulty, but if he try a simple experiment he will see that such is not the case.

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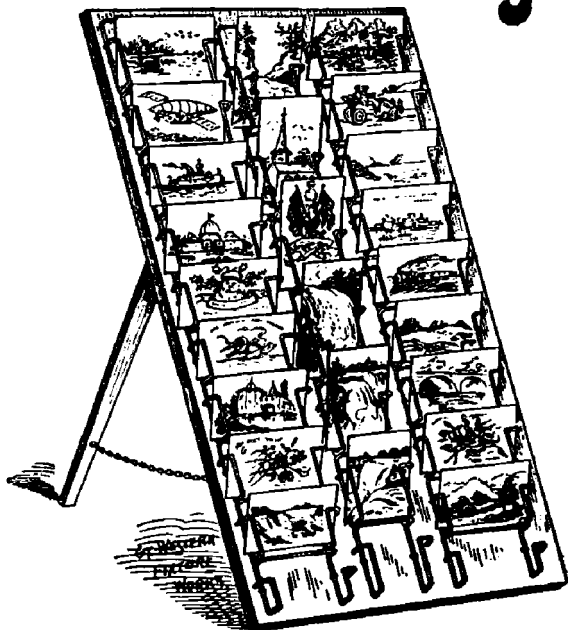
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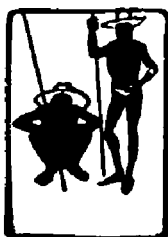
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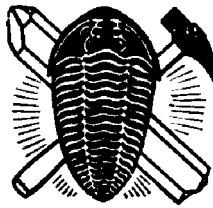
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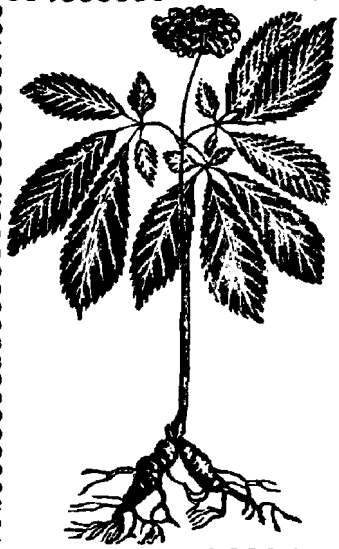
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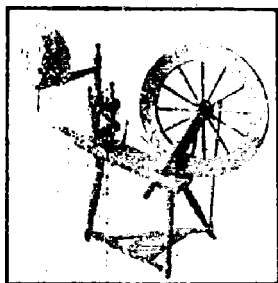
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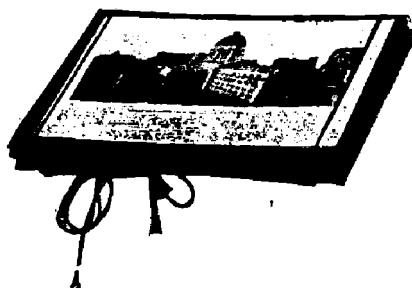
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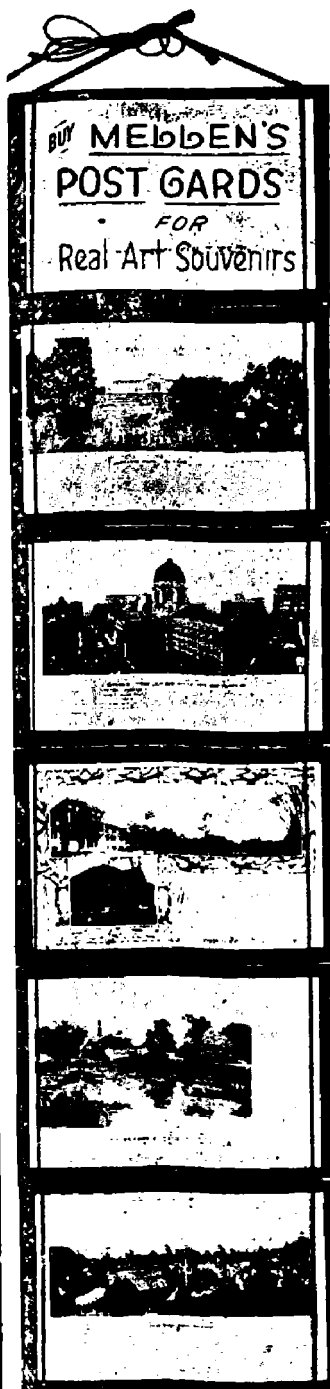
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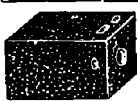
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asst	15 "	Brit N Borneo	4 "	China	3 "	Germany	10 "
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Bolivia	10 "	asst	10 "	Costa Rica	5 "	Jubilee	3 "
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Brit Guiana	8 "	Canada	12 "	Dutch I	5 "	Greece	8 "
Belgium	10 "	Canada Law	4 "	Egypt	6 "	Guat Brit	8 "
" Pkt Post	6 "	C Good Hope	6 "	" Salt Tax	3 "	Grenada	3 "
Hungary	6 "	Irish Rev	2 "	Liberty	3 "	Norway	5 "
Hayti	5 "	Indo China	3 "	Labuan	3 "	Nyassa	3 "
Hong Kong	4 "	Italy	15 "	Lagos	2 "	New Zealand	8 "
Honduras	3 "	India	10 "	Mauritius	4 "	Newfound.	3 "
Holland	8 "	Jamaica	4 "	Mexico	7 "	N S Wales	6 "
Hawaii	2 "	Japan	10 "	" Rev	6 "	Nicaragua	4 "
Netherland	8 "	Porto Rico	4 "	Queensland	6 "	S negal	8 "
N Borneo	4 "	Philippines	4 "	" Rev	4 "	Switzerland	8 "
Natal	3 "	Paraguay	3 "	Roumania	6 "	Sweden	10 "
Orange Col	3 "	Peru	4 "	Roman States	3 "	S Australia	6 "
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Portugal	6 "	" Rev	3 "	Russia	8 "	St Settlem'ts	4 "
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" Rev	8 "	Travancore	3 "	US	10 "	Venezuela	4 "
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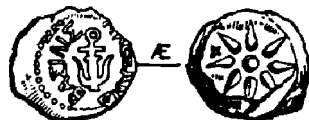
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" " red 	40	10
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" Prop 	1 25	50
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05 Play C 	75	20
05 Prop 	75	30
10 For Ex 	40	15
50 " 	50	20
50 Lease 	40	15
50 Prof of W 	75	25
1 30 For Ex 	75	30
1 60 " 	2 00	65
2 00 Prof of W (fair).....	1 25	30
3 15 Inland Ex 	1 50	50
5 00 Charter P. 	25	10
5 00 Mort 	90	35
5 00 Prof of W 	85	30
10 00 Charter P. 	1 00	35
10 00 Prop of W 	85	30
50 00 U S Internal.....	2 50	1 40

SECOND ISSUE

30 blue and black 	75	25
40 " " 	60	20
70 " " 	65	25
1 30 " " (cut).....	5 00	1 50
1 50 " " 	30	10
1 60 " " 	14 00	3 50
1 90 " " 	3 00	90
2 00 " " (uncut).....	60	25
2 50 " " 	35	15
3 00 " " 	1 25	50
3 50 " " (cut).....	5 00	1 50
5 00 " " [uncut]..	75	30
10 00 " " 	3 00	1 25

THIRD ISSUE

15 black and brown.....	50	20
30 " orange 	25	10
40 " brown 	75	25
70 " green 	60	20
2 00 " verm.....	0	15
3 00 " green.....	1 50	60
5 00 " verm.....	75	25
10 00 " green.....	3 00	1 25

	Cat	Price
24c Interior	\$ 75	\$ 30
30c " 	75	30
90c " 	2 50	1 00
10c Post Office.....	1 50	60
12c " 	75	30
7c State [used].....	2 50	1 00
15c " [unused].....	4 50	2 00
24c " 	8 50	4 00
24c " [o g slight tear]..	8 50	2 00
12c War 	30	12
15c " 	20	10
30c " 	30	12
11 var U S 1890 complete...	86	30
15 " " postage.....	5 97	1 80
12 " " depts.....	4 07	1 00
17 " " 	15 72	1 50
11 " " war complete o g	6 55	3 00
65 " " Civil war red...	4 00	1 00
16 " " Doc red 1898.....	64	25
10c 1847 U S.....	5 00	2 25
10c 1867 	60	25
12c " 	8 00	3 00
15c " 	1 00	50
30c " 	3 50	1 50
1c 1869 	60	25
10c " 	80	30
12c " 	60	25
15c " [unused].....	12 50	5 00
6c 1870 	3 50	1 25
10c " 	8 00	3 00
1c 1875 	1 50	60
6c 1882 [o g].....	2 50	1 00
Block of [6] 10c o g 1857...	15 00	7 50
42 var Brazil....	2 06	50
26 " Columbia.....	4 00	80
33 " Cuba.....	1 37	40
24 " Japan.....	10 60	2 00
20 " 	11 04	2 00
44 " Netherlands.....	4 34	1 25
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33 2c blue.....	06	03
34 3c gray.....	12	06
36 7c red.....	10	05
37 20c brown.....	30	10
40 3c lilac.....	05	03
41 5c green.....	06	04
42 7c gray.....	06	04
43 20c orange.....	25	08
45 2c on 20c.....	08	05
52-55 1,2,3, and 4c.....	15	08
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"	5c Type III.....2.50	1.15	1870	1c grill.....50	25
"	10c green..... 35	10	"	2c "10	02
"	12c black..... 1.25	50	"	3c "05	05
"	24c lilac unused..... 6.00	2.00	"	6c " 3.00	1.25
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Back numbers of the WEST are valuable. We are unable to meet the demand for these ourselves, and will gladly accept them as cash in payment for yearly Subscriptions at the rate of 10c per copy. All charges must be prepaid and no damaged copies can be used. We want now 1904-05 copies.

Mr. Mario S. Roig, a prominent dealer-collector of Havana, Cuba, states that he received 124 replies to his recent half inch ad in Feb. This speaks well for the value of the WEST as an advertising medium, surely.

Mr. Roig's experience is not unusual, however. In every mail we receive letters from collectors and dealers who express pleasure at the results of their advertisements.

In a recent letter, Mr. A. McKechnie, Ottawa, Canada, states that he received more replies to his ad in the WEST than to his ads in any other publication. He also remarks that he finds that those who answer his ads in the WEST are honest in their dealings, indicating that the readers of the WEST are good people to do business with.

The above are selected at random from the hundreds of testimonials we have on file from collectors and dealers in almost every country in the world. We print these here, and will print others from time to time, to show you that you need not take our word for it. If you have anything in the stamp line to sell or exchange, or if you wish to buy, or if you wish to sell, exchange or buy anything connected with any hobby, the WEST is the proper advertising medium for your use. Others find this to be so: you will also.

Query.—Can any of our readers give any information regarding the "Adhesive" and its publisher, Mr. Henry A. Chapman of Rocky Hill, Conn? Why was the paper discontinued, and why is there no explanation forthcoming? If Mr. Chapman is sick or disabled, collectors would sympathize with him, if they only knew.—By one of WEST Editors.

H. R. H., Prince Gustaf Adolph, who is an honorary member of the Swedish society, attended one of the recent meetings and was received with a great deal of enthusiasm, special exhibits being made in honor of his presence.

Our Illustrations

CORNELIUS (NEIL) SWOPE, Louisville, Ky., has been a philatelist and dealer (the latter off and on) since 1868 or now almost 38 years; and from 1883 to 1888 did quite a lot of writing for various Philatelic papers, winning 1st prize in the "Toronto Philatelic Journal" (Toronto, Canada) competition; 1st prize in the "Stamp World" (Cincinnati O.) competition, both in 1886. One poem used last No., appeared in 1885 and 1886, one in the "Capital City Philatelist" of July, '85, the other in "Collectors Companion" of Mch. 1886, being so old, they will of course be same as new, to nine-tenths of readers or subscribers. He has promised more MSS for WEST.

RALPH B. PLATT, was born 33 years ago in Pennsylvania, and located in Massachusetts 6 years ago. From a boy he has been interested in hobbies, collecting stamps and coins. Before coming east he sold these collections. He is now interested in post cards, having a collection of 1000 cards. Publishes mottos and post cards. (see Adv.)

WILLIS E. ELLIOTT is 19 years of age. Last year graduated from the Buffalo Central High School and while there he was prominently associated. He was captain of the debating team which administered severe defeats to nearly all of the important debating teams of that locality. He is the only person who ever held the distinguished honor of defeating the other two high schools of his city. Lafayette and Masten Park and in bringing to his Alma Mater the championship of the Buffalo Interscholastic Debating League which accomplishment also secured a beautiful silver trophy cup for the school. He was business manager of the "Calendar," the school's monthly periodical and was prominently associated with all the other various interests of his school. He is a member and identified popularly with nearly all the photographic clubs of our country and many of the literary associations. He is a pianist, and an enthusiastic stamp, coin, and post card collector.

WALTER S. BRADFORD was born at High Point, N. C., Nov. 6, 1880 and is here yet. "Duke" Hay of Winston, Salem, N. C. broke him in to Stamp Collecting during the great revival of the Columbian Issue. He is still at it and has succumbed to the collecting of Indian relics and post cards as well as amateur photography; and also collects a little of everything else on the side. (See article of his in this No.)

ERICK J. DIETRICH was born Dec. 25th, 1879 and acquired a good school education, after which he went into active life to provide for himself. For more than ten years he has lived in northern Wisconsin, where he has been engaged in various pursuits offering honest wages, as teacher, lumberman, clerk, etc. For three years he has managed a farm near Perkinstown, Wis. From early youth he has been an enthusiastic collector, and still has his grammar-class time stamp collection which he started when but six years of age. A twelve Ore Swedish stamp, which broke the monotony of the 1 cent blue and 2 cent green U. S. of that date, caused him to take to philately, besides this, he has a postmark, coin and tobacco-tag collection of his school days. Among the rarities of his collection are a coin (German Thaler) over 200 years old, some from 1803—1808, and all kinds of foreign tokens. His postmark collection contains a number of marks from P. O's.

(Continued below Canadian Post Card Club.)

Counterfeits and Their Detection

By R. R. Thiele

(Continued).

HANOVER. The 1 ggr. black on gray green of 1851 is no rarity, but evidently valuable enough to imitate nevertheless, as a forgery before me proves. It is a lithograph, whereas the original was typographed; the watermark of the original is, of course, conspicuous by absence. The design is fairly well imitated, but there are differences enough to distinguish the forgery; you can't in reason expect faultless workmanship at the price of this stamp. The arabesque ornamentation on the shield is poorly imitated; on the original the pattern is very intricate and lacelike; on the forgery it is rather coarser and there are fewer ornaments by far. Unfortunately the design is so involved that it is impossible to describe the points of difference in words. The word Gutengr on the central figure 1 is in quite distinct letters on the original; on the counterfeit they are more indistinct, e. g. the first G resembles a U. The shield at the top is too near the scroll bearing the armorial motto: it looks as though the bottom line of the scroll were part of the border of the shield, while on the original there is a considerable space between the outline of the shield and the lower edge of the scroll. The inscription Suscipere et Finire on the original is in very even and distinct letters, clearly legible; on the forgery the lettering of these words is coarse and blurred. On the original the hanging foot of the unicorn touches the shield, but not on the counterfeit. There are divergencies also in the upper coat-of-arms, but the differences are so minute that it is almost impossible to describe them in words. After the word Ein in the right hand scroll at the side the original has a period—quite unnecessarily; the counterfeit has very properly omitted the period. The letters Ggr. in the same scroll on the original stand perpendicular to the right hand or outer line of the scroll; on the forgery they are placed perpendicularly to the outer border of the stamp itself. This causes quite a difference in their position, as the scroll is curved. The same difference is found in the scroll at the left in the word Franco, whose letters on the genuine stamp are placed perpendicularly to the line of the scroll at their feet, while on the forgery the letters stand perpendicularly to the outer border of the stamp. The letters of this word are also considerably too large on the forgery as compared with the original. Both scrolls left and right, are shaped wrongly on the forgery. Their upper and lower lines are nearly straight horizontal lines, while on the original these lines are slightly curved and moreover the upper and lower lines are nearer together towards the outside of the stamp than the inside; both scrolls, for this reason, appear longer on the forgery than on the original. The letters of the word Hannover in the lower scroll on the original are not all of equal height, the middle N being considerably taller than the H and the R, as the letters conform to the outline of the scroll: on the forgery the letters are all of the same height and somewhat smaller than those of the original. The bend in the scroll above the A Ha of Hannover on the forgery approaches very closely to the central shield, while on the original there is a distinct space here. The upper line of the lower scroll is broken above the O of Hannover on the forgery. The figures 1 in the lower corners both

touch the scroll at the top on the counterfeit, while they stand clear on the original. The three scrolls at the bottom all touch the inner thin line of the border of the stamp on the counterfeit, while they do not get anywhere near it on the original. The forgery in my possession bears a "postmark" showing Hannover between two concentric circles in large block capitals struck in black ink; the lower part of the circle and the interior circle contain nothing. A postmark resembling this was really in use, but it contains the date in the center and in the lower part between the circles the time of day: besides this it is almost invariably struck in blue ink.

(To be continued.)

The Progress of Philately

By N. A. Cratford, Jr.

Thirty or forty years ago, stamp collecting looked upon by the greater part of the people as mere boy's play or, at the most, only a craze, which would soon die out. Only a few seemed to foresee its future.

In 1840 the first postage stamp, which was a stamped envelope with an emblematic design representing Britannia sending forth letters to all parts of the earth was issued by Great Britain. The value was one penny, the two pence being issued later. England has also the distinction of the issuing of the first adhesive stamp, issued the same year. Several London papers of that time speak of the sensation created by this innovation.

Soon afterwards collecting began, and a goodly number of the boys of that period "swapped" stamps with each other with more zeal and enjoyment, perhaps, than the more modern collector ever feels, yet, fortunately, little or no attention was paid to condition.

The pretty triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps, and the 1869 issue of the United States enlisted still more to the ranks of those who laid the foundation for the science of today. Even as late as 1880, many of the newspapers scoffed at philately, while now column after column is devoted to it in the dailies and magazines. About 1890, several nations, such as Nicaragua and Salvador, whose stamps are the very synonym of worthlessness, contrived a plan to obtain their stamps free. A contract was entered into stipulating that their stamps should be printed free by the company managed by Mr. Seebeck, on condition that a new set be issued each year, and that he be allowed the remainders. Other countries issued hundreds of needless stamps, and many a collector has suffered before he knew their nature. Recently, however, some of these countries have desisted from the fraud, not because of any increased virtue, but because collectors have been generally warned through the philatelic journals. This brings joy to every true lover of stamps, for these issues have had a demoralizing effect on philately, perhaps more than anything else that could have happened.

The late commemorative issues, particularly those of the United States, although they have given rise to extensive speculations, have given a new impetus to our science, and the many recent acquisitions to our territory have increased the interest in our country's stamps, and created a new field, both for the beginner and the specialist.

The Daily Stamp Paper *versus* *The Collectors Magazine*

Whether long and arduous hours spent over my stamp collection has had the effects of making me a confirmed egotist, or whether it is just "pure cussedness" pent up so long that it must needs find the first available outlet upon which to vent its spleen, I will leave the reader to judge for himself after a perusal of this rather lengthy diatribe, but I doubt not that he will ere he finish, heartily endorse at least the main points of my contention.

At any rate, this article was suggested to my mind by reading a little item in a recent number of a philatelic periodical (published weekly, by the way), in which was propounded the query: "Will the stamp collecting fraternity ever be strong enough to support a philatelic daily? The interrogator could not have been very well informed regarding the past history of philatelic journalism, by the way, otherwise he would have been aware of C. H. Mekeel's attempt at, and his failure to make a financial success of, his "Daily Stamp Item" venture several years ago.

Having myself had considerable experience in journalism, both philatelic and otherwise, and being thoroughly familiar with (or at any rate imagining myself to be) all that contributes to the success or failure of class publications (of which philatelic papers form a part), I take the liberty of remarking that I do not think the "stamp collecting fraternity" will EVER be strong enough to support a daily paper, and also, that anyone would be unwise to advocate or attempt such a thing expecting success in a financial way. Furthermore, I cannot see how the majority of the "stamp collecting fraternity" would be benefited in any possible way by the publication and distribution among them, even if it could be done without a large monetary loss, of a daily stamp paper, and am also of the opinion that the weekly stamp publication serves of little real benefit to anyone except a few dealers who desire to more frequently place their wares before the buying public.

Owing also, to the large amount of territory which a strictly class publication, such as a stamp collectors' periodical, has to cover if its circulation attains to any size whatever, and the further fact that it all has to be distributed to its subscribers through the mails and the preparation thereof takes considerable in time and labor, the subscription price of a daily stamp paper cannot, in my opinion, ever be placed at a low enough rate to meet with a very large support and at the same time return any kind of a profit to the publisher. In fact, in most instances it entails a very large loss.

This same item, labor and expense of preparing a publication for its transmission through the mails, has very often been overlooked by publishers who have tried to place their publications before the public at a very low price, and as a result has been one of the reasons of many a paper going to the wall. I cannot see how a daily paper could give a lower rate of subscription than \$3 per year and make any pretense of a profit, and I am sure that few of us care to afford that amount simply to have our hobby thrust at us 300 or more times in the course of a year.

What I should really like to see, and what, I doubt not, the majority of stamp collectors the country over would heartily welcome and accord their unanimous support in a financial way, is the launching of a publication

devoted, not to stamp collecting alone, but to the interest of all collectors whether their hobby be stamps, coins, curios, minerals, old books, or what not: one in which timely and instructive articles of interest to all, both as individuals and collectively, would appear and from the pages of which one could gain a better insight and understanding into the aims and aspirations of our fellow hobbyists like the WEST is now doing.

All of us who collect anything have at least one object in common. We have a desire for the collecting and studying of one thing, to the pursuit of which we devote at least a portion of our time, and the study of which helps pleasantly to pass for us what would otherwise be dull and uninteresting hours. It is something which develops our fund of knowledge and also something in which we take the greatest pride. That one thing is our collection, be it of stamps or coins, or minerals, or rare books or anything.

A magazine which could be so gotten up as to be of interest to all classes of collectors, which could and would afford a fair remuneration as an incentive to secure from writers their best efforts, which would be in a position to furnish articles well illustrated, so as to bring out more forcibly specific knowledge of just what the descriptive articles were trying to convey, and to have departments, under separate and distinct headings, devoted to each particular branch of collecting which would contain all the news of the preceding 30 days of interest to followers of each particular hobby, such a magazine would, in my opinion be the one which should and would merit our unqualified approval and support.

Items of interest to collectors are seldom of so much importance that they must be immediately placed before them upon their inception, and I am sure that none of us would suffer any real loss by having them administered to us in monthly instead of weekly installments. I believe also that even those advertisers who are anxious to keep themselves and their wares continually before the buying public would find that, by a little judicious care in the preparation of their advertisements and a liberal increase in their advertising space, they would be able to reap a large financial benefit from their patronage of such a magazine than results at present from their weekly publicity, and, considering all things, than would result if they tried to present daily offerings of their particular lines.

So, taking all of the above considerations into account, by all means give us, in preference to a "Daily Stamp Paper," the "WEST Magazine", which is a REAL magazine, not a mere pamphlet of 24 or 36 pages, but a regular standard sized magazine of 100 pages and upwards. May we all see soon, on the newsstands or delivered at our doors by "Uncle Sam's" man, a copy of the "WEST Magazine," as big as Munsey's or National, as full of well written articles as well edited, as well illustrated as the "Worlds Work" or "World To-Day," as largely circulated as any of them and, to us, of incalculably more pleasure afforded by a perusal of its contents. Here's health, and wealth, and long and happy life to him who gives us what we all have long desired, a "really-truly" magazine, "all our own" the "WEST Magazine."

The original draft of Lord Nelson's handwriting of the historical "General Memorandum" to his captains at the battle of Trafalgar was sold at auction in London for \$18,000. The purchaser, a bookseller, was reported to be acting for an American collector

Alaska-Dog Express-Dyea-Skagway

By L. G. Dorpat

We had a query and a note concerning Alaska stamps in the Department of Inquiry some time ago. Mr. S. C. Marcuse of 407 Washington St., San Francisco, Cal., now writes under Feb. 21, the following for which we wish to express our hearty thanks:

“McGREELY'S EXPRESS STAMPS.”

“I arrived in Dyea in January 1898 at the time when Miss Richards was postmistress. Among the very first people with whom I became acquainted was this man McGreely, who had his office at the Palace Hotel. He used to make daily trips to Skagway carrying letters and packages and attending to any other commissions. At that time there was no regular mail service between Dyea and Skagway; the steamers stopping only at Skagway and leaving the Dyea mail on the wharf there, where it would remain as long as a week, until some one would wake up and send it over to Dyea, and any letters dropped in the Dyea postoffice would also lay there until some one would send the pouch over to meet a steamer at Skagway, so I never mailed any letters at Dyea. I gave them to McGreely to mail in Skagway, for which he charged me 25 cents. He used to carry a great many letters to the Skagway postoffice for the Dyea people.”

“After I saw the way things were running I had all my mail addressed to Skagway and McGreely used to call for it for me. At that time he had no stamps. I asked him about it and he said he had never thought of it but would use them if he had them; so I made an arrangement with him that I would furnish him the stamps and in return he to attend to my mail without charge. The stamps arrived in Dyea the middle of March 1898, and were used for only two weeks until April 1st, when Mr. Clum, the United States Postoffice Inspector arrived in Dyea and established a daily mail service between Dyea and Skagway. Of course this settled McGreely's Express. There was no further use for it, so McGreely went into some other business, and later I met him on the way to Dawson City. If necessary I could furnish a number of affidavits of people who patronized McGreely's Express. Of course these stamps were not an absolute necessity. Neither are those of Chinese Locals and others in the catalogue. These McGreely stamps were just as much of a necessity as the Bicycle Stamps in Scott's Catalogue. The bicycle riders did not have to have stamps, neither did McGreely, but they both used them, and one is just as much entitled to recognition as the other.”

“There was at least 1000 of these stamps used, and I would like very much to hear from any one who has an original envelope with one of these stamps on.

Yours very truly

S. C. Marcuse.”

The stamp in question has a dog sledge and driver for a central design. On top is a curved label with the words, “McGreely's Express” and a straight label with the legend “Dyea Skagway.” In each upper corner there is a circle with 25 and beside these the word cents repeated, “CENTS CENTS.” The size of the stamp is 36x24 mm. Color blue. Genuinely used copies should be worth keeping, and even the unused stamp is a curious

ity, which, if not held at too high a figure, might be worth getting. Mr. Marcuse does not say where these stamps were made, nor by whom, nor in what quantity, not in whose possession they are now, nor at what price they may be had. If he would give these items of information, some of our readers might be willing to get a copy or two. From the tone of his letter it appears that Mr. Marcuse says the truth, and I have no doubt that there are enough collectors who would like to own a copy of the stamp, so that Mr. Marcuse might be paid the expenses he had in getting the stamps made. He should be strongly advised to be satisfied with a small profit, in which case collectors will be his friends, while on the other hand, if he will try to get anything like face value or more, he will find much opposition and his words will be doubted.

Stamp Landscapes at Ghent

By G. N. Gunderson.

Between nine and ten million stamps are employed in the walls of the refectory of the Hospice of St. Jean de Dieu, at Ghent

For years the monks have utilized their leisure time in the formation of landscapes from bits of stamps, and, at a distance, one would never believe that only stamps have been used in their making, so rich are the colorings and so perfect the drawings. The idea originated with one of the brothers, who made a small picture of the patron saint of the hospice on the walls of his cell.

Appreciating the beauty of his work, the prior suggested that he devote his unique talent to the decoration of the walls of the refectory, and with the assistance of others among the brotherhood, the monk has devoted years to the work, which stands unique among art productions.

Seen close at hand the work resembles mosaic, but from across the room the bits blend so well together as to suggest oils. Only three sides of the rooms are yet completed, and contributions of stamps are constantly received being from visitors who have seen the work and have become interested.

The death of the King of Denmark which occurred in January will mean quite a little to the stamp collectors who are interested in the stamps of that country and its colonies. Only recently, a new set showing the portrait of King Christian, appeared not only in Denmark but Iceland and the Danish West Indies as well. The portrait of the new King Frederick will no doubt be brought into use and collectors should complete their Iceland collection, while the set is obtainable at a small per cent over face value.

The best way to remove an unused stamp that has been pasted down to the page of an album, is to apply a wet blotter under the page. In due time the stamp will be removed and a goodly portion of original gum with it.

Siam has issued a new set of stamps that are unique in design and gorgeous in color, several of the stamps being printed in two colors. The portrait of the King is in a circle in the upper center of the stamp, while beneath the same and between two undraped infants, may be seen a distant view of the great temple at Bangkok.

American Issues in Three Periods

By An English Collector

The stamps of the United States of America are a big subject—perhaps too big a subject, nowadays, to be tackled in their entirety, and with specialistic thoroughness, by any one collector of moderate means. Philatelists able to sink large sums of money in their hobby, and devote to it a generous amount of time and trouble, could get together remarkable collections of American stamps. The Earl of Crawford has recently completed (if such a thing can ever be said to be complete) his remarkable collection of U. S. A. issues. It is a collection upon which work and money have been lavished without stint, but the result is an assemblage of American issues which is probably entitled to rank as the finest in all the world. Lord Crawford does not confine himself to the issued stamps, but takes proofs, essays, reprints, and "government counterfeits" and further embellishes his collection with every conceivable object calculated to shed a light on the postal history of the country he has taken in hand—postal decrees for instance varieties of postmarks, and postal documents of every description. This, in the eye of some people, is philately carried to its highest pitch; others may be inclined to denounce it as "specialism run mad." Certain it is that no collector of average leisure and limited resources could undertake to collect the stamps of America on such a magnificent scale as this. He must therefore either rest content with a collection on "generalist" lines—standard varieties only—or adopt some section of the subject as his own particular study.

It happens that the stamps of the United States lend themselves excellently to a subdivision of this sort. One may split them up into three most interesting classes or periods, as follows:—

Section I.—The period of "Postmasters" issues, 1845 to 1847, comprising many front rank varieties, such as the stamp of Baltimore, Brattleboro, and St. Louis, and the envelope of New Haven. This section is an impossible one for the rank-and-file philatelist, but would afford a few pleasant week end diversions for a millionaire of stamp collecting proclivities.

Section II would comprise stamps from the issue of the first "government" or federal series in 1847 down to the end of the year 1889. This of course is another "large order," for included in this section would be all the scarce early maps of the government series, the many varieties of "National and Continental" printings, the "Carrier" and local stamps (the latter classed in old time albums and catalogues as "Special and Private Offices"), and also the official and many of the newspaper stamps.

Section III, the class which will most strongly appeal to the young would-be specialist, comprises the stamps from the issue of 1893 down to the present time, and embraces, in addition the special "exposition" issue of Chicago, Omaha, Buffalo and St. Louis.

We think there is some special fitness in this classification of American postage stamps into three historical periods. In the first division we have America of the pre-government post period, when certain district postmasters, tired of waiting for the government to act, issued various postage labels of sorts on their own initiative. In the second category we have the issues of the responsible government—the settled and fairly conservative issues of a

government, which has not yet realised the spending power of the philatelist. One third period begins with the issue of 1890, at which time there came a distinct change in American postage stamp policy. The great Columbian Exposition projected for Chicago in 1893 being then on the tapis, it was proposed that there should be a special issue of pictorial postage stamps to commemorate the occasion, and at the same time though this point was not emphasized) help to advertise the undertaking. To the general surprise the scheme went through, and for the first time in its history the United States Government stood committed to an issue of advertising labels disguised as postage stamps. It is true that the idea was fiercely denounced by many members of congress, one politician protesting so angrily that America was not a third rate republic that needed to raise revenue by selling coloured labels to stamp collectors. But on patriotic ground the philatelists of America gave the issue their enthusiastic support, and they have never ceased to contend that the "Columbian" stamps were of great service in making known the charm of the stamp collecting hobby to the general public. There was a little less enthusiasm over the Omaha "pictorials", and when these were followed by the Buffalo stamps and again, by the St. Louis series, it became evident that the American postal authorities had gone to the well once too often. The picture issues have grown steadily poorer in quality with each successive issue, but the first "Exposition" issue, the incomparable Columbian stamps of 1893, will always rank as one of the finest—perhaps the very finest—series of historical postage stamps ever issued. Each is a canvas in miniature, and in the whole series we get the complete narrative in pictures, of Christopher Columbus' great voyage to the unknown west.

The portrait stamps of America, however, are those which best reflect the nation's story, and in the later issues—those of 1894 and 1903—this postal portrait gallery has reached what appears to be the highest possible pitch of excellence. The various values are at present allotted to the following notable portraits:—

1 cent, Benjamin Franklin; 2 cents, George Washington; 3 cents, General Jackson; 4 cents, Ulysses S. Grant; 5 cents, Abraham Lincoln; 8 cents, Martha Washington; 10 cents, Daniel Webster; 13 cents, Benjamin Harrison; 15 cents, Clay; 20 cents, Jefferson; 1 dollar, Farragut; 2 dollars, Madison; 5 dollars, Marshall.

The 4 cents, formerly showing the head of Abraham Lincoln, is now dedicated to Grant, while the 8 cent stamp, which was formerly adorned with the head of General Sherman, is now given up to Martha Washington—the first woman to appear on an American postage stamp. Another hero of American history to be deposed from the postage stamp gallery of fame is Commodore Perry, who, for many years figured on the 90 cent stamps, and in 1894 was placed on the 1 dollar value. That stamp, however, is now dedicated to Farragut, while two new-comers in the list are James Madison, fourth president of the Republic, on the 2 dollar stamp, and John Marshall, a famous former Chief Justice of the United States, on the stamp of 5 dollars.

It is estimated that there are from five to six million stamp collectors in the world.

The Netherlands has issued its first provisional stamp consisting of the 50c red and blue postage due, overprinted, "En Guden."

A Philatelic Zoo

By Fred J. Melville

President of the Junior Philatelic Society of England.

It is not the least of the advantages of stamp collecting that it stimulates the desire for knowledge. The collector's attention is drawn to a certain stamp picture on a stamp he has procured, and he at once becomes interested to find out what the picture represents, and why it has been illustrated on that stamp. Many collectors have formed stamp "zoos," which contain only stamps which bear pictures of animals. To the uninitiated it might seem that the field for such collectors is limited, although in reality there are a great many zoological specimens, a few of which I propose to refer to here. All species of animals would appear to have been included by the designers of postage stamps in the execution of their work. The majestic King of Beasts may be seen on the stamps of Tuscany and Persia, while his colleague the tiger figures on many of the stamps of the Straits Settlements. There is quite a "jungle book" of animal pictures from the Straits. In addition to the familiar full face portrait of his royal highness the tiger which appeared on the stamps of Pahang, Negri Sembilan, and other States in 1896, an early issue, that of 1892, showed a tiger emerging with a spring from a jungle. The Malay stamp was issued in 1900. The high value stamps of the same issue bear pictures of elephants. A French Congo stamp shows a jaguar, and a Russian local stamp depicts a bear.

The State of North Borneo in a series of very handsome stamps shows some specimens of local zoological interest. On the 2 cent stamp is the stately stag, and on the 5c is an Argus pheasant. The 12c portrays an alligator with gaping jaws, which can scarcely be an inducement to any intending emigrants. A 4 cents stamp of 1900 show a monkey, the only specimen of this big family who has been honored by inclusion in the postage stamp portrait gallery. A 10 cent stamp also shows a bear. Camels appear on stamps of Soudan, Obock, and Nyasse; elephants on Congo Free State and Liberia; dogs on Newfoundland and Bergendorf (local stamps); horses on Brunswick, Formosa and the United States 2 cents 1869; a beaver on Canada, and a reindeer on a Tromsø specimen. Australasia's animal kingdom is represented by the kangaroo on the 1/- New South Wales, the platypus on the 1d. stamp duty of Tasmania, and quite an aviary of ornithological specimens. Seals and codfish represent Newfoundland's industries on several of its stamps. The Llama of Peru is shown on numerous specimens from that country. Bisons and buffalos appear on United States stamps, and a buffalo pokes its head through an ornamental frame on a stamp of Uruguay. Oxen are shown at work in the Newfoundland jubilee issue and on the 10 centavos stamp of the United States issue for Cuba.

Collectors who limit themselves to animal stamp pictures must not think that in this way they steer clear of all the rarities. One of the rarest stamps in existence, the 20 cents stamps of St. Louis, a pair of which was sold for \$513.00 by a firm of American stamp dealers, shows a couple of bears. A stamp which, though its distinguishing feature is the portrait of the King, yet which might be properly included in the collection, shows a veldt scene in the Orange River Colony, and represents the figures of a springbok and a gnu.

Collectors, however, who form postage stamp zoos at the expense of the orthodox method of stamp collecting are not, properly speaking philatelists. They are merely collecting interesting stamps, not so much from their postal as from their pictorial interest. Enough has been said, however, to show that an interesting and instructive series of animal stamp pictures may very easily be got together.

How It Happened

By Walter S. Bradford

Some four years since a notice was published for me in the Exchange Column, of the WEST. I wished to exchange stamps and among those who replied was a young lady of Jamaica (B. W. I.). We had a very friendly correspondence and the Jamaica place in my album gave up that blank look. About this time I was taken with the post card craze and incidentally I and my Island friend exchanged a few. My collection was enlarged and beautified by several native views, some of which were real photographs, a grove of "Travelers Palm" being one. She gave me a list of her foreign friends and the one who has to do with my story, was a maid of Sunny Italy, a little girl at Pisa. We enjoyed a long exchange and many fine views of the "Principali Monumenti," including the famed leaning tower are now mine. A panorama of the City is very good, the distant mountains dotted with buildings being a good background. My attempts at stamp exchange did not "pan out" very well, but as a souvenir, the ones I received are great. Pasted fast to a foolscap size sheet of paper, were the stamps, 5 and 10 centesimo, issue of 1901, and the legend "108 Francoboli," at the top. I placed them carefully away with my collection of philatelic curios and some times when I chance upon them I wonder where the little girl who so carefully pasted those rows of lake and green now is. Does she still live in this quaint old city of Pisa? And then I think some day I'll mail her a card and ascertain if Tina is yet Tina, as of old. Now Tina said lots of things to me, but 'twas all Italian and may as well have been Chinese. It's simply awful, for a pretty girl (of course she is pretty), to be writing something to you and you can't read it.

But I set my wits to work, and learned our city afforded one Italian. I soon sought him out, made his acquaintance sprang the post cards on him and had the translations.

Now we were at a Boxball alley and the cards attracted the attention of some bystanders, among whom was a tall young man, who seemed much interested. A conversation ensued, and my new friend, I found, was from Seattle, Wash. Friendship was mutual (you know how it is among collectors) and next evening I called, and great was my delight, when I found that not only were post cards, his hobby, but stamps, curios and amateur photography came in also. He was here with his parents, visiting an uncle, who was quite aged. We gained permission to search the "plunder rooms" and here we "made good". Confederates both regular and locals turned up, and now along with Tina's "108 Francottli," I have Confederate original

covers, one much prized being a hand stamped of High Point, my home city.

Our excursions to the fields for Indian relics were rewarded by many specimens. By and by my friend must return home, but I made the trip with him across the states, via "Carte Postale." We saw some fine views of Louisville, Ky., including the famous Panhandle Bridge. St. Louis was our next stop, and we took in the Fair. Our last stop was St. Joseph, Mo., where we "rested" a while at Krug Park and Lake Contrary. Home at last was told by the arrival of old chief Seattle, followed by his daughter Angeline. Mt. Ranier, Totem Poles, and various views of the water front, logging camps and etc., are kind remembrances.

But the chain was not yet broken, for Faank left behind a brother, and we in turn became chums.

Herchel, tho' not an ardent philatelist, was more enthusiastic with the camera and my album now contains many fine prints from his negatives. Our comradeship was interrupted by his enrollment at the Southern School of Photography, Tenn., but soon he came back a professional "Photographer." It is some months now since he too, returned to Seattle, where he is engaged in his chosen profession.

A souvenir of the city drifts this way every little while and an "Exchange" did it all.

Postal Card Information

A page or more of the WEST will be devoted each month to such items of general interest to its readers as can be written on a postal card. All subscribers are requested to send in any information about any subject written clearly and concisely on a postal card. For the two best items of greatest interest awards of one dollar in stamps, post cards or ads will be made. Only the information sent by subscribers to the WEST will be considered in the awarding of the prizes.

The new Italian postage stamps will not bear the monarch's head, but a variety of different designs, such as the sea under the rising sun, an Alpine landscape, a ship at sea, a railway train, the Italian arms and a wireless telegraph station.—Earl J. Riedy, San Francisco.

A Word for R. F. D. Collectors. In looking over the exchange list at first I felt like passing by rural collectors, thinking they would have no cards of interest for returns. The thought was suggested to me that they wanted cards as well as those in better known places. I now make it a point to send to them. I have been pleasantly surprised by receiving both pretty and very interesting cards. I find they make an effort to get that kind. They are usually prompt, too Try them.—Helen Cavanah, Kansas City.

The greatest stamp collection in the world is that of M. Philipp Renotiere, of Paris, known to most collectors as Herr von Ferrary. He employs two secretaries who are paid large salaries, one to look after the postage stamps and the other the post cards, envelopes and wrappers.

Luck in Stamp Collecting

By P. R. Newman

There are two sorts of luck in the science of Philately—good and bad, but mostly bad. I have no reason to complain of mine, but some collectors seem to be born unlucky. Poor chaps! they buy stamps advertised as "good specimens, used," only to find them badly centered and USED, to say the least, the stamps having seemingly been dipped in the ink-pot.

I live near Poole, in Dorset, and often go out in search of rare Newfoundlands. On the quay at Poole one day I got into talk with an Ancient Mariner and casually mentioned stamps, inquiring if he had any.

"What do'ee want 'em for?" asked he. "I collect them," said I. "Ay, I ha' got some 'woldish' (oldish) uns t'whoam (at home)," said he, in good broad "Dorset."

I asked to be shown them, and he accordingly led me to a low wall near the Customs' House, and said, "Bide there till I coome agin."

Presently the old man returned with four envelopes, which contained, to my surprise and delight, the Newfoundland 12 cent orange vermillon used, the 5 cent brown 1866 unused, and 13 cent orange 1886 unused, and about 40 commoner specimens.

He said he would sell them, and inquired what I would give him. I asked what he would sell them for, and after much thought he answered—a shilling! I gave him two shillings, and he then remarked what a very dry day it was. Taking the hint, I handed him another sixpence, and still got my Newfoundlands dirt cheap. Now what better luck could one want than that?

My set of Queensland, 1861-62, watermarked star and perforated 14½ to 16, all complete, used and good specimens, were purchased in a pawn shop in the Isle of Wight for a mere song. More luck!

As an example of the other sort of luck, I spilled a pot of green enamel over a sheet of note paper with a 4 dollar Columbus issue United States stamp stuck on it, and then, trying to clean the stamp with turpentine, took most of the carmine color out of it, and finally sold the thing for \$1 25!

But whatever luck I may have in the future, I rather think I have had my share of the best sort.—Stamp Collectors Fortnightly.

State as Stamp Dealer. Philatelists have been much interested in the recent sale by the Crown Agents for the Colonies of a large block of Victorian postage stamps, comprising the whole stock remaining in the hands of the Government of Lagos and of a considerable number of obsolete stamps of the Somaliland Protectorate, of which no further supplies will be printed. On inquiry at the Crown Agents' office it was stated that all the Somaliland "service" stamps had been sold and some of the ordinary, the total sum obtained being about \$15,000. The average price paid was 150 per cent above the face value. But none of the Lagos stamps were disposed of. Mr. Stanley Gibbons, the well-known stamp dealer, has just purchased the collection of European postage stamps formed by Mr. W. W. Mann for \$150,000.

Norway from the Beginning

For generations past people have spoken of "Norway and Sweden" collectively, just as we speak of "Austria and Hungary" or "Great Britain and Ireland"; but that is all changed by the recent "pacifc evolution" in Scandinavia. Norway is now again what she was in former days—an independent kingdom. Between her and Sweden there is henceforth no tie whatever, except that both have vowed to live in amity side by side as the best and friendliest of neighbors. Such a change in Norway's constitution cannot fail to give a fillip to the study and collection of Norwegian stamps, and as this is a country we have often put forward as an excellent one for the young collector to specialize it may perhaps be as well to go into the Norwegian postal issues a little more deeply than we could possibly do in the space of a single article, and give the readers of the WEST a short series on the subject, listing and illustrating not only the normal types, but also the many interesting sub varieties in which Norway abounds.

THE PRE-POSTAGE STAMP PERIOD.

The postal, or rather, postage stamp history of Norway begins with the year 1854, but there was of course a letter carrying system in the country prior to that date. The charges for delivery of mail matter in the later years of this pre-postage stamp period—that is to say from 1848 onwards—were based on a measurement of distance. A single letter (weight not exceeding 1 lod) would be carried at the rate of 4 skilling for 20 Norwegian miles and 8 skilling for any longer distance. It should be explained however, that the Norwegian mile is a terribly long one—far worse than the proverbial "Irish mile," being equal to seven miles in the English measure.

THE NORWEGIAN STAMP CURRENCY.

At the early period of which we write, the currency of Norway was expressed in the speciedaler, or rix daler, made up of 120 skilling, and equaling about \$1.00. In 1877, however, the currency was brought into line with that from Sweden by the introduction of ore and "kronen." Stamp collectors will thus need to bear the following figures in mind in assessing the values of Norwegian stamps:—

Up to the End of 1876: 120 skilling=1 rix-daler=\$1.00.

From January 1st 1877, to Present Day: 100 ore=1 krona=about 52c.

There is not likely to be any interference with the present currency as the result of King Haakon's accession, the Norwegians being by nature a cautious and conservative people in matters of commerce and finance.

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It was on the 7th of July, 1854, that the Norwegian Storting, or parliament, decreed the creation and use of postage stamps. The essential points of the Act may be quoted as follows:—

Article 1.—For forwarding a single letter, namely, one not weighing more than 1 lod, shall be charged irrespective of distance, a postage fee of (a) 4 sk. if prepaid, (b) 5 sk, if unpaid.

Article 2.—The fee may be paid in advance by affixing stamps made by the postal authorities, costing 4 sk each stamp, or 3 speciedalers 24 sk. per 100 (a discount of 4 per cent.)

To be continued.

Notes for U. S. Collectors

By E. R. Aldrich

The 1, 2, 5 and 10c unwatermarked last issue periodical stamps were recently offered at \$1.50, about twenty-five percent of catalogue price.

The Lodge Record for January gave the following list as U. S. stamps portraying the features of "The Father of the American Postal System"—Benjamin Franklin 1847 5c, 1851 1c, 30c, 1856 1c, 30c, 1869 1c, 1870 1c, 1887 1c, 1890 1c, 1894 1c, 1903 1c, Executive Department 1c, Agriculture 1c, Navy 1c, State 1c, Interior 1c, Justice 1c, War 1c, Carrier stamp 1851, Periodical stamp 10c 1896 issue, or a total of 21 stamps exclusive of minor varieties.

I recently saw a three cent 1861 double perforated at both top and bottom. being the first I ever heard of showing this peculiarity in both positions.

Another curiosity I have seen is a postal card with only the left hand half of the card printed, the right hand half being perfectly blank.

I recently saw a three cent Fort Wayne precancelled so printed that nearly the whole of two designs showed on one stamp, also ordinarily double printed.

The postmaster down in Salem
When regular issues did fail 'em
Made a local so rare
If you could find a pair
Collectors would all try to nail 'em.

Under date Jan. 10, 1862 the proprietors of Blood's Post thus delivered the valedictory in the Philadelphia papers.

TO THE CITIZENS OF PHILADELPHIA—The undersigned, proprietors of Blood's Dispatch, having been notified by the Post-office Department, through the Postmaster of this city, that the business carried on by them was in contravention of the law, and having thoroughly investigated the subject, they felt convinced that the laws of the United States regulating the postal affairs of the country do not recognize their right to carry letters or mailable matter through the streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Philadelphia. and being desirous of conforming to the laws of the country in every particular, hereby give notice that after Saturday Next, the 11th instant. they will cease to operate as a Dispatch post, or to carry any letter or other matter through the city of Philadelphia as heretofore. The entire control of this business has been relinquished to the United States Post-office Department, represented by Postmaster of this city.

In making this public announcement, we feel it but just to assure our former patrons and the public generally, that, from the arrangements made by the Postmaster on behalf of the Department, the business will be carried on as much to the satisfaction of the community as though still under our control.

Some of the gentlemen who have so long and so successfully managed the business while in our hands have been employed in the same capacity by the Postmaster, which of itself is a sufficient guarantee that the service will be properly conducted. The arrangements have been made with special regard

to public convenience, and are as perfect as could be devised. The carriers selected by the postmaster are both faithful and intelligent.

In thus retiring from the Dispatch, we cannot but thank the public for their appreciation of our efforts to serve them, and express the hope that they will favor the new regime with their patronage in the future.

Hiram Miller and John Riley, Proprietors.

To Advertise Philately: Three Suggestions

By Henry Herbert Huff

Continued from last month.

(a) Magazine Advertising: This does not mean advertising at the usual rates per inch, but is the advertising of philately through articles and departments. A well written, and if possible, illustrated articles on stamps and stamp collecting would meet the approval of most editors and be published without charge. Such articles where the value and delights of collecting stamps receive mention have been known to bring philately many recruits and it should be carried on in a much larger scale. Departments can be started in some magazines with even greater success than articles although not so much more productive of recruits. The daily newspapers, patent back (of weekly papers) publishers and such magazines as the Youth's Companion would be good mediums for philatelic advertising and many of their editors would consent to publish articles about stamp collecting.

(b). Placard and Poster Advertising: Another good way to advertise philately would be to have placards and posters printed on which would be an appeal to the people young and old, to collect stamps and encourage others to do so, and also the information that a pretty booklet telling about stamps would be sent to anyone interested. If the card be framed some odd and attractive stamps could be used as decorations and would add to the attractiveness of the card or poster. Such advertising mediums could be used to advantage in hotel, postoffice, street cars, etc. There are many other ways to advertise philately and bring new recruits into the ranks. I could mention several more; you could too; but not simply discussion but action is necessary in order to increase philately's devotees. Let every dealer and every collector and every publisher do his part (and a little more than his part is advisable) and philately will grow in numbers and in every other way much to the pleasure of us few (in comparison to what there might be) collectors.

It will surprise many to learn that the total of stamp issues to date is 91,778, of which 6,059 belong to the British Empire, and 13,719 to the rest of the world. These figures of course, relate only to "standard" varieties; it is when we begin to reckon the multitudinous varieties created by differences of perforation and watermark, errors of surcharge, &c., that the figures begin to swell. If we gathered our statistics from advanced specialists of particular countries the total of the worlds' varieties of postage stamps would indeed be an appalling one!

Gum

By L. G. Dorpat

Did you ever get any of the stamps of Austria, Hungary or Japan with original gum? What did they do, if you did not keep them strictly under cover? Did they not warp and wrinkle, and roll up and break? Well, that is what they usually do, and it requires not a little care to keep them in good condition. Leaving the album page that contains them uncovered but for a few minutes, you will learn that these stamps on account of their peculiar gum are utterly incapable of making the right use of any freedom; they will instantly use it to destroy themselves. Other stamps more or less show the same tendency, and the remedy usually employed is to deprive them of their gum, after which they become decent and orderly and quite content to lie flat whether under cover or not. If however this expedient be tried on the stamps named above, the outcome is by no means pleasant. In the first place it takes a long time to soak them, and before the gum is well softened it will swell and cause the stamp to roll up like a hedgehog. What then? You cannot wash the gum off, and you can not dry the stamps after they are formed into little rolls "bristling" with gum on all sides. The only thing to do is to spread the stamp, face down, on a smooth surface and then scrape the gum off with a smooth edged knife. This, however, requires some care and practice or else the stamp will be spoiled. The better plan, I think, is to keep the stamps well and heavily covered, so that they shall not get any chance to wrinkle. With used stamps of these countries we get the same trouble when we endeavor to soak the adhering paper from their backs. Some which have the gum not so thick as most of them behave a little better when they get into water, but you can never tell before hand what they will do, and many a fine stamp may be damaged or entirely spoiled by immersion. Frequently the color washes out and the stamp fades, or the paper (which in many instances is very thin) tears. The best plan no doubt would be to collect these stamps on the original cover, but then they cannot go into their spaces in the album. Hence it is well to know the risk and to be prepared for it. A good plan might be to cut the paper of the envelope close to the stamp and then let it remain there without any attempt to remove it. In that case the stamp will not roll up so badly, and the color of the stamp remains bright. The watermark, on the other hand, will not easily be detected, if the paper is left on the back, but this is something not every collector cares for. If the paper is to be removed and the color and paper of the stamp to be protected, the best way to proceed is that described in the Department of Inquiry for the manipulation of "chalk surfaced" stamps. In this manner the paper may be removed but the gum remains (at least part of it) and the stamps will pull gum, i. e., they must be kept under cover. If one knows his stamps, he may easily enough use the precaution proper, and most any stamp, if not dirty, looks better without soaking than with it. In many cases, as in case of Hanover stamps with red, pink or orange gum, it is very desirable to preserve the gum, whether the stamps be used or unused.



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— Norway being in the foreground of interest of late, its stamps have naturally also acquired additional interest. In the West End Philatelist Mr. Poole is running a continued article on the stamps of Norway which contains much of interest. I quote the following relative to the 1883-4 issue, which is not new to older philatelists, but may lead some younger philatelist to some research work of his own:

“The specialist will find this issue one full of interest, owing to the fact that the plates were made in several ways. Some were prepared from the impression of a single die and the small numerals were engraved separately on each stamp on the plate, making 100 varieties in the sheet. Others were prepared from a cliche of four impressions on which the small numerals were engraved, thus giving 5 blocks of 4 types in the sheet, and others again were prepared from a secondary die on which the small numerals were engraved, thus making all the stamps on the plate uniform. All these may of course be identified by the ancient specialist.”

Such fields as these are open to any and all collectors, even those of limited means, and ought to prove almost as fascinating as plating Sydney Views and Hawaiian Numerals, though far cheaper.

The same paper chronicles finding the 15 stotinki stamp of the 1902 issue of Bulgaria, normally black and lake, printed by error in the color of the 10 stotinski, brown and rose.

No. 20 of Le Journal des Philatelistes brings the following note pregnant with possibilities:

“The director of posts of Finland has informed the public that it has again been forbidden that the arms of Finland might be used on the stamps in use in the Grand Duchy. In the meanwhile the postal authorities are preparing a report which is to be deposited with the new Senate; it is probable that Finland will receive the right to have its own stamp.”

And so a closed chapter will be re-opened, to the satisfaction of every philatelist and every lover of liberty.

Our esteemed contemporary, E Coleccionista of Bogota, informs us that “As the Industrial Exposition lately opened at the Vera Cruz Bazar of this city we saw the essays and specimens of postage and fiscal stamps by the Arango Lithographic House, Medellin, which were adjudged a medal of the first class.”

This is the establishment which prints the current stamps of Columbia: its work is really a great deal better than anything Columbia had heretofore.

In No. 618 of the Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal Senf Brothers an-

nounce the purchase of the great collection of Professor Richter of Budapest. The owner had collected for over forty years and only gave up now because of a serious disease of the eyes. We have all heard of large collections and some of my readers may have such themselves; what do they say, when they hear that the collection proper comprises 445 volumes; which came to the purchasers packed in 21 large boxes, and weighed over four thousand pounds, while the additional collection of stamps on the original cover is mounted in three hundred and thirty-three volumes! None of us will no doubt ever equal this record.

The German collectors are all wrought up over the issue by the German postoffice at Tanger, Morocco, of the 5pf. Reichspost stamp with the new Gothic surcharge which was only supposed to have been introduced for the Deutsches Reich stamps. Evidently a stock of the Reichspost stamps with the new issue had been prepared and sent out to Tanger, but not placed on sale, because on Oct. 1st the Deutsches Reich stamps with the new surcharge were to be issued. But the stock of the old 5 pf. ran out on Sept. 29th and the officials could only help themselves by issuing the Reichspost stamps with the new surcharge which were not to be issued at all. At first the price ran pretty high, but it has now settled to about \$1.50.

In 1906 the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* will be accompanied regularly by parts of a new hand book on reprints by Captain Ohrt, one of the foremost philatelic authorities in Germany.

As to the Huemul one of the supporters of the Chilian arms, the same number brings some detailed information from readers in Chile. Its scientific name is *Ceryus chilensis*; it is a species of deer not quite four feet in length and two feet high, with long ears and short tail; the males have short horns. Its erroneous drawing on the Chilian telegraph stamps to resemble a horse and with long tail is due to the mistake of Molina, a Jesuit scientist, who in 1788 described the animal from hearsay and classified it as a species of horse. The animal is by no means mythical, but quite real; it was adopted as a part of the Chilean arms in 1833

Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift warns against exceedingly dangerous forgeries of the earlier issues of Sweden. The design is very faithfully imitated: the chief distinctions can be found in paper and perforation. The Swedish Philatelist Union is willing to examine unused specimens of old Swedish issues free of cost, especially such as were purchased recently.

The *Philatelistisches Echo* reports that on April 1st of this year the Marshall Islands are to be united with German New Guinea and that the stamps of the Marshall Islands are to be retired on that date.

Roumania is to issue charity stamps; I quote the following information:

"We hear that within a short time charity stamps similar to those of Russia are to be issued (400,000 stamps, 4 values in 3 designs) which will be good for postage. The difference between the sale price and the postal value is to be devoted to charitable institutions. The size of the stamps is to be 27x39 mm.; the design is to be of three different kinds:

1. The Queen. nursing a wounded soldier.
2. The Queen at the loom.
3. The Queen at the spinning wheel.

Below the picture there is a quotation by Queen Carmen Sylva and her signature. Of each design there will be four values of 3, 5, 10 and 15 bani postal value: the face value will be 10, 15, 20, and 25 bani. The stamps are to be issued in small booklets of the same value or in sets."

This idea, it seems to me, is being overworked just now. I fear me that the Roumanian stamps will be as much of a fiasco as those of Russia; of the latter only 889,000 of all values were sold and the net results for the widows and orphans were 17,780 roubles! If it were not so sad a commentary on Russian conditions, this pitiful result would be downright ridiculous.

The Kingdom of Weurttemberg this year celebrates the centenary, just like Bavaria, but while Bavaria decided to refrain from a special stamp issue, Wuerttemberg could not resist the temptation to celebrate in this cheap manner. We learn from No. 2 of the *Philatelisten-Zeitung* that 25,000 sets of the official stamps (both sets) were surcharged in black with a crown and the dates 1806-1906 below; only 3000 sets were sold to the public and nobody was allowed to buy more than 10 sets. The stock was sold out on January 11th: at present the complete set is offered in the German papers for about three dollars unused.

In February 1905 the Berlin Philatelic Club founded a medal to be known as the Lindenberg Medal and to be awarded for distinguished scientific research and literary production in the field of philately. On January 22 of this year this medal was awarded for the first time. The philatelists distinguished are the following: Theodor Haas, Leipzig; Dr. A. Legrand, Leuilly near Paris; E. D. Bacon, London; Dr. Emilio Diena, Rome. It will be conceded that all four are eminently worthy of the distinction. I wonder what American philatelist our readers would pick out as worthy of the same honor? Probably Mr. Luff would be the one.

No. 63 of the *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* has an interesting illustrated article on Swedish type-varieties, especially on the official and Loesen stamps. Most of them consist simply of broken letters and the like; our readers can no doubt find many of them on looking through a lot of these easily obtained stamps.

Sometimes we may not be entirely satisfied with our stamps, but see how they shine compared with others! The following is quoted by the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* from the County Gentlemen:

"British postage stamps at the present time are some of the ugliest in the world. They are printed in thin and mean colors, the design is meagre and they are not even distinctly seen, as witness the miserably washy colors of the green halfpenny stamp. It is said that there are insuperable difficulties in the way of getting the design altered. But is there any valid objection to the adoption of such excellent dyes as are in use in America and other countries, whose stamps are a pleasure to look at, instead of an eyesore like our own?"

Now apologize if you ever said anything mean about the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Reprints and Forgeries

By Mario L. Roig

I need scarcely explain here what a reprint is, or why it lacks the philatelic standing of an original. The youngest reader, I am sure, understands the nature of reprints and is anxious to keep them out of his collection. So many stamps have been reprinted, and the difficulty of distinguishing them from originals is in many cases so great that young collectors would have very hard work to avoid them were it not for the guide furnished usually by prices. The inexperienced collector may safely set it down as a rule that in most cases where a certain stamp in a used condition is rare and fetches a high price, while the same stamp unused fetches but a few cents that the latter is a reprint. There are some cases that the stamp is not a reprint but remainders—but the general rule is a safe one. A good example is "Heligoland". The stamp of "Roman States" are another case in point. Genuine originals of these very seldom come in the hands of young collectors, but they are very easy to distinguish originals and reprints. Many other countries might be instanced in which originals are a scarce thing these being more especially with nations which have not issued stamps for some time. This happened in stamps from Heligoland, Saxony, Holstein, Prussia and most of the German states.

The young collector who desires to keep his album free from reprints, has a fairly sure means of doing so in buying none but used specimens. Some reprints have been carefully postmarked by their sellers, but the great majority are in an unused state.

New Life in the Stamp Market

In a contemporary we see that Mr. Deats of Flemington, N. Y., contemplates selling a part of his U. S. revenue collection to the United States to be kept as a property of the nation for the pretty sum of \$20,000.00. This might be construed as a lack of interest in stamps on the part of Mr. Deats, but it is not. The gentleman is not selling all his stamps. The intended sale comprises but a part of his treasures, and the sale, if executed, will do much to stimulate the interest in stamps generally and to enliven the stamp market. The offer itself, and its consideration by the congressional committee alone will in a measure have that effect. There are, however, other occurrences of recent date which show that the stamp market is alive already. Such an occurrence is the sale of Mr. W. W. Mann's European collection to Stanley Gibbons for the round sum of \$150,000.00. Not long ago we heard of the magnificent collection of Mr. Andreini, which was sold at auction, and now there are as many and as important auction sales announced as hardly at any other one time. Besides that we may find a number of really attractive advertisements, which offer stamps that were hardly offered before for years, and at prices that might tempt the most cautious. If all this does not result in a general waking up, then, indeed, agitation is hopeless. For many years there was not a better time to buy than just now, and it is pretty safe to say there never will be.

One of the smallest countries in the world—San Salvador—issued the enormous number of 4045 different postage stamps, while England has issued but 205 kinds.



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.

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

260. Desiring to win some of my friends for philately, what can I do to accomplish my desire?—That will depend partly on your own resources and partly on the characters of your friends. Let us suppose your resources are unlimited. Then you can offer premiums to your friends for the best collection, any one of them will make in a certain time; this will tempt many a one who would otherwise not care to try collecting. You may also offer to buy from them any stamps they may be able to get for you, making the prices you pay quite liberal; this will set many a one to looking about for stamps and there is a strong probability that the handling of stamps will infect the one or the other with the collecting bacillus. It is well to give your friends some hints as to where and how they can get the stamps for you. If your friends are open to argument, you may inform them what an enormous business is done in buying and selling stamps for collections. You may acquaint them with the prices for some single stamps, laying especial stress on the advances made by certain stamps in the course of time. You may point out the influence intelligent collecting has for advancing the collectors' knowledge of geography, history, the arts of engraving, printing and paper-making, and postal administrations. You may show your collection, your library and your files of philatelic papers and invite your friends to read an interesting article here and there that treats of stamps or stamp matter. You may tell your friend interesting stories about stamps, stamp collecting and stamp collectors—this, I think, is an especially good means to interest those, who otherwise may be slow to appreciate the fascination of our hobby. As soon as you notice that a friend begins to be fascinated, do not fail to donate to him anything in the stamp line that he may fancy, and repeat your donations at intervals. Do not press your advice on anybody who does not want it, and be sure not to make a fool of yourself by entering into unprofitable speculations. If by your own example you can demonstrate that philately has benefitted you, you can feel pretty sure that your friends will try to reap the same benefit.

261. What is the best book published treating of U. S. stamps?—J. U. Luff's "The Postage stamps of the United States,." Another pretty good book is J. K. Tiffany's "The History of the Postage Stamps of the United States." Price \$1.50. For envelopes, "The Stamped Envelopes, Wrappers and Sheets of the United States," by Tiffany, Rogert & Rechart is the standard work. Price \$5.00.

262. Is there any society of philatelic literature collectors?—Yes. At least I think there has been although I can not just now lay my hands on any definite statement regarding it. Mr. J. D. Park of Buffalo, N. Y., Mr. J. A. Cook of Waterloo, Iowa, Mr. C. W. C. Wenddover of Red Creek, N. Y., or Mr. E. B. Jones of Sioux City, Iowa, are probably able to give particulars. The society might do well to advertise a little more extensively.

263. What is the best way to sell a stamp collection?—If you have the time to attend to it, the best way is to sell at retail by the use of approval

sheets, by advertising for want lists or by advertising single stamps at the lowest figure you are willing to let them go for. If you have not the time to enter into an extensive correspondence, you may advertise your collection as a whole, or you may turn it over to a manager of auction sale and let him do the work of selling for you; in these two cases you will have to satisfy yourself with considerable smaller returns, because wholesale prices are always lower than retail prices, and when a man works for you, you must pay him for doing it. You might also try to make your collection into packets and to sell these, but this will hardly work satisfactorily, because you cannot well describe every packet accurately enough to enable the would be buyer to know what he is paying you for. Selling stamps profitably requires as much talent as the selling of anything else.

264. What is a collection of 4000 stamps worth?—That depends entirely upon what kind of stamps you have. The 4000 commonest stamps can be bought for about \$70, and if these are not in the very best conditions you may get them for less. Hence, if your collection contains common stamps only, you must not expect more than the above figure. If, on the other hand, your collection consists of the rarest stamps only, you may easily get thousands of dollars for it, perhaps tens of thousands, and the buyers will even thank you for selling it. There are hundreds of intermediate grades with intermediate prices. A comparatively very valuable collection is one made on specialists lines, i. e., a collection containing not only the regularly catalogued stamps, but besides these as many as possible or all of the minor varieties of each stamp, which should be accompanied by notes giving details regarding the origin of each variety. For instance, a collection of U. S. stamps issued since 1893 is not very valuable, if the common catalogue is followed only, while a collection of the U. S. plate-numbers issued since 1893 including the rare numbers issued since 1893 and also the inverts of the Pan-American issue would be worth considerably more than three times the value of the common regular collection; it should contain notes setting forth the rarity of single numbers, describing the discovery of the inverts etc.

265. Would you advise a young man to choose dealing in stamps for his vocation?—No. At least not unless he has a pretty thorough knowledge of stamps and a decided talent for dealing in them. Even then, I would rather advise him to seek employment with some of the old established firms, rather than to launch his own boat at once. As a side issue for the employment of odd hours of leisure stamp dealing may prove satisfactory, but as a vocation the raising of carrots might prove as satisfactory as the dealing in stamps. It will depend very much on the man and what he is able to make of it. Do not expect to find a bonanza anywhere, unless you are willing to dig for it and to work after you have it.

266. What is the value of a U. S. stamped envelope, present issue 2c, with stamp on back instead of the usual place?—This is a freak. Similar ones occur from time to time. In a common collection it has no place. There is no settled price on things of this kind. Nevertheless, as the adhesives with inverted centers command high prices among specialists, so might also the freaks found among envelopes be expected to bring fancy prices, provided the envelope specialists take a liking to them. I would save any that came into my possession, but I would not consider it a valuable rarity. There is no demand for such.

267. What are Thebussem stamps?—I think we had this inquiry before but for the sake of new readers we may copy from "Hobbies page 541" the following: Once again we are asked to explain the meaning of the stamps of Dr. Thebussem, which are from time to time referred to in articles on stamp collecting. The special postage stamps of this famous Spanish personage have been illustrated and fully described in Hobbies on more than one occasion. The two illustrations given here will suffice to show the general appearance of the Doctor's stamps: The first, it will be



seen, is inscribed with the doctor's name and the words "Honorario de Madrid," while the second bears simply the name, "Dr. Thebussem" and a star. "Dr. Thebussem"—it is an assumed name—is a distinguished Spanish reformer and man of letters, and has devoted a great portion of his life to the welfare of his fellow men. Postal reform was for many years his occupation. Governments, and especially Spanish governments, are very slow to move in the matter of reform. Dr. Thebussem adopted the novel course (for a Spaniard) of making them move. He brought all the powers of his pen to bear upon the subject, and in one particular instance, where all else failed, he put the authorities to open shame by carrying through the reform with his own hands. He had agitated for the issue of Spanish post cards. Many promises were made, but the months dragged on and lengthened into years, and at length Dr. Thebussem solved the difficulty by issuing post cards of his own! This brought about the desired result, and the long delayed Spanish Postcards at length made their appearance. For his many distinguished services, the Spanish government decided to confer upon "Dr. Thebussem" some substantial recognition. He was approached on the subject and invited to say in what manner he would like to be awarded for his public services. It is understood that the doctor then chose a form of reward which has since marked him out as being unique among Spaniards—the only man in King Alfonso's dominion to enjoy the boon of free postage. Not only is "Dr. Thebussem" allowed free use of the mails, he also uses postage stamps of his own special design in franking his correspondence. Furthermore, he has been granted by the Spanish government the strange and unique distinction of being an "Honorary Postman at Madrid."—See also WEST November 1905, Query No. 256.

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For Postage Stamps. About \$12,500 was realized in London at a two day sale of the collection of Transvaal stamps formed by Mr. Alberto Philipe, of Hamburg, which was awarded the special gold medal at the Berlin Philatelic Exhibition in 1904. Of the many high prices obtained the most notable were:—A block of four 6d blue, pelure paper, 1876, with the upper left hand stamp inverted, \$750; a block of four ultramarine, May 1870, the only unused block known, \$700; a 1d. red on blue, October 1877, with the error Transvaal \$300 and a 6d. blue on blue, of the same issue, with the surcharge omitted \$258.

England was the first country to issue Postage stamps, her first issue being in 1840. Brazil was second, with its first issue in 1843.

Revenue Notes

By Oscar T. Hartman

Have you noticed the trend of times? About a year and a half ago you hardly saw a revenue advertisement in the WEST. It is different now. Take my advice—pay attention to them, especially those of the U. S. possessions. You do not have to bother much about perforations or watermarks. Very few counterfeits. The only caution I could advise in reminders. That is generally a complete set offered with all or some of the higher value cancelled, punched, etc., to order.

Do not imagine that they are easy to put up. They have there standard of value. In countries where stamps are used for postage, telegraph or revenue, generally the latter are precancelled or have the firm's name in rubber on same. You will find pretty or ugly designs. Large or small size. Their various uses will astonish you. The U. S. has not been slow in this line you will see by following list.

U. S. Revenues: First. Take the documentaries of the Civil War and of 1898. Most have these, so I will pass on.

Second. Then the Match and Medicine issues.

Third. Custom House, Soch Seal, Beer Stamps, Smoking Tobacco, 1868 first issue. Manufactured Tobacco, Snuff, Cigarettes, Cigars, Opium—imported or domestic.

Fourth. License for Dealer in Tobacco, Manufacturers of Cigars, Spirits and Beer dealers, Permits and removal of same, Mixed flour, Oleomargarine, Meat Inspection, large size and those small green labels which have been used on canned corn beef.

Fifth. To close the deal—the different state issues: Alabama, California, Louisiana, Nevada, New York, Oregon and Texas.

To Spain belongs the honor, or better said, the distinction to have put a revenue tax on stamp societies. The Society of Spain has issued 50 different control stamps also for exchange, sale, dealer's stock and foreign exchange. Total of 133 stamps (some surcharged). The particular value is not given, but are divided in different classes, so I presume the larger the value the higher the class rating.

Something new in the way of use, I have met in the double stamps of Sweden. Half of coupon 1, is gummed, but coupon 2 is not. So coupon must be affixed and No. 2 kept on file. The distraction caused by Turkish postage stamps are easy compared with their revenues. You have to learn the numerals and imagine the rest. By the way you have as a water peddler to pay for the drinking water at Constantinople. In sight of water (salt) all around. Pretty tough. The labels are hard specimens besides they are surcharged for each day of the week and quite an assortment.

Down in Uruguay they do well in the revenue line. Few countries issue revenue stamps for each year. But down there every three months the surcharge is changed. A set of 34, from 1 cent to 45 pesos. The reason why they do it, I do not know. It could not be to bleed collectors, and taxpayers do not delight in these more than they hve to. Countries, states, provinces, towns and villages all over the world have issued revenues. There are good 50 of them.

Some Episodes in Stamp Collecting

By An Old Boy

I want to relate a few of my experiences in philately for the benefit of others. for in this as in everything else, we learn by experience, though oft times the experience of others is too far off to be of much use to us; nevertheless I hope mine may help somebody.

However did an old duffer of 50 like me, come to think of stamp collecting? Well, I really don't know exactly, but a young boy friend kind of stirred it up by showing me his collection and expatiating on the glories of stamp collecting, and being somewhat boyish and light hearted in my ways in spite of my accumulating years, I caught his enthusiasm as it reminded me of the long ago when I too was a boy and had a collection of about 50 stamps which I considered was very wonderful at that time. Well, my boy friend gave me some of his duplicates and so I was started.

The next thing that "got hold of me," was the overhauling of the library and papers of an old friend who had passed away, and the finding of a lot of old issues of the stamps of Great Britain, and a number of Cape of Good Hope triangles. These last fired my brain and filled my thoughts by day and my dreams by night, for I thought surely such odd shaped old stamps must be worth lots of money; and all the tales I had read of the fabulous value of some old stamps, came to my mind, and "who knows," I thought, "these may mount up into hundreds of dollars." But after a lot of writing and inquiry (for I knew nothing of values) my dreams were shattered by finding out that my whole find was not worth many dollars to sell. But later, I found out that that one stamp catalogued \$24.00, so even after my first fever was cooled off, there was enough ardor left to make me a stamp collector. My inquiries through the mail brought me numerous approval sheets from all of which (green sucker that I was)! I felt I ought to buy some, as the people had been so kind as to send them without any references. And so in a little while I had a small and very expensive (tho. not very valuable collection. Of course I know better now, and don't buy from every stamp shark that presents himself to me through the mail; but I have had to pay for my experience, and would say to all new collectors young or old, "go slow," be sure you really need a thing and that you cannot get it cheaper anywhere else before you buy.

As duplicates accumulated I went into the exchange business and answered many advertisements of parties wishing etc., only to find that where there is one who will deal honestly and fairly, there are a score who will try by every means to have you. I spent a lot of postage in sending sheets and books to the "I never send first" class, and in every case it was worse than wasted, for they would take my good stamps and send me nothing but trash, until I gave up the whole thing in disgust and said if others want to Ex. with me they must send first and show me what they can do before I send them any of my good selections. If a man is anxious to exchange he ought to be willing to send first, being the solicitor. I rarely exchange now except with a select few I know well.

I have had one or two good finds among letters of old settlers, but have never come across anything worth very much that I got for nothing. I am

now settled down to sober, quiet collecting and have several countries practically complete. I feel that none but the very rich ought to go in for specializing and minor varieties, for one never knows where that sort of thing is going to end.

To me, paper perforations and watermarks are vanity and vexation of spirit, and I think I see a considerable falling off in such folly and a return to common-sense collecting of types and specimens of each issue. It is a pleasure to deal with the large reliable houses who have a reputation to maintain and one is never wrong in buying from them.

Do I speculate? Not much. It is fascinating but very dangerous like all other speculating and takes money. Wait till you have cut your philatelic eye teeth before you think of it. Collect for the love of it and don't be in a hurry to complete your collection, the best are those which have taken many years to accumulate.

Looking back on my experience of only a few years I find there is a lasting fascination about stamp collecting that there is in few other hobbies. It is something that stays.

At one time I was tempted to sell out and quit the whole thing for I saw it might be quite an expense to keep it up: but again my boy friend came to the rescue and said, "Oh, I would hold on to them, they cost nothing to keep, and don't take up much room, and may be of more value some day." So I held on and am glad, for I find myself as hearty a philatelist as ever.

Reprints of Spain, Cuba Porto Rico and the Philippines

By Mario L. Roig of Cuba

Special to the WEST.--To those interested in stamps from Spain, Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippines this matter will be of great interest. Only stamps from six issues in Spain have been reprinted. First is the 2 reales, blue (herror) 1851 and is one of the best reprints made. The second is in the issue of 1855-4 cuartos red and instead of the blue paper of the original is printed on white paper. This stamp was reprinted to defraud the state and circulate as genuine, the cat. price is \$1.00 reprint used and 3 cents genuine used. It is due to the limited number of reprints used through mails. The fourth is well known by philatelists, 1876 5c blue (herror) it is not a reprint stamp. This error is obtained by washing the 5c green, 1876 in sulphuric acid and turned into a blue color. This stamp has no value.

The fifth is in the surcharge stamps of 1868 "Habilitado par la Nacion" 10m. and 25m. have been reprinted with rubber stamp instead of press. I have seen only the 25 milcsiruas and can distinguish at sight.

The six is the issue of 1878, surcharged "Habilitade por la Junta Revolucionaria" 10m. rose and 50m blue, I have both specimens and can distinguish from originals, that in the word "Habilitado" the "i" is together with "L" and in the word "Revolucionaria" instead of "v" is written with "b" as follows: "Rebolucionaria."

These stamps are only the known reprints of Spain.

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Two Cent Omaha-Farming in the West

By S. M. Edwards

"The picture on this stamp is from a photograph taken on one of our farms at Amenia, N. D." so says the envelope of the Amenia and Sharon Land Company.

How many of us stop to inquire whether or not the pictures on stamps are really from an actual scene. On the Columbia series we are led to believe that the views are to a degree bonafide. Also those on the Pan-American series. But how about those on the Omaha's? Let us see. We will take the 2-cent. "The picture on this stamp is from a photograph taken on one of our farms at Amenia, N. D." That assertion is conclusive. Although at the time the stamp made its appearance a few years ago, the view on it was claimed by the Dalrymples and other large farming corporations in the near vicinity, an easy matter to do, had they the original to back up their claims.

The view was used on the letter head of the owners before it made its appearance on the stamp.

Now let us get out our album containing the stamp in question and a good magnifying glass and look into the minor details of it. Some points that are not visible on the stamp the writer will endeavor to bring out, he having seen the original picture hanging on the wall of the owner—a picture, he would say, without knowing its exact dimensions—about 14 by 22 inches, and being in possession of some facts in relation thereto.

It is plainly seen that the picture on the stamp has been abbreviated; but withal much can be seen. Let us say first, there are two plow gangs represented in the picture. One gang had finished its work and was ordered over to help finish plowing on section 15, township 141, range 52—by the way, just 10 miles due west of the farm of the writer. There appears to be eighteen teams of four or five horses or mules, each—the most conspicuous of all being the one in the foreground, with two mules to the tongue and two horses on the lead to an old style John Deere plow. We see two field bosses, the horse of one attached to a road cart, is headed to the left and only partly shown on the stamp. We see a small black dog with a white spot on its breast, on the seat beside its master, who has his hand on it to keep it quiet. The other boss is standing in his no-top buggy and has two horses, one black and the other white. All of the teams are standing—a few minutes to have their picture taken—and well has the artist done his work. Some of the teamsters are sitting with their faces towards us, others away down the line are standing to bring themselves more prominently into view, while others more modest are beside their horses, as if to not be seen. We see the ground well plowed, an important thing for the next spring's crop. We see the men in their shirt sleeves, so we know it must be quite early in the fall, for later they are obliged to wear a coat and overcoat, and often a fur one at that. We also notice Norman-Percheron horses, some black, others white.

This is a period of picture stamps. We all admire them. Now fellow philatelists, let us put into practice the habit of observation. Examine minutely the details of every picture stamp, for all are issued for a purpose—to illustrate some historical event or period; to illustrate some favorite,

or beauty-spot, the pride of the country issuing the stamp; to show to the world the animals, the birds and the vegetation indigenous to others; to illustrate the occupation of men, the progress of science and some work of art.

Collecting By Shut Ins.

By Alma Appleton

As the Editor invites us to send letters, or any articles about stamp or card collecting, which may be of interest to collectors I will write of the "Postal Card Brigade" of our "Shut In Society." Anyone wishing to join the "Postal Card Brigade" should write to Miss M. Hadley, 355 Willow St., New Haven, Ct. There are both "Shut In" and Associate members. All are invited to join. In the words of our vice president, Miss E. Williams, of Concord, N. H. Each week letters come to me laden with the love and desire to cheer and ease the burden of the pain and outward circumstances that surround many of our members, and while the thought is strong and potent, little difficulties stand in the way of bringing forth the fruition we all long. Among the causes are lack of time and strength for long letters, the feeling that we must not spend so much on Uncle Sam, and the need of stationery, the disheartening realization that small service does not count much. The object of the "Postal Brigade" will be to send forth cheer and the membership is unlimited. Souvenir cards are something those deprived of an active life can, and do enjoy. Friends while away, though not having time for letters, can send cards so the "Stay at Home" can have the change of thought, as helpful as the change of air. Having been a "Shut In" since childhood, I have made many friends among "Shut Ins". Nearly all are collectors of cards or stamps. One friend who has lost both legs and one arm, has made several valuable collections of stamps. Exchanging is always interesting: many life long friendships are made in that way. Dealing in stamps or cards can be made profitable as well as interesting to anyone able to use his hands.

We need a "Stamp Society for Shut Ins" as mentioned by our Editor. I know of many who would be glad to join. I am always glad to hear from anyone interested in stamps.

A Dress Covered With Stamps. More than 30,000 stamps were used in the making of a dress for a woman worn at a ball in Bermuda. Years had been spent in collecting the stamps, and three weeks in making the dress, which was of the finest muslin. The lady appealed to her friends to help her, and the dress was completely covered with stamps of all nations. In the center of the breast was an eagle made entirely with brown Columbian stamps. Suspended from the talons was a globe made of very old blue revenue stamps. On the other side of the globe was an American flag, the stripes of red and blue stamps. A collection of foreign stamps were pasted on the back of the bodice to form a shield. A large picture stamp hat covered with red and blue stamps was worn with the costume.

When Spanish stamps are punched they have been used as telegraph stamps, not postage.

A Philatelic Gold Brick

By Verna Weston Hartway

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As they entered the drawing room an old man with a magnificent head, well known to the world, was reading a paper on the first issue of Jhalwar. Of one stamp he declared he had found 162 varieties of surcharge, perforation, color etc.

After this a woman arose and for three quarters of an hour talked upon the superiority of mint unused over cancelled stamps. Speeches followed in rapid succession for two hours.

Mr. Jack then introduced the stranger who had given her name as Mrs. Rosa Hamiin, delicately intimating to Mr. Jack's satisfaction that she was a widow.

Collections and rarities were shown which time our beautiful widow used to advantage by showing a truly magnificent collection with rarities that made many a wealthy collector inclined to disobey the tenth commandment.

None but stamp collectors could appreciate the feeling that fell upon the circle that evening. For there was a pair of triangular Cape of Good Hoopes, errors mind you, and valued at \$3000. A block of four of the ld "post Office," Mauritius—think of it—a block! Many a collector present would have been proud to have owned one copy.

Amidst a dead silence the guests examined this wonderful collection. "I wonder you are not afraid to keep such a collection near you," said a prominent financier whose collection while great was as nothing compared to this. "Oh, indeed!," said the fascinating philatelist, "they protect themselves by their value."

"Would you sell?" queried a collector looking at the collection, with hungry eyes. "Sell!" smilingly, "That collection is my chief pleasure. No, I would not sell." "I do not mean the collection—some of the rarities. that block?" was gasped. "No". "Twenty-five thousand?" Mrs. Rosa looked her amazement. "Thirty?" She still exhibited astonishment. "Forty?" "I am afraid," she said smiling slightly, "you are not considering the wonderful condition of that block and its rarity. I am sorry I can not accept you offer, although it is very tempting," with quiet sarcasm. "Fifty?" "Are you in earnest?" "Earnest? Gad! I think it is obvious that I am in deadly earnest." That some conflict was taking place in the lady's mind was evident. Whatever it was, it was rudely interrupted by Mr. Jack's hoarsely whispered, "Dont! sell to me." "No I do not care to sell," was the answer sweetly given to the bidder, and to all bids made she remained quietly obdurate.

At last the crowd began to thin. All were assured that they had spent the most pleasant evening since the time that the great T—. had been present. Mrs. Rosa was among the last to leave, promising her circle of admirers that she would positively be present at the next meeting.

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Oregon Pipe Coral from Indian Ocean. Taken by Dr. Snyder of Ohio.

Scarce Broken Bank Bills. See Article in next Number.

E. K. Bryan, Dallas, Texas. President of Union Souvenir Card Exchange. See write up in last Number.



H. S. Bradford, High Point, North Carolina.

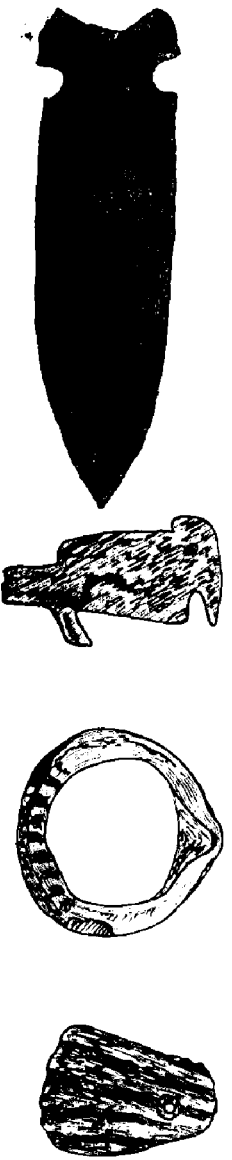




Ralph P. Platt, Souvenir Card Dealer of Roxbury, Mass.

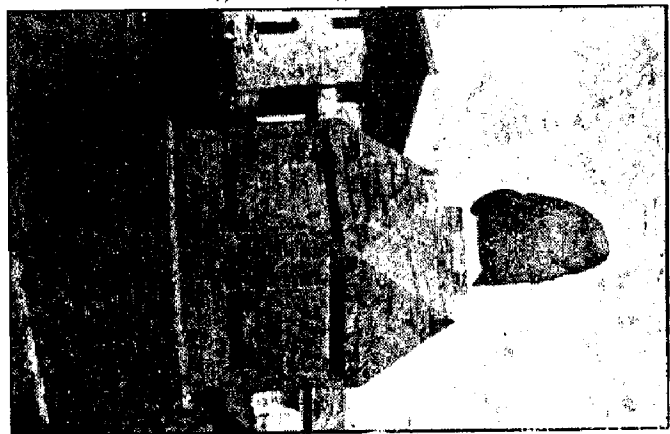


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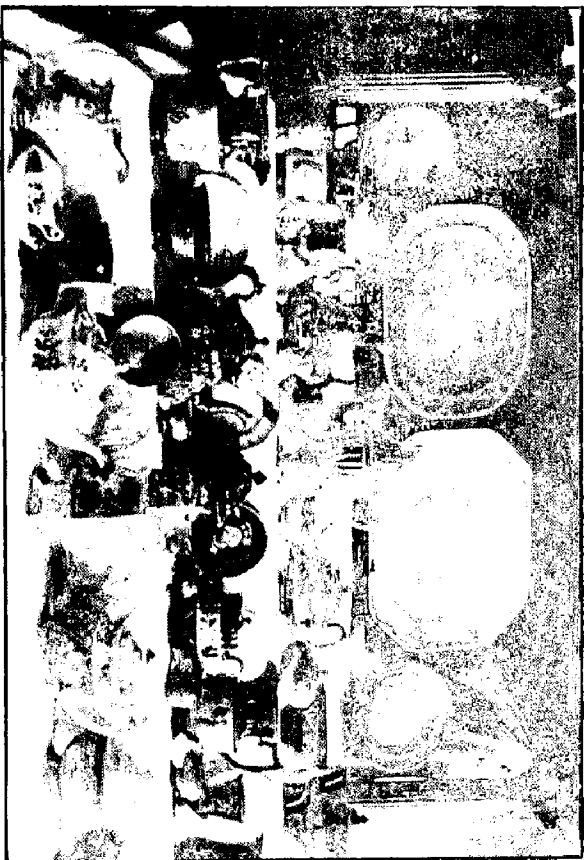
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E. J. Dietrick, Perkinstown, Wis.



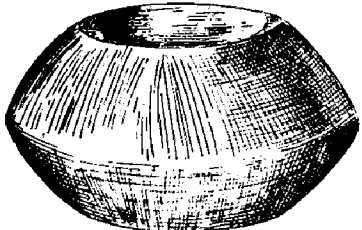
Collection of Mrs. Geo. Baum, Patterson, N. J.
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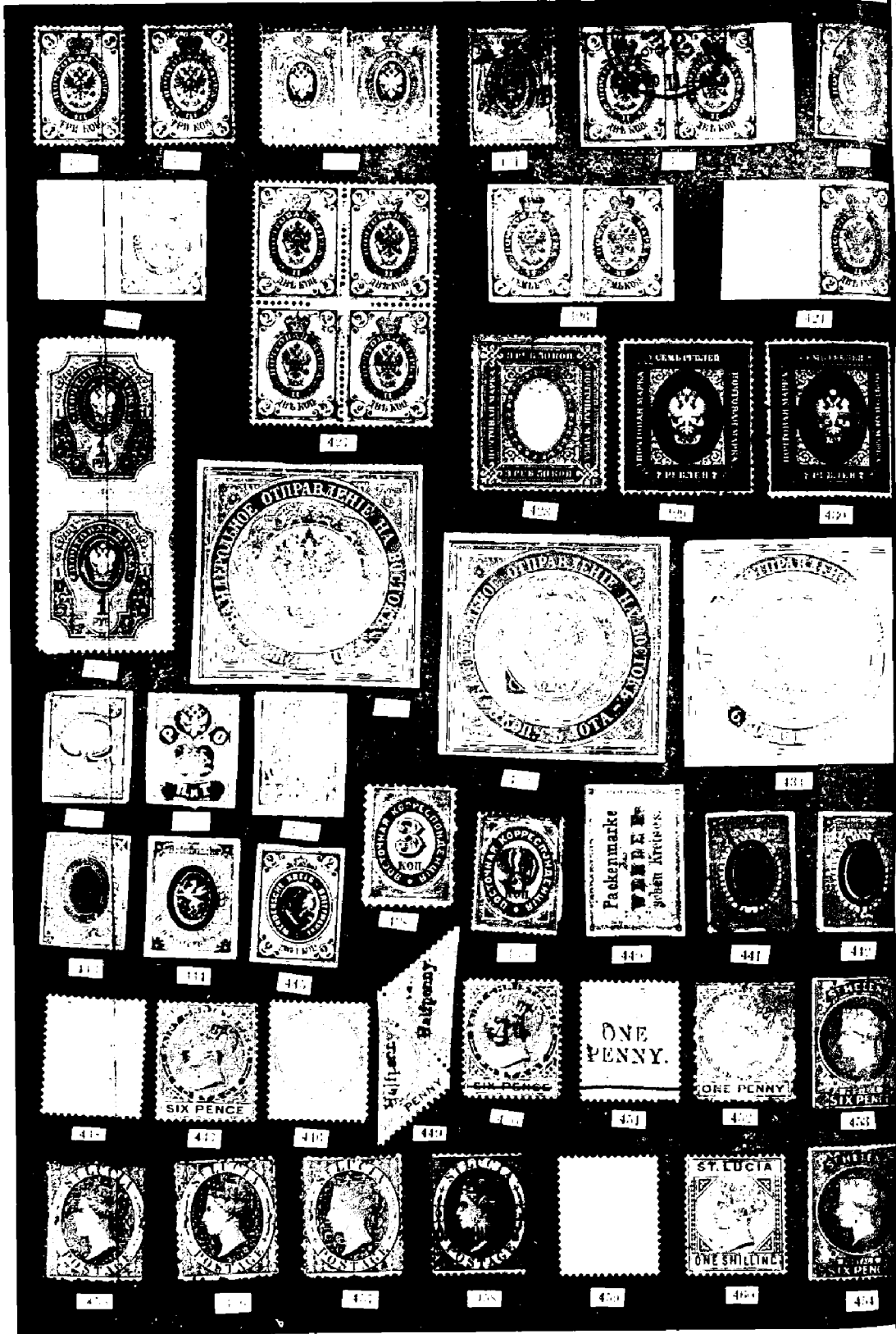


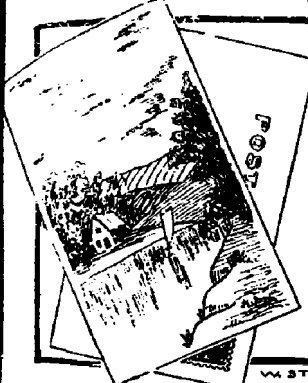
Switzerland Post Cards, taken by H. J. Funk of Chicago, Ill.



Prehistoric Relics.







WOMAN-COLLECTORS' DEPARTMENT



W. STALEY.

BY VERNA WESTON HANWAY.

A Corner With the Biblio-maniac

Books should to one of these four ends conduce
For wisdom, piety, delight or use.

—Denham.

Another book treasure has left the hands of the English, to their great chagrin. One of the twelve existing copies of the Fust and Schaeffer Latin Psalter, was recently sold for \$20,000, at Sutterlys', one of the highest prices ever paid for a printed book. This is the second psalter from the press of the inventors of printing, and the third or fourth printed book with a date. Only twenty copies were printed and as I remarked, only twelve copies are known to exist.

There were only two buyers at the bidding, Mr. Baer, of Joseph Baer & Co., booksellers of Frankfort-on-Main, and Mr. Quaritch, the famous English collector. The latter, in spite of the entreaties to "keep set in this country," would not go beyond \$20,000, for which sum it was knocked down. It is recorded that Louis XVIII bought a copy of the same work for 12000 fr.

The famous psalter was printed by order of the Carthusian Monastery of St. James near Mainz, Germany. The present copy was discovered in the library of Count William Van Westerholdt-Gysenberg, in Frienthun, where it found its way after the close of the monastery in 1781. It passed later into the hands of an English collector, then to the Stone Park Library.

The psalter is printed upon 136 leaves of vellum. It is in large Gothic Characters, with ruleric and musical notations. The volume is bound in contemporary monastic binding, in pigskin, with oaken boards and metal clasps. Mr. Quaritch paid \$7,800, at the same sale for the family bible of Robert Burns.

J. P. Morgan, it is said, has paid 5000 roubles for a copy of a most sumptuous edition of the Koran.

The work is one of the triumphs of Oriental book making, being an exact imitation of the famous Kuyschichesk Koran published by the Kalif Osman, who required twelve years to complete the work. Besides Mr. Morgan, the Sultan, the Shah of Persia, the Emir of Bochara, the Chan of Khise, the Khedive and other Moslem Kings and emperors will receive one of "the preferred editions." There are twenty-five common editions.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

The will of the late Hon. George U. S. Hovey, of White Church, which was recently filed in the propate court of Wyandotte county, was written on a piece of brown wrapping paper and with a lead pencil. Among other things this document specified that the writers' private collection of prehistoric Indian relics should be given to some college, or museum to be selected by his executors. Mr. Hovey was one of the best known authorities on archaeology in Kansas, and he had gathered a valuable collection of prehistoric stone implements, mostly from his own locality, although he had taken exploring trips, principally for study, in various parts of the country. He had a novel vehicle, a sort of house on wheels, and a team of ponies with which he traveled about. He named this vehicle "Yacht Gypsie." Mr. Hovey was a regular correspondent of several historical and scientific societies, and wrote many interesting and valuable papers on western archaeology and history. He was a prominent man in his county, having held a number of public offices, and was postmaster at White Church at the time of his death. He was a life member of the Quivira Historical Society.

Another Kansas man who rendered valuable aid in the promotion of Kansas archaeological and historical study was Capt. Robert Henderson who died recently at Junction City. When the late Hon. J. V. Brower, of St. Paul, Minn., discovered the site of the ancient Indian provinces of Quivira and Harahy, visited by Coronado in 1541, and organized the Quivira Historical Society, Capt Henderson at once became prominently identified with the organization and caused the erection of several beautiful and costly monuments to perpetuate Mr. Brower's discoveries in Kansas. Capt. Henderson's home was right in the midst of the famous old Indian settlements, and his enthusiastic and untiring labors were due to a large extent, the important archaeological developments made in that region.

H. W. Stearns, a well known druggist at Altamont, Kans., has a valuable collection of Indian relics from all parts of the United States, which he has been many years in gathering. A goodly portion of his collection he has picked up along the Neosho river, in Labette county. In a letter he says: "About four miles north of Oswego, overlooking the Neosho river, there are two high bluffs known as the 'Twin Bluffs.' They rise above the river about 100 feet. On the top of the bluffs there is every indication that an Indian village, or at least a camping ground for some wandering tribe, was located there. Mussel shells in great quantities are to be found on the two hills. The decayed vegetation of countless years has not been sufficient to cover them completely up. The mussel was a favorite article of diet with some tribes. Mortars which were used for grinding food, stone clubs and axes, arrow heads and pipes have been picked up on these hills." The place described by Mr. Stearns is probably the site of one of the old villages of the Osage Indians, who formerly lived along the Neosho.

If any of the readers of the WEST have any new or second hand books in early history, travel, exploration and Indians in Kansas and adjacent territory, that they would like to exchange, I would be pleased to have them correspond with me at Potter, Kan.

Valued Indian Relics

By C. Hope, A S of C C 528

Dr. C. A. Peterson, President of the Missouri Historical society, has just received from Wisconsin a mammoth ceremonial axe, which he regards as an archaeological treasure. Mr. Peterson, who has devoted much time to the study of archaeology, thinks that this is the largest axe of the kind ever found. It is loaned to the society by George M. Huss, of Birchwood, Wis., who removed it a few years ago from the top of a ridge about 200 feet high, on the edge of the Chippewa Indian reservation in Northern Wisconsin. The stone was a shrine for the Courte Oreilles, or Short Ears, a branch of the Chippewas, and a well known path led up to it.

The legend regarding the axe is, that in the dim past, when the tribe assembled for war dances and to offer prayers to the Great Spirit, Manitou, himself appeared among them, gave advice to the warriors and left the axe as a memento of his visit.

The axe is of granite, weighs about 300 pounds, is 28 inches long, 14 inches wide and 11 1-2 inches thick. It is the shape of an ordinary tomahawk. with a deep groove around it, apparently for the handle, a few inches from the top, and is believed to be hundreds of years old. It will be in the possession of the Missouri Historical society for several months.

The State Historical Department of Iowa, by its curator, Charles Aldrich, received some time ago, a large axe weighing $31\frac{1}{4}$ pounds, which was then supposed to be undoubtedly one of the largest stone axes in existence, but compared to the one previously mentioned, would seem small beside it, don't you think?

Recent Find on Custer Battlefield

By R. H. Bullis.

A short time ago three valuable and noted relics were found on the Custer battlefield, one being a large peace pipe, about two feet in length and very artistically decorated with various designs, and without question is of Indian manufacture.

Another is an old fashioned muzzle loading pistol, bearing the date of Dec. 27th, 1859. This gun is of American manufacture and is in good shooting condition yet.

The other relic is an old powder horn. eighteen inches in length with a buckskin strap on it, and still contains nearly ten ounces of black powder, which was in the powder horn when found and is perfectly dry and I believe it is as good as it ever was.

These relics are all in excellent condition for being exposed to the weather for so many years. They were brought to Kalispel, Mont., by the original finder and were disposed of to a second-hand dealer. And later the peace pipe was sold to a traveling man for \$20.00, and I made a trade for the other two relics and still have them in my large collection of war relics and prize them very highly.

The badge worn by Lord Mayor of London is studded with diamonds to the value of \$600,000.

Cigar Band Collecting

By F. J. Van Outeren

My hobby is collecting of cigar bands, of which I have a little over 300 different ones from all over the United States, Mexico, Philippine Islands, etc. Having been on the road a great deal from 1898 to 1901, just at the time when the cigar band craze started, and everybody was collecting, not only for himself, but for his wife, daughters and cousins I commenced picking up these outcasts from nicotine fiends, and soon commenced to join the majority, who had the real, contagious cigar band fever. As a rule fever is a malady which does not last long, so with the cigar band craze, almost everybody gave it up soon, at least for a while. I soon realized, when I had several hundred bands together, that this hobby was nearly as fascinating and interesting as the collecting of postal stamps, of which I had quite a nice collection when at school, and a great deal less expensive! I kept on collecting, and now that my collection is assuming fair proportions, I am getting more interested in it every day, the more as I can state with pleasure that the hobby for cigar bands is booming up again lately, especially by those who, like the undersigned, kept on increasing their collections.

Therefore these few lines, in order to call the special attention of all cigar band collectors to my address, to enable us to exchange our duplicates, for the present the best and only way to get a better collection, because the time has not yet come, that these bands are listed and sold for cash, the same as postal stamps.

And yet I foresee that this will be done before long: every once in a while I notice advertisements in which, as the latest novelty, cigar bands are offered for sale for decorating purposes and in the near future dealers curios will come to the conclusion that there is as much money in the sale of cigar bands as any other article, for which they find a ready market for collectors and hobbyists.

The practice to place a band round the cigars is by no means as old as the custom to sell postage stamps for mailing purposes, and still I have already hundreds of bands in my collection which are entirely out of the market.

To a certain extent it is true what one of my friends—who used to collect bands—remarked the other day, that there is such a great variety of new bands issued daily, that the most enthusiastic collector never can get them all. But who in the world has a complete collection of anything he is interested in? Not even one museum can boast of the fact of having a collection in which not a great many specimens are missing.

Perhaps it will interest other collectors to know how I have arranged my collection, in order to find out in the least possible time if a band is new or already in my possession.

In the first place I purchased about 200 sheets of plain white paper 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, which a printer ruled for me as follows: one line lengthwise in the middle of the sheet, and 8 cross lines, about 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch apart. Each sheet is thereby divided in 18 equal oblong spaces, each of which can hold one band. After the sheets were bound together in book form, I commenced pasting the bands in chapters alike. The first one contains all the presidents

American flags, national seals, etc., followed by foreign countries as England, Germany, Holland, Mexico, etc. Navy and army following suit. Then the heads of statesmen, artists, comedians appear, followed by the weaker sex. Next in line are all the band on which the words Flor fina, Havana, Manila, Cuba are printed. The next pages are devoted to animals bouquets. non plus ultras and the like. The balance of the collection is arranged in alphabetical order.

If the other cigar band collectors will let me hear from them in the next issues of this more and more interesting monthly, it will certainly be of great benefit to this class of collectors.

Insect Collections

By L. R. Reynolds

I believe that there is no hobby from which greater pleasure can be obtained or more be learned than in the collection and study of insects.

Butterflies and moths are sought after by a large number of collectors on account of their general large size and beauty but they are much harder to preserve and care for than some other orders.

Beetles are hard bodied insects and most varieties can be easily collected in vials of alcohol and afterwards pinned. Beetles are found in every conceivable location, running on sandy beaches, feeding on dead animals, on flowers, under stones and the bark of trees.

Locusts and grasshoppers are exceedingly interesting and are found in a fully matured state in the late summer and early autumn.

The expense of starting a collection of insects is very slight, and there is as large a demand for specimens as in any other branch of collecting.

The habits of insects are as varied and as interesting as those of birds and animals, and an enthusiastic student of insects will be able to add a great deal to scientific knowledge.

If the readers of the WEST show an interest in this work, the writer will be pleased to contribute a series of articles on the collecting of insects and their study. I shall also be glad to aid collectors in any way toward identifying their specimens and preserving them.

History of Totem Poles—U. S. Smithsonian reports say: Only 5 tribes of Indians carve and venerate totems. They dwell on the S. E. coast of S. C. and Alaska. Sighted first day out of Seattle. Totemism antedates ancient Egyptian religion, embodies forms of Deity, Demon, Myths, Legend, and Witchcraft. A religion sacred to them. Kassan village has 200 Totem poles, some immense trees standing for centuries that are hollowed to hold ashes of celebrated chiefs, covered with grotesque figures of animals, fish, birds, human; gaudily painted and moss covered. Family Klan Totem is in transmitted by inheritance. In marriage the wife's totem is added, be it whale, bear, frog, raven or wolf. Tote, means to carry; so the mystic spirits prompted Seattleites to tote off the best cedar pole in the bunch from Tongas Island, where it stood 104 years, and plant it in Pioneer square, Seattle, (paying the bill later at Sitka.)

The Souvenir Postal Card Craze of Today

By H. Boers

While collecting of souvenir postal cards dates back nearly a score of years, and in this time it has been pursued by all classes abroad, this craze has just about struck this country. It is only a year ago or so that collecting has taken a hold of the American people and it can be easily said, they fell into the idea well, today it has developed to an enormous rate, Postal Cards. Postal Cards, wherever you go all one sees is cards. The book store, bazaar, jewelry, tobacco, optical, news stands, tobacco stores all sell cards, and the sales of these run into the thousands.

There are cards of all kinds, but the comic card has about seen its best days and it will not be long before these will be a thing of the past. Of course there are some will always sell, but the publishers got too strong, and were not alone satisfied with regular run of cards, but got into more or less subscene. It did not take Uncle Sam long to get after them and made them destroy all objectionable cards. No doubt there were many who saw the cards "Why in the devil dont' you write" or who in h—l sent his, or I had a h—l of a time at —, and many others of the same nature that never reached their destination, simply because the Postal Authority wouldn't stand for it, and many friends are wondering why they never reached, say nothing about "Please help the blind." and "its a shame to take the money," "The early bird", all which helped to kill the comics.

While this class of cards don't go here, Europe thinks nothing of them, even going farther, but many a card that's sent from abroad, reaches New York and no further, the waste for you. Now, I am not condemning cards, as I must admit it's a pleasant pursuit to many, furthermore, it's educational, teaching many things that are for the benefit of old and young.

The great outlet of souvenir postals is amongst the traveling public who always send or at 'at least' have-to send postals from various points they reach: these cards are sought for and prized highly, and adorn many an album. Some collectors that I know of have thousands arranged in countries to suit, and I must say many a pleasant time is spent studying these cards of local interest.

Such cards as statuary, paintings, theatrical folks, religious names, anniversary, prominent people will last for years to come; they are considered the highest type of art, and appreciated by many, says the New York Tribune. The total number of picture postal cards which pass through the New York post office one week was about 20,000 of these half were from abroad. Often one steamer will bring in 50,000 to 60,000. In one bag which came in the other day on a European steamer there were 15,000 cards from Switzerland, alone. At present time five times as many postal cards are sent through there as a year ago."

So it goes to show that we are getting our share. No doubt there are many that came from exchanges appearing in various publication announcing exchanging desired with collectors from foreign countries. A help certainly to those who seek for a collection of cards from foreign countries.

Recently some of the makers and importers of postal cards got out a petition to the Postmaster General for a modification of postal regulation

which will permit the use of the left hand partition of the address side of private mailing cards for correspondence.

While this article may be of a lengthy nature yet I do believe it will interest many of the collectors, that belong to societies and readers of the WEST.

I must congratulate the WEST on its stand on collecting cards; the publisher certainly deserves credit for his untiring efforts to make souvenir collecting a success.

The Standing Rock Legend

By E. R. Steinbrueck

As Told by the Sioux.—The "Standing Rock" stood once on the open prairie about three miles north of its present position at the Agency quarters. A picture shows the Rock on a pedestal, brought there and erected by Mayor McLaughlin, Indian agent, several years ago. It shows the office building of the Agency in the background. The Rock itself is about three feet high and the following legend is attached to it.

A Ree squaw (as the Arikara and Mandan indiscriminately are called by the Sioux) was slighted by her beloved husband, a young Sioux warrior, who preferred another woman of his own tribe, after the honeymoons were over. At removal of camp, the Sioux having no stationary villages as the Arikara or Mandans, but living in movable tipis (tepees) of buffalo hides tanned soft and painted gayly, the young squaw, being neglected again, refused to go with the crowd and stayed behind weeping, her baby tied to her back, wrapped up in a blanket. Her husband left with his people unaware of her staying behind. Later, when the tipis were to be pitched the young squaw was missed and the husband sent two young bucks to look for her and fetch her. They saw her from a distance sitting at the former camping place, but how great was their dismay when they found her turned to stone. They returned to the camp weeping and wailing and told the sad story so miraculous. Then the whole village went to fetch her and they erected a tipi over her, to leave her there. The tipi is gone but the petrified squaw has stood on her place of rest for many, many years and the spot was always a place of reverence and devotion, because it was "medicine." Now nobody cares. See illustration in this number.

Post Card Review—Conducted by Madeline Keller. Dealers are kindly requested to submit anything in Souvenir View cards, or anything referring to such and books as well as postal papers which will receive an impartial review by Madeline Keller. Let us see your latest productions. It will help us as well as yourself, and be of interest to the various Exchange Clubs. All cards etc., must reach us by the forepart of the month and no later than middle of month for each issue. Remember that we are "there", when it comes to helping you, so send your cards to Madeline Keller, Juneau, Wis., R. No. 1, Bx 18, U. S. A.

In the library of the British museum there are over thirty-five miles of shelves filled with books.

Chinese, Japanese and Korean Coins

Some of the collectors of Eastern coins have fine specimens of the silver currency of China. Those issued between 1821 and 1851 are of seal characters, and have upon them the legend: "The silver cake of the standard of purity." The majority of these pieces were cast in the time of Tao Kuang. Another curious coin weighing one tael in silver is inscribed: "One liang of silver, true weight by the ordinary balance." These were coined under the inspection of Chu Yuan-yu. They were designed and cast by the silversmith Wan Ch'uan, and bear the mark A. D. 1856.

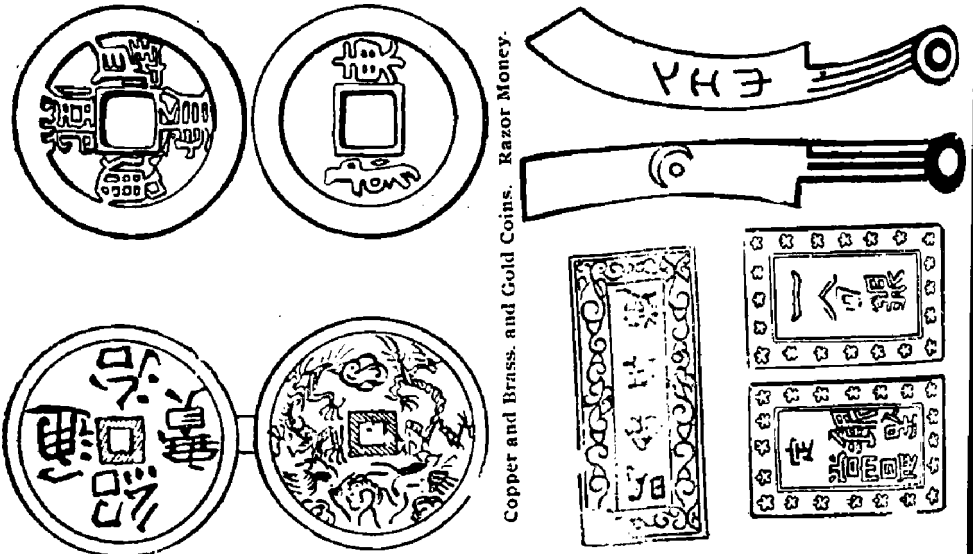
The most interesting of the Chinese coins are those of the small rival dynasties, and those struck by rebel chieftains. Their study often throws light upon the different phases of the internal politics of the Empire.

There are copper Japanese coins with plain reverses, struck about A. D. 708, bearing great similarity to coins of Chinese origin, and also curious copper coins similar to the one illustrated in, which was coined in the sixth year of the Teau Pe, 185. Some of the circular Japanese coins have radiating lines from the square hole in the center, which are technically described as eleven wavy lines. These pieces bear the symbol denoting the "Everlasting currency of Bum Kiu."

Korean coins are really very similar to Chinese and a collection of them looks much the same as the ordinary types of Chinese, but they have generally a slightly broader marginal flange.

Many pieces were struck in China and Japan at different periods which were worn as charms, and are generally defined as "amulets." These bear the names of different sacred horses, those most frequently met with being Yum Chung, Yu Shib, Nich Jing. Again some of these pieces are large, and have dragons represented upon them, and others are ornamented with loops, from which they were evidently suspended.

Some collectors of coins also collect Chinese bank notes. These are not only interesting in themselves, but afford the student an opportunity of examining their ornamental borders, which are excellent examples of the fitness of Chinese block cutting.



Suggestions for the Storage and Display of Picture Post Cards

By Narcissus

The collection of Souvenir Cards has grown quite phenomenally, and it is scarcely possible to find a community without some collectors, or postoffice however remote that does not have a good many cards pass through its officers' hands. It is such a pleasant hobby, and so easy and inexpensive to follow up that many are adopting it to whom other hobbies are forbidden pleasures because of their expense. It has certainly come to stay, and has opened up quite a large industry, and brings in an increased revenue to our P. O. department.

How to use and display their treasure to the best advantage, has no doubt often been a question with most collectors. Albums are nice and handy but are expensive when one's collection gets any size. A good and cheap way is to keep them in a cabinet, which may be a home made affair and need not cost much, and may be as plain or elaborate as the taste and ability of the maker chooses to fashion it. It may be a simple box with a hinged cover made of thin wood, say 12 in. long 6 in. wide and 4 in. deep, which would hold about 50 cards; or it might be made 6 in. deep and 8 in. wide which would take double the quantity standing on end. The front may be made with a hinge to drop down so as to get at the cards more easily. It may be covered with plush or other material, or painted or decorated in burnt work according to taste.

An easy and pretty way to display the cards on the walls of a room or den would be to punch 4 holes in each card, one at each corner, with a shoemaker's eyelet punch, and then thread through the holes fancy narrow ribbon and tie in a bow top and bottom. Or tack strong ribbon to the wall in the form of a triangle or any other design preferred, and stick the cards in the ribbon to suit the taste.

Note:—Cigar Band collecting has become quite a fad in Chicago. The cigar bands are made into beautiful designs and pasted on a glass plate and covered with felt, making a beautiful ornament. As I am also a stamp collector I thought it would be a good idea to all stamp collectors to make a design out of stamps and put it on a glass plate which would make it very beautiful. I have a plate made up of U. S. Stamps in a design giving the history of U. S., it includes all the different issues etc. If every stamp collector does this he will make a nice ornament for his room.

POST CARD RHYME.

A long life and a merry one,
A quick death and a happy one,
A good girl and a pretty one,
A Souvenir Card, and many a one.

—Mutual.

Notes for Mineral Collectors

By Gilbert Gunderson

Turquoise—Is one of the precious stones, a mineral, found mostly in Persia. It is a phosphate of alumina colored by copper. It is hard and of a greenish blue color, the finest blue being the most valuable. It is used in the east for ornamenting swords and charms and girdles, and is thought to protect its owner against disease. The finest specimens of turquoise are supposed to belong to the Shah of Persia, as only the inferior varieties are allowed to be sent out of the kingdom.

Amethyst—Is a purple variety of rock crystal or quartz. Its name comes from the Greek, meaning to prevent intoxication, and was given it because of the idea held by the ancients that liquor drank from the cup made of Amethyst would not intoxicate. It is found in Brazil, Ceylon, India, and many other places, and is much worn in the form of rings, seals, etc. The oriental Amethyst is a variety of the sapphire.

Garnet—Is the name of a group of minerals which are found distributed in crystals through many crystalline rocks. The commonest form are crystals of twelve or twenty-four sides, and the commonest color is some shade of red, but brown, yellow, green and black varieties are known. All garnets contain much silica, in fact they are silicates; the other constituents vary, and they are divided into a number of groups, according to what they contain. Among the best known kinds are alumina-lime garnets, alumina-iron garnets, time iron garnets, and etc. They also have popular names, as cinnamen stone, oriental garnet, common garnet. The garnets of commerce are brought from Bohemia, Ceylon, Peru and Brazil, and the most esteemed kinds are commonly called Syrian garnets. The stones vary in size from the smallest that can be worked to the size of a hazelnut. Larger ones usually have flaws or impurities.

Valuable Collection of Portraits Destroyed

By C. E. Beaufre

On the night of January 9th, a most disastrous fire occurred in De Kalb, Ill., destroying many buildings and much other valuable property. But what is of most interest to the readers of the WEST is that Mr. H. W. Fay Jr., editor of the Review besides having the printing establishment burned, lost his valuable collection of portraits. There is no doubt but that this collection was the most valuable one in the United States, and probably in the world. It consisted of over 60 thousand varieties and embraced all the notable people from all parts of the world, and had in it some of the very best portraits of our martyred president, Abraham Lincoln. Of late years Mr. Fay has furnished many papers and magazines with these portraits from which he has received quite a revenue. Mr. Fay succeeded in saving a few of the Lincoln portraits the balance being a total loss. In trying to save this valuable collection Mr. Fay very badly injured one of his legs, and says that he would willingly have lost both legs could he have saved his collection which has taken years of patient research to get together. Mr. Fay had also

a valuable collection of Indian stone and mineral relics; also a large collection of different kinds of bird nests—all a total loss. We collectors of stamps know how to sympathize with Mr. Fay, for there is nothing more to the heart than something we have studied year in and year out, and know that it is an impossibility to get together again. Although Mr. Fay's other losses run into the thousands of dollars it is nothing in comparison to the loss of his collection.



The 6th regular meeting of the above named society was held in their rooms, 1122 Masonic Temple, on Friday evening, March 2nd, with Vice President E. C. Verkler, presiding.

The following gentlemen were elected to membership: Lester L. Falk, Dr. F. B. Merrill, S. D. Kiger, J. F. Trobridge, Geo. B. Vail and Dr. B. P. Wright.

On motion the Executive Committee was authorized to issue a membership medal during the year, one of which is to be supplied to each member, whether corresponding or active. Mr. Larson read a paper on the history and coinage of Sweden from the years 1800 to 1805 inclusive, and exhibited specimens of the coinage of those years. Mr. Green read a paper on the history and coinage of Canada covering the same period.

Books received since last meeting were *Munzgeschichte der Schweiz* Coaggioni: *Biographical Dictionary of Medalists* by Forrer, vols. I and II: *Monnaies de la Republique Romaine* by Babelon, 2 vols: and *Coins of Ancient Sicily* by G. F. Hill. Pamphlets received were *Catalog of American Store Cards* and *On the Utility of a Cabinet of Historical Coins* by Conparrette. Magazines received were the *Numismatist* and *Spink's Numismatic Circular* for Feb: *Philatelic West* for January, and the *Elder Monthly* for March. Auction catalogs were received from Low, Adams, St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co, Green and Otto Hess, Nachfolger (Munich), two sales

Some interesting exhibits were made, and some lively discussion developed.

Adjourned to meet April 6, 1906.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

A basket recently changed hands in California which took the squaw who made it three years to complete. It was in the form of a fancy work basket, entirely covered with the down of woodpeckers' scalps, among which were a number of hanging loops of strung beads, and around the rim an upright row of little black quails' plumes. Altogether there were eighty plumes, which required the sacrifice of as many quails, and at least 150 woodpeckers had been robbed to furnish the beautiful scarlet nap of the outside. It was originally purchased from the squaw who designed it for \$25, yet it was sold not very long ago for \$1,625.

A rare old coin was turned out by the plow on the farm of Elmore T. Ide at St. Johnsbury, Vt. The find was made on the exact site of the first frame house built in St. Johnsbury. On one side of the piece is the figure of Liberty with the words "Inde et Lib." On the other side is the head of Washington, and the words "Auctors Connec" and Authority of Congress." The date, 1788 is on the "Liberty" side of the piece.

The Collecting of Woods

By Oswald A. Bauer

One of the most interesting of the branches of collecting and one valuable as well from the point of view of knowledge is the collecting of woods. In view of the yearly increasing interest in forestry as well as the possibilities it affords from the point of view of the hobbyist it is a wonder that there are not more collectors interested in the subject. This is in all probability largely due to unfamiliarity with the woods themselves, and the inelegant appearance which a collection presents as it is arranged ordinarily by most collectors. I find that most collectors in securing specimens take little blocks of the kind of wood desired, in many cases sawed from a board, and labeling this consider that they have a specimen. This is neither scientific nor is it correct. How many, if they were walking through the forest would recognize their specimens from the trees growing there or vice versa. Such a method of collecting may do very well for the primary department of a school but for the purpose of making a collection that is really worth anything it is valueless.

In the first place one of the most important parts of a tree is its bark. It is by means of its bark and leaves that we recognize the different trees as they stand in the forest. In making a collection therefore the primary thing is to secure a piece that shows the bark, without this the specimen is not worth anything. For the cabinet of an ordinary collector where economy of space is desired, the following method of making a collection will be found to be the best. Take a small hand saw and a bag of ample proportions and armed with these start out into the woods where you intend securing your specimens. Select a sapling of the kind of wood desired and about two inches in diameter and from the trunk of this saw out a section about five inches long and put it into your bag. This method can be pursued with other specimens until you have all you can carry. Wherever it is possible secure a sapling that is dead but only in case you can get one in which the bark is intact and which clearly shows the grain and is not worm eaten or rotted. Upon returning from your trip take the specimens you have secured and saw them in lengths of exactly three inches being careful to get both ends of the piece perfectly square. Next measure the diameter of your specimen and about one half inch from the bark toward the center make a mark with a pencil. Now taking the opposite end of the specimen measure up one inch on the outside of the bark and make a similar mark. Take a sharp saw and saw diagonally from one mark to the other, a vice being used to hold the specimen. When this is done you will find you have removed a piece triangular in shape and about $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ leaving a face about $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches long on the original specimen. Plane off this face just enough to remove the rough saw cut and bring out the grain of the wood. Be very careful in all these operations not to injure the remaining bark on the specimens.

If your specimen is dry and the sap is all out you may proceed to finish it at once. If not then lay it aside till it is dry and be careful to lay it where it will dry slowly otherwise it will crack and spoil the specimen. The length of time it requires to dry varies but ordinarily one month is sufficient. When dry apply a mixture of varnish and white shellac over all of the sawed

parts including the face. This will preserve it as well as bring out the grain. With the addition of the label the specimen is now complete. It is never advisable to coat the bark, leave that in its natural state. In labeling give both common and scientific name if known as well as locality where found and general habitat, as for example:

Hemlock Spruce

(*Abies Canadensis*)

Locality: New Hempstead

Habitat: United States.

Ordinarily there are from forty to fifty different woods within easy reach of the collector and when these are all arranged uniformly as described you will find your collection is well worth looking at. Beside this when you have secured specimens of all the wild trees in your vicinity the domestic trees such as the apple, peach, pear, etc., may be added and of which there is a large variety. You will further observe that by thus arranging your specimens they show every part of the tree worth noting but the leaf. Not alone is a collection of this kind valuable in itself but the knowledge gained from collecting as well as the healthful exercise taken in hunting for specimens place it above the grade of a mere pastime.

THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

The twelfth century knew, or thought it knew much more than the twentieth century claims to know about the thirty pieces of silver paid to Judas. Mr. G. F. Hill, of the British Museum, has recently explained to the Society of Antiquaries some mediaeval notions on the subject. Godfrey of Viterbo appears to have introduced the legend into the literature of the West. According to him the coins were really of gold, and were made by Terah, and his son Abraham bought land with them. The Ishmaelites used them in the purchase of Joseph; they came into the hands of Pharaoh, and of the Queen of Sheba, who gave them to Solomon. Nebuchadnezzar carried them off, and brought them to his Sabaeen allies. The Magi brought them to Christ, and the Virgin lost them in the Egyptian desert. An Armenian astrologer got possession of them and returned them to Christ, at whose behest they were put in the Temple, thus becoming available for the payment of Judas. The legend given in Solomon of Basara's "Book of the Bee" (thirteenth century) connects the story with Abgarus, and both associate the coins with the "vesture without seam." In the fourteenth century Ludolph of Suchem and John of Hildesheim gave wide currency to the story in somewhat different forms. Another version is represented by two fifteenth century MSS. in the British Museum. Many coins professing to come from the thirty pieces of silver were or are preserved in various sanctuaries. Of the ten or eleven of which the nature is known eight are Rhodian coins of the fourth century B. C. (e. g. those at S. Croce di Gerusalemme and at Enghien, and one formerly at Malta). The reason for the preponderance of the Rhodian coins lies in the fact that the Malta relic was previously in the Castle at Rhodes, and was seen by every pilgrim who passed that way to the Holy Land. Similar Rhodian coins, being common then as now, would thus easily be regarded as belonging to the thirty pieces.

Signatures of Royalty

By G. Gunderson

The state of Iowa is rich in relics, and while the state's historical building at the capitol is filled with precious manuscripts and relics there are many collections owned by individuals which are priceless.

One Iowa man possesses a magnificent collection of manuscripts, signatures, verses, broadsides, letters, notes and commissions which are valuable, and which contain hundreds of the sign manuals of the great ones on earth past and present.

Perhaps one of the most interesting features of the Iowa man's collection is the group of signatures of royalty. The signatures include the autographs of George II., George III., William IV., and good Queen Victoria. All are written upon parchment and are for the most part royal commissions which have upon them the seal of England and are dated as follows: George I., 1774, and this commission is also signed by George Compton of Ireland; George III., 1796, and is signed by the duke of Portland; George IV., 1814, and is signed by Lord Sidmouth; William IV., is signed at the court of St. James in 1837, and bears the signature of Lord Russell as prime minister. The signature of Queen Victoria was written in 1849, after the young queen had reigned but a few years. The signature of Victoria however, written a few weeks before she died, was written in exactly the same style.

Many other interesting letters in the collection are of great value, especially those pertaining to the literary age of Great Britain and the United States, and include poems in the handwriting of Holmes, Longfellow, Whittier, letters from Howell, Hawthorne and Saxe, letters and original manuscripts of many of the greatest writers in history. A pretty page in the hand writing of Eugene Field attracts attention.

The handwriting of Sir Frederick Leighton and George Francis Train are the hardest to decipher. Sir John Millais, W. P. Frith, Alma Tadema and Val Prinsep all wrote beautiful hands.

The collection of signatures and letters from theatrical folks is exceedingly interesting. The collection contains bits of the handwritings of almost every actor and actress of importance on the American and the English stage. Geronimo, Li Hung Chang, Bob Evans, Dewey and Bryan are all represented. The late Sir Henry Irving wrote a peculiar hand and Joe Jefferson undoubtedly wrote with a quill pen.

Roscoe Conkling's signature resembles some kind of a grappling hook, while Mark Twain, Henry M. Stanley, Cardinal Gibbons, Ex-President Cleveland, Cardinal Manning and Mr. Gladstone took pains when they wrote and the handwriting of all these celebrities is similar.

The autographs of Francis Wilson, Julia Matlowe and William H. Crane and Jeff De Angelis are works of art. The signatures of Maxine Elliott, Olga Nethersole, Mary Anderson, and Mrs. Langtry are curiosities in themselves, while "Buffalo" Bill, Oliver Optic, Melville D. Langdon and Henry Ward Beecher wrote artistic hands.

The collection is well worth the time of an intelligent person to peruse and the many interesting bits of information to be gained in looking over the collection are well worth the knowing. Lucky indeed, will be the institution which some day secures this valuable collection.

Feather Frames

Very uncommon looking frames for portraits may be made with the help of feathers, those of pheasants, ducks, turkeys, and other domestic birds being as suitable for the purpose as are any of those from the tropical fowls used for millinery. The foundation of the frame should be obtained by cutting some stout millboard to the necessary shape. The form of a partially opened fan is to be recommended as being less ordinary than a square or round shape. Some workers will like to use a palm leaf screen by way of a foundation, and this has the advantage of saving all trouble in the way of cutting.

The feathers have to be fastened down to the background with the help of Tenasitine or Seccotine. The outer edge should be arranged first, the feathers being chosen as nearly as possible of the same size and form. It is a good plan to set the frame aside to dry under a weight before putting on the next row of feathers. These have to be set alternately with those in the first row and again must be all alike, though they need not be all of the same shape. As many rows must be added as the foundation will take, care being taken to put the cement only on the stems and not to allow it to run over the plumes.

In the center a free space must be left to take the frame itself. This may best be provided by investing in one of the very inexpensive leatherette or thin metal frames that can be picked up for only a few pence apiece by making an expedition among the shops. The back should be taken away so as to make only the ornamental frame, the glass and a piece of flat card available for the back. The portrait should be put in and the whole thing firmly glued into the center of the feathery setting. It must be left under pressure till quite dry. The back of the cardboard can be made tidy by pasting a piece of Japanese paper over it. Any extra ornament that may be desired in the way of rosettes and bows of ribbon should next be stuck on. If the frame is to hang up, the necessary loop and ornamental bows can be added last of all. If a cardboard foundation is used, such a frame may be made any size according to the style of the portrait and the number of the available feathers.

Thibetan Curies for Public Musuems. Before their distribution to various museums in this country and in India, a large number of Thibetan curios, collected during the recent expedition of the government of India by Colonel Waddell, I. M. S., have been arranged at the Indian museum at Calcutta.

Buddhistic books, manuscripts, and pictures form the most important part of the collection, many of the manuscripts being beautifully written in gold characters on black leaves manufactured from the bark of a Himalayan shrub. The wooden covers of most of the books are carved to represent scenes from the life of Buddha. A commentary on the sacred writings extends to 225 volumes, and there are many manuals of worship. Some books on Thibetan vocal music show the method of musical notation employed by the Thibetans, a succession of short wavy lines which rise and fall to indicate the various modulations of the voice, the words of the songs being written under the music.

Hints to Buyers of Oriental Antiquities

By C. W. Anderson-Neary

Continued.

The above mummy wrappings when made of very fine linen (always on the remains of high class mummies (and mounted on cards make most interesting additions to any collection. They should be smoothed with a hot iron and mounted with thin paste and will keep indefinitely. There are also many pieces found from time to time so very extraordinary they can't be classed and must remain more or less unique.

With reference again to glass collecting it is well to remember that bits from the Greek period are perhaps the most artistic. Graceful figures, vases, &c. can often be found when diligently sought after, and this will often lead to lucky finds in Grecian bronze figures, marble heads, busts and torsos which would delight any artist. Sometimes glass figures of work are quite as iridescent as those of Egypt, while cameos and intaglios are also greatly sought after. Of the Roman epoch are left to us many treasures not so fine as the Grecian but of considerable interest, such as old bronzes and pottery. lamps which may be used on one's writing desk today when filled with oil and a wick inserted. Candle sticks of Roman-Egyptian and later periods also make decorations and useful additions to one's library, while Arabic vases, plates and bowls, Rhodian platters, beakers and old inlaid boxes can be used in furnishing a home with taste. For the best pieces a simple cabinet is most suitable when they are required to be covered. It is easy to advise "Only, but the little pieces," but it is hard for the amateur to resist some interesting small piece which he may select from a score offered for sale, and a true artist will often find as much delight in obtaining and treasuring up some small fragment which has taken his fancy as he may get from the possession of a large and important statue in perfect condition. It is always nice to have a few extra bits from the different places one visits to give to a friend, for these little souvenirs, tho' perhaps very inexpensive where they were purchased greatly increase in value when taken home. The true collector will always have an eye to the beautiful and will read his history well, a few dates are necessary and therefore in the next few paragraphs will be given the Egyptian dynasties and ages assigned to them by the most prominent Egyptologists and scholars: Archaic Period--1st Dynasty B. C. 5000-4750 years; 2nd Dynasty B. C. 4750-4450 years.

Memphite Empire--3rd Dynasty B. C. 4450-4240 years; 4th Dynasty B. C. 4240-3950 years; 5th Dynasty B. C. 3950-3700 years; 6th Dynasty B. C. 3700-3500 years; 7th Dynasty B. C. 3500-? years; 8th Dynasty B. C. 3500-3350; 9th Dynasty B. C. 3350-3300 years; 10th Dynasty 3200-3100 years.

First Theban Empire--11th Dynasty B. C. 3100-3050 years; 12th Dynasty B. C. 3050-2840 years; 13th Dynasty 2840-2400 years; 14th Dynasty B. C. 2400-2200 years; 15th Dynasty B. C. 2200-2000 years; 16th Dynasty 2000-1750 years; 17th Dynasty B. C. 1750-1600 years.

Second Theban Empire--18th Dynasty B. C. 1600-1368 years; 19th Dynasty B. C. 1368-1220 years; 20th Dynasty B. C. 1220-1080 years; 21st Dynasty 1080-950 years; 22nd Dynasty B. C. 950-800 years; 23d Dynasty B. C. 800-750 years.

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Souvenir Postal Cards

By Miss M. Keller

Continued from last month.

For 50 yards Lieutenant Menolti crawled along to comparative safety, clinging heroically to the ankle of his comrade, whose body dangled over the awful void. These and thousands of other hair standing occurrences may be narrated, happening yearly in these superb, but treacherous mountain passes so beautiful to behold. Yet thousands upon thousands risk their lives here again and again.

Pivot Rock is depicted on one card from Eureka Springs, Ark. The rock is said to be 18 inches high, resting on a pivot of only eighteen inches by twenty-four. The top is said to be hard, the pivot of a softer stone. It is a wonder of Mother Nature since the top of the rock measures some 31 feet in diameter.

A very interesting view shows a tree from the far off east coast of Africa in the rainless district of Zanzibar. The tree shows nature's law of compensation since the weary traveller finds an abundance of clear pure water from the dew on the large flat leaves which filters into the hollow stems.

From Rheinprovinz Hessen Nassau we have fine views from Darmstadt, the capital of the grand duchy of Hesse with pictures of its castles and the statue and column of Louis I, also various street scenes, etc. Next we arrive in Frankfurt on the Mains, which is beautifully situated on the beautiful bank of the Mainz. Here we see a cathedral lately restored from the 14th century. In this church the Emperors were crowned by the Elector of Mainz. Its pinnacled tower is 31 feet high. Next we see the Romer (Kaisersaal Wahlzimmer) together with monuments of Gutenberg and Goethe (who was born here), the Horn's Hotel, Pfdlzerhof, the old bridge, old tower and the zoological gardens are other views seen, as well as the famous Rothschild monument and museum and other views. From Brensbach (Odenwald) we see fine panorama views, the Odenwald being a famous picturesque scenery is noted for its many legends. It is about 40 miles long. Another view shows a war monument another shows its highest mountain point, the Katzenbuckel 12,050 feet. A fine set of cards seen depict 20 mountain peaks from the Alps all in fine colored views, and very fine.

There are temperance cranks in France as well as in other parts of the world, a fact which is shown by M. Cap. Martin, of Paris, who has had half a million picture post cards printed illustrating the evils of drunkenness. They have such titles as "The Drunkard's Doom," "Death in the Bottle," and "The Drink Fiend," and the author suggested they might be posted to confirmed drunkards. Two or three slander actions have already been started by people who have received the cards, and one recipient is being proceeded against for violently assaulting a sender.

There is a purchaser somewhere for every kind of collection that is offered for sale. In what other way can you get in touch with the man you want to reach so surely or so cheaply as through the columns of the WEST, at 1c a word? Three insertions for the price of two.

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President's Notice. In order to secure one hundred new members by July the dues have been decreased from \$2.00 per year to \$1.00 per year and from \$5.00 for three years to \$2.00 for three years. To all philatelists applying for membership during April, the club will give a Samoan stamp. Special prizes for April are: To the member inducing the largest number of local members to join, Mr. Geo. Clement will give a Dept. of Justice, brown 25 cde peseta, Spanish. The member having the largest number of corresponding members to his credit shall receive a 50c Columbian Exposition stamp.—Respectfully yours, Stephen Clement, President.

Secretary's Report. Since my last report the following applicants have been accepted: Elmer Peterson, Wallace Hosley. Since the last meeting of the Executive Committee I have received the applications for membership from Elmer Schneider, William Heughs, Barry Blumenthal, Alexander Kosloski and Charles Stubens

The Executive Committee have decided to hold the First Annual Convention at Saugatuck, Michigan during the month of July. The following officers are elective and I desire to receive all nominations by June: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Librarian, Curator, Supts. of Sales, Exchange and Auction Dept.—Respectfully yours, Geo. Wm. Clement, Secretary.

Librarian's Report. Since my last report I have received 20 copies of Philatelic magazines making a total of 25 copies. Members can expect Library Cards some time in April. The first Library Catalogue will be out in July.—Respectfully submitted, Emer Nasby, Librarian.

Curator's Report. Owing to the scarcity of Siam stamps the Siamese Exhibition was far from being satisfactory. Mr. Clement had the largest number on exhibition, which was 20 specimens. During April an exhibition of Japanese stamps will be held.—Respectfully, Kenneth Murphy, Curator.

Supt. Sales Department. I shall be in charge of the Exchange Dept. until next election. All stamps to be exchanged should be neatly arranged in a small album or book. These books which I have a large stock of can be procured for 5c each or 50c a dozen. Don't forget my 16th Auction takes place March 30th. Get your stamps ready for my 17th Auction April 20th.—Respectfully yours, George Clement, Supt. Sales Dept.

Priceless relics, including rich silverware, some of it handed down from the household of Louis XVI. of France: negotiable papers of considerable value and possibly other heirlooms whose loss has not been discovered, the whole amounting to many thousands of dollars, have mysteriously disappeared from the home of Dr. Joshua N. Pinault, Minneapolis, Minn.

THE KANSAS CITY STAMP CLUB

The only stamp society in Kansas City. Regular meetings second and fourth Fridays of each month at 7:45 P. M. in Room 37, Jenkins Building, Thirteenth and Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

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Secretary's Report. March 23rd, 1906.

The following persons were admitted to active membership at the meeting of February 23d, 1906: Graham Jarboe, 1311 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Mo.; Jack Small, 1638 W. Prospect Place, Kansas City, Mo.; Roy Wellman, 4341 Woodland Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

At the meeting of March 9th, 1906 the following: H. Pomedexter, 3119 Forest Ave., Kansas City, Mo.; L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebraska.

Dropped from the roll temporarily: Wm. Clasgeus, 1801 East Ninth St.

Mr. Geo. Clment's resignation from the office of corresponding secretary has been accepted. The offices of corresponding secretary and local secretary have been combined so in the future, we will have no corresponding secretary, the local secretary filling both offices.

Mr. Jarboe has been appointed Sargent at Arms.—Respectfully, Arthur L. Nelson, Secretary.

Librarian's Report. It gives me pleasure to report that our library has again been increased by a donation of one hundred copies of philatelic magazines. The donor wishes his name withheld but I may say that he is a friend outside the club

Our library is fast increasing in size and I hope to make it one of the best features of the club. Toward this end, let me ask for further contributions of philatelic magazines or books from our members or from any kind outsiders who may have some old copies which they do not care for. Full credit will be given in every case except when prohibited.

Publishers of philatelic papers, especially foreign, are requested to send the undersigned, sample copies of their publications as we wish to subscribe to eight more good magazines.—A. L. Nelson, 1823 W. Prospect Place, Kansas City, Mo., U. S. A., Librarian.

Treasurer's Report.	On hand Feb. 1, 1906.....	\$2.18
	Application fees.....	75
	Dues.....	15
Disbursements	Refreshments.....	\$1.20
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	Balance on hand March 1, 1906.....	\$1.88

Respectfully submitted, Wm. Fishman, Treasurer.

A. L. Manley of St. Joseph, Mo., is the collector of a unique collection of tobacco tags numbering some 3500 varieties, 1200 varieties are mounted in a frame 3 feet by 6 feet in a design of an American eagle. This collection represents 14 years of time and several hundred dollars. These tags have been gathered from every state and territory and from several foreign countries. This collection is on exhibition at 608 Edward St., this city and is valued at five hundred dollars. We hope to give illustrations of them.



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 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.

MARCH, 1906.

A GRAND SUGGESTION.

A certain member of the Union says he finds it a great pleasure to call upon the members of his locality, and a greater pleasure still to hunt them up when away to other cities and towns. This is a capital idea, and should be followed out by all members. Begin now. Call upon all the members in your own town first; when you go away hunt them up in the town you visit and you will find them true friends. Try it and see what pleasure there is in a Union hand shake.

BOYCOTTED.

All members are respectfully requested to refrain from sending out or receiving the coarse and obscene post cards which are being placed upon the markets by unscrupulous publishers. If you receive any which by chance have not been confiscated and destroyed by Uncle Sam, burn them quick as well as those which you may now unconsciously have in your collection. Boycott them: report the senders to headquarters and you and the society will profit thereby.

DON'T BE BASHFUL.

The columns of this paper are open to you and we respectfully ask that each member write us something for publication. Tell us what you have gained by joining the Union and offer suggestions for its further improvement, or if you have any troubles, tell them to us and perhaps we can help you. We have several members to thank for the valuable suggestion conveyed in the above articles and wish all members would send us a little story right way: or if you can do no more send in your photo and biography and we will gladly reproduce it.

OUR MARCH ROLL OF HONOR.

We hereby tender out thanks to the following members for their help in hand: 261. Mr. Clarence C. Parks. 349. Mr. C. F. Engleman. 397. Mr. Herbert C. Wade. 407. Mr. H. R. McKenzie. 420. Mr. S. A. Klemmer. May they live long and prosper.

GET A SCRAP BOOK QUICK.

Several members have complained of the trouble they are put to by

having to look through numerous lists and magazines to find names and addresses and other information regarding the Union and its members. We sincerely sympathize with you if you have neglected to invest three or five cents in a blank book and systematically placed our reports therein. These reports are published and explained. If you have not taken care of these reports or placed them where they can readily be referred to it is your mistake and a sad one too. You are on a side track; take the main line and the road will be clear.

PATRONIZE OUR MEMBERS.

The attention of all members is respectfully directed to the advertisement of the H. J. Funk Company which appears on another page of this journal. You all need albums, and here is a chance to stock up at exceptionally low prices. We know this firm to be honest in their dealings and satisfied with small profits. We have them also to thank for their work in behalf of the Union. It is our duty to recommend them; it is for your benefit that we ask you to patronize them. Mr. Ralph B. Platt, Catawba St., Roxbury, Mass., is another gentleman worthy of your patronage. His stock of New England views cannot be duplicated anywhere at the price he sells them. A set of his "Familiar Quotation" cards should be in the hands of every collector. We are not paid for the above writeups. They are gratuitous. We will cheerfully print a notice free of charge for yourself or any other worthy firm connected with the Union. We are at your service, if you will give us a chance to serve you.

NEW MEMBERS.

430. Mrs. Geo. Morrison, 38 Holland Ave, Vailsburg, N. J. 431. C. F. Taylor, Rockport, Mo. 432. Milton M. Herr, 518 West King St., Lancaster, Pa. 433. Mrs. G. McDonald, 265 52nd St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 434. Thos. H. Sherborne, 29 South Third St., Philadelphia, Pa. 435. Mrs. Lizzie A. Detweiler, R. F. D. No. 2, Sterling, Ill. 436. Miss Myrtie E. Ebersole, 503 Fifth Ave., Sterling, Ill. 437. Miss May C. Jillson, P. O. Box 103, Guilford, Conn. 438. Miss Mary A. Thomas, R. F. D. No. 28, Leroy, N. Y. 439. Homer D. Pack, Lowell, Ark. 440. C. E. Safford, 828 Geary Street, San Francisco, Cal. 441. James Vogel, 649 Cleveland Ave, Chicago, Ill. 442. Miss E. E. Cassidy, 19 Wolcott St., Malden, Mass. 443. Arthur H. Vail, 1169 27th St., Des Moines, Iowa. 444. John H. Wack, 81 Young St., Piqua, Ohio. 445. Miss Sadie O'Donohue, 32 Maple St., Winnipeg, Man. 446. Fred Streicher, 105 Main St., West Newton, Pa. 447. Joseph A. Blair, LeBret, Sask., Canada. 448. E. L. Knight, 9th Floor Postal Telegraph Bldg., Chicago, Ill. 449. Miss Elsie A. Sullivan, P. O. Box 121, Yuma, Colo. 450. W. E. Battey, Pascoag, R. I. 451. Miss Emily McVicar, 255 Grand Ave., Astoria, Ore. 452. Miss Lizzie Chappelle, 225 North Broad St., Norwich, N. Y. 453. Bechtel & Marcus, 1025 Bleeker St., Utica, N. Y. 454. J. G. Rosser, 71 Montrose Avenue, Toronto, Ont., Canada. 455. T. T. McKenzie, 487 Virgin St., Rumford Falls, Maine. 456. Jose M. Guerra, Cisneros, Calle Dr. Mier No. 99, Monterey, Mexico. 457. Ferd Ingold Card Company, Monroe, Wis. 458. F. G. Stehling, 549 10th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 459. Friedrich Ockenfels, Solingen, Rheinprovinz, Germany. 460. Mrs. Geo. Dobson, 33 Hamilton Ave., Paterson, N. J. 461. Albert E. Towle, 36 State St., Hammond, Ind. 462. Mrs. J. L. Northrop, South Lyme, Conn. 463.

Wm. Schwartz, Jr., 22 Bridge St., Mayville, Wis. 464. Allen Bechter, Pierce, Nebr. 465. G. L. Snyder, 206 W. North Ave., Baltimore, Md. 466. E. Pierson, Box 95, South Omaha, Nebr. 467. J. F. Aborn, 70 Merrick St., Worcester, Mass. 468. Miss Maud Meagher, 69 Clarence St., Providence, R. I. 469. Nelson H. Brown, 560 Harrison Ave., Kankakee, Ill. 740. Miss D. S. Modemann, 252 Park Ave., Paterson, N. J. 471. Willard H. Loud, Everett Sta., Boston, Mass. 472. F. L. Gregory, Hamburg, N. J. 473. Mrs. E. G. Keen, Warwick, Pa. (No comics). 474. Wm. M. Masley, 1837 North Sacramento Ave., Chicago, Ill. 475. Albert J. Hutchison, Whitney Point, N. Y. 476. Leonard Fifer, 26 Lincoln Avenue, Amsterdam, N. Y. 477. Miss M. B. Kelley, 1316 Spring St., Madison, Wis. 478. Lester J. Packard, P. O. Box 343, Pasadena, Calif. 479. Miss Rae Fenberg, 899 Lorain St., Cleveland, Ohio.

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298. Maurice W. Holsten, from 19 Schick Place, Chicago, Ill., to 73 13th St., Moline, Ill.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE ONLY.

The following members desire to hereafter exchange with foreign collectors only: 225. C. Wintrop Williams, 716 Plum St., Vineland, N. J. 348. C. A. McHugh, 3 Peter's Wharf, St. John, N. B., Canada. 375. Fog R. Davis, Lowell, Ark.

RESIGNED

322. S. H. Lloyd, Ossining, N. Y. 354. John Dondero, 606 Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, Ind. 359. Leslie Kerr, 707 East 15th St., Pittsburg, Kan.

When a member resigns it is because he receives more cards than he can handle or is unable financially to continue exchange. Therefore, when a resignation is announced it means that all members should immediately stop sending the party cards for exchange.

COMPLAINTS.

394 against 116, 142, 154, 164, 175, 182, 186, 250, 272, 273, 314, 351, 367, 369. 403 against 166, 169, 284. 423 against 250, 328, 336, 339, 356, 367, 369, 382.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

Memberships 1 to 144 inclusive, and 231 to 249 inclusive have expired. You should not send cards to any of these members unless they have renewed, in which case you will find their name under a new number, and their old number should be discarded and the new one recognized.

"Conants." The distinction of giving the name of a private citizen to a coin is somewhat rare. Kings and emperors have sometimes done so. Some of the South American countries have given to their coins the names of their national heroes, as the Bolivar of Venezuela. The only modern case where such an honor has been conferred upon a private citizen is the "Conant", the standard coin of the Philippine Islands, named after Charles A. Conant, the author of "Principles of Money and Banking." Mr. Conant was so successful in perfecting a plan for the Philippine currency that he was invited by the government of Mexico to visit that country, and afterward aided in the creation of the new Panama unit, which has been named the Balboa, for the discoverer of the Isthmus. Out in Manila everything is quoted in "Conants," to distinguish the new money from the old Mexican and American gold.—Coin Cabinet.

LARGEST STAMP SOCIETY IN AMERICA

Stamp Collector's Protective Association of America

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 3, 1899.

President-- E. Chandlee. Roanoke, Va.
Vice-President. W. P. Kelley. Kansas City Mo.
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Auc Manager--H. DuBose. Huguenot, Ga.
Attorney--H. Svenson. Minneapolis, Minn.
Trustees--Wilkinson, Brown, Hopson. Omaha.
Official Organ. The WEST.

All readers who have paid 50c subscription can become members without any extra cost. B. L. Voorhees thanks Society for helping him get claim of party spoken of. Sheriff Hall, of Canada, thanks President and Secretary for helping him get his stamps. Officers are always willing to help any members if postage is enclosed to pay postage on each name.

New Members: Alex Boumgart, New York City, 72 N. Moore St. Freidrick Ockenfels, Soligen, Germany. J. Erickon, Willits, Calif. J. Anderson, Loomis, Nebr.; W. Twogood, Phila., Pa., 880 N. 23 st.; Geo. Schuer, Detroit, 702 Superior; O. W. Hayes, Milford, Ill.; A. C. D. Guano, Seulyerville, N. Y. E. Robinson, St. Joe Mo, 2717 N. 7 st. H. N. Gilkinison, Waverly, Ia.; A. Morris, Chicago, 294 W. 15th St.; J. Little, LaCrosse, Kan.; H. A. Brown, Sault Ste Marie, Ont., Canada; Bx 588; Miss J. Lyons, Portland, Org., 737 Jonson; W. T. Bradford High Point, N. C.; B. Butler, Brevost, Miss; E. Schernikow, New York, 42 Broadway; W. Balvere, New ark, N. J.; 1478 8 st.; C. Willis, Easton, Mass.; E. Darling, Providence, R. I. Bx 439; R. M. Strickland, Albion, N. Y.; G. Bridger, Cleveland, O., 4913 Wellesley; Rev. J. Taylor, North Sutton, N. H.; A. Bartlett, Exeter, N. H.; E. Deitrick, Perkinstown, Wis.; L. Hanson, Bx. 27, Aurora, Ill.; Rev. M. Bussack, Necedah, Wis.; F. C. Davis, Riverside, Calif.; J. Schulthess, Bx 371, Manilla, P. I.; E. Grummick, Davenport, Ia, R. F. D. 4; F. Tripp, Bevidere, Ill; F. A. Degler, Centralia, Wash.; F. O. Hamilton, McKeesport, Pa; Miss M. Meagen, Providencee. R. I. 690, Clarence St.; F. L. Gregory, Hamburg, N. J.; H. C. Jennings, Valentine, Nebr., Bx 183; A. Wilbur, Bx 505, Richmond, Va.; W. E. Fitch, Masonic Temple N. Y.; Alton Stamp Co., Alton, Ind., Elam Dicks, Cambridge, England, Hyde Park Corner; M. Ockenfels, San Francisco, 1819 Lyon; W. E. Neave, Charles, town Natal, Bx 24; A. P. Wylie, Troy Grove, Ill.; H. P. Ketcum, Chester-Nebr.; Arthur L. Nelson, Kansas City, Mo., 1823 Propect, W.

Odd Form Of Currency Issued By State Of Missouri During War Times

Just prior to and during the civil war some curious forms of currency were issued by the various states. There was no fixed rule of denominations, and it was possible to pay one's debts in one, two, three, four five, six, seven; eight or nine dollar bills and even in fractional bills. One bill is in existence which bore a face value of $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents. The above bill was issued by the State of Missouri when it was torn by internal strife between the rebel and Union parties. It is noticeable that the engraving compares favorably with that of today. For cut of this bill see Whittemore's ad in this issue. A longer article on these bills in the next issue.

NOTICE:—The Curio Department is omitted in this issue on account of the illness of Roy Farrell Greene.

MINERALOGY

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

A company of Americans has recently purchased the entire volcano of Popocatepetl in Mexico, for the purpose of extracting the sulphur contained therein, which is estimated to be easily 100,000,000 tons.

For several hundred years the rim deposits of sulphur in the volcano, have been worked by peons. It is well known that Cortez procured sulphur from this volcano, in order to make gunpowder for his soldiers. The peons however, work by very crude methods, digging generally with a pick and shovel around the older deposits of the volcano, until they have filled their twentyfive pound bags. The bags are then hoisted out by means of windlasses. On the surface they are then taken in hand by other peons who slide down over the snowline with them, to the timberline, where the sulphur is placed on mules, for transportation to the railway. By means of the railway the crude material is then taken to the seaport of Vera Cruz where it is exported. For sliding down over the snow with their bags of sulphur, the Mexicans seat themselves on straw mats.

The American Company will introduce some modern machinery and will also build a refinery at the foot of the mountains. From the refinery the purified sulphur will be transported to the railway, by means of a cable system, thus saving a great amount of time. The company will also work a small army of miners. There is great danger in the work, for no one can tell what day a part of the weakened crust may give way precipitating the miners into the molten death below. The company pays high wages, however, and the men take the risk.

A number of Mexican experts have found that the deposits represent nearly half a square mile in area. In some places the borings have shown sulphur for a thousand feet down, and it is considered a reasonable estimate that there are 100,000,000 tons, almost within reach of pick and shovel.

A popular supposition has arisen, that because sulphur is found abundantly in volcanic regions, it has something to do with the eruptions. No greater mistake could be made. The sulphur which is found in volcanic regions is the result, and not the cause, of volcanic action. Among the substances most frequently emitted from volcanoes, are the two gases, sulphurous and sulphuretted hydrogen. When these gases come into contact with one another, chemical action take place, and the elements contained in them, are free to group themselves in an entirely different manner. The result is, that water and sulphuric acid (oil of vitriol) are combined and a certain quantity of sulphur is set free. The water evaporates into the atmosphere, while the sulphuric acid combines with material contained in the surrounding rocks. The sulphur generally forms itself into crystals in the cavities of the rocks.

This mine in full blast will probably be the greatest sulphur mine of the world, even surpassing those of Sicily, where most of our former supply has been obtained.

The first shipment of radium to come into North Dakota was recently

received by Dr. Verrett of Rolla, who will use it in the treatment of several cases of cancer under his charge. The radium was purchased from Mr. H. E. Payne, representing the Eliel-Jerman Drug Co., by Chard Bros, of Rolla. The medical men of the entire state will watch the results of the experiments of Dr. Verret with much interest. According to generally accepted statements of the power of radium, the treatment should be fairly successful.

St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society



President	.....	H. A. Diamant
Vice President	.....	Otto Patschke
Secretary	.....	T. C. Mann
Treasurer	.....	F. R. Cornwell

The twentyeighth regular meeting of the society was held March 6th, present being Messrs, Diamant Ruedi, Myers, Schellhorn, Dr. Higson. Kring, Mann, Slack, Lindenschmidt, Jr., Hopkins, Dr. Baer, and one visitor. New members admitted were, Dr O. H. Benker, 3208 S. Jefferson Ave., and Mr. L. T. Brodson, Superior, Neb. The resignation of Mr. F. N. Chase was accepted with regrets.

After the transaction of business, the members were entertained by highly interesting addresses from Messrs. Myers & Kring. The former spoke of a gift of rare U. S. and Hawaiians which was made to him by some, to this day, unknown person, through the medium of the United States mails. The latter (Mr. Kring) mentioned his find of 2c pink current envelopes and his recent discovery and acquirement of a sheet of the green Squire & Co., Local. cataloguing \$5.00 each, for some of which he has obtained almost full catalogue.

The program of the evening was concluded with a very successful auction sale lasting till nearly midnight. Among the lots disposed of was a fine lot of Hayti. Very Respectfully, T. C. Mann, Secy.

Post Card Game. At a recent party a pleasant game was played with picture postal cards. About 25 showing fairly familiar scenes and buildings were chosen, made into a pack and laid in the center of the table around which the players sat. On each the descriptive titles were carefully covered with India ink, and each person turned up a card and tried to guess what it represented. If she could not identify it the card went the rounds. Players all held card that they guessed. It was found best to discard the ones unrecognized, and the hostess explained them at the end of the game. A pretty prize for the winner was a picturesque foreign card framed in black. The view was well chosen, and had the charming effect of a water color sketch. A ten cent frame was bought with a cheap picture in it. The latter was removed and the postal card was put in its place. This is from the Ladies Home Journal, in Dept. of Games, etc.

A Zurich firm of photographers have introduced a "life insurance" post card. You have only to buy one and address it to a friend—or for that matter, to yourself—to insure against accident while traveling for the sum of \$200 during thirty days from the date of postage. In case of a non-fatal accident he receives \$2 a week during the time he is incapacitated from work.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 1898 AS THE LEAGUE OF CANADIAN PHILATELISTS

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Purchasing Agent—E. W. STANTON. In care Guarantee Co. of N. A. - - - - - Montreal, Canada
Executive Committee—GEO. VAN GUILDER, J. E. WARRINGTON, Montreal 1
Official Organ—The WEST

Secretary-Treasurer's Report.

Resigned: 279 Carl Reinschild; 330 H. M. Kaisinger.

Change of Address: 41 A. H. Mayers, 104 Geneva Ave., Dorchester, Mass.; 123 C. Wesley Price, Box 1444, Calgary, Alberta, Can.; 296 D. P. Duggan, 185 Grange Ave., Toronto, Ont.; 385 Herman Kuch, Room 219, Phelan Bld., San Francisco, Cal.

I regret to report the following dropped for non-payment of dues all of whom have been duly notified. 244 D. D. Doolittle; 316 P. G. Cole; 319 E. L. Earl.—Yours faithfully, F. B. Archer, Secy-Treas.

MONTREAL PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of Montreal Philatelic Association was held in their club room No. 4 Beaver Hall Square, Montreal, Que., on 7th March. The following officers were elected for the coming year. President, O. W. Barwick; Vice President, G. Van Gilder; Hon. Secy. and Treas., A. J. Maudslay; Sales Supt., F. B. Archer; Auctioneer, E. W. Stanton; Librarian, W. McKee; Members of Committee, C. H. Goulden, F. H. Bell, Mr. Kalsl, S. H. Martel. Most of the members belong to C. P. S.

Nebraska Philatelic Society Nebraska's Pride

ORGANIZED 1892 LARGEST STATE SOCIETY EXTANT.

President—E. H. Wilkinson, Omaha St.
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Attorney—H. Whipple, Omaha, N. Y. L. J. Bldg.
Auction Manager—H. Whipple, Omaha, Neb.
Trustees—W. Hendricks, Paxton Hotel; Hopson and Brown, Omaha, Neb.

How many of the members have tried the Sales and Auction departments, two of the main ones and in charge of parties who wish to help you.

New Members. T. Thorson, Omaha, U. P. Depot; D. Donaldson, Box 706, Lincoln.

Applications. F. G. Payton, Callaway, Ref. Roy Nausel.

Renewals. H. Jennings, Rushville; J. Anderzen, Loomis; E. Rector, Lincoln, 2845 Randolph St.

Change of Address. H. M. Smith from Fremont to Omaha, 1114 N. 2d St., c-o Dr. Alexander; F. Shepard from C. Bluffs to Omaha, 1822 Farnam St.; H. P. Letton from Fairbury, to Lincoln, 1025 S. 19 St.

Send your name to Whipple and Ketchum for dept. before you forget it.

The Canadian Post Card Exchange Club

For Collectors of Pictorial Postcards

President--Miss Madeline Keller
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Other Secretaries will be appointed in England and U. S. A.
 President's Motto: "The Postcard is a hobby both pleasurably and practically. Join one and all."

OBJECTS

1. To encourage the collection of Pictorial Postcards.
2. To publish a monthly list of Members and wants.
3. To prevent unfair exchanging between collector.
4. To enroll members from all parts of the world.
5. To obtain 1000 members.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Members shall answer any cards within ten days.
 2. Members should always give club number and full address.
 3. Report all grievances to the chief secretary.
 4. Every member other than a secretary who gets 3 yearly subscribers will receive 5 views of 1. Winnipeg.
 5. When writing to the secretaries for information always enclose postage for reply. The secretary can supply post cards cheap. Prices on application.
 6. Any member not desirous of renewing their membership will please notify the chief secretary.
 7. All members will receive official organ monthly.
- Club subscription 35c per year, 20c for 6 months, or its equivalent in other countries. All collectors are requested to send subscriptions to nearest local secretaries at once, or to Mr. C. A. Hives, 297 Spence St. Winnipeg, Canada to whom all letters of inquiry should be sent.

Dear members:—I have thought this a far better way of providing a regular monthly list to members and hope all will be satisfied with our new organ. I may say I am wanting good secretaries in the various parts of the U. S., and any collectors who would like to act as secretaries may write me. Shall greatly appreciate any work members are able to do in the Clubs's interest. List of members 134 to 206 will be published in the next number.

Yours very truly, C. A. Hives.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS. Continued from page opposite Editorial.

which do not exist any more. The tag collection contains very many varieties, also an old round, Battleax tag. All of the above branches he has quite dropped, or augments them only spasmodically, treating them only as mementoes of past days. Ever since living in the dense forests of Wisconsin, he has devoted his spare time and energy to the study of natural sciences. He is at the top rank in ornithology and oology, botany, entomology, mineralogy, etc. He collects, prepares and classifies to order, any specimens of the above mentioned, from his locality (except bird skins). He is an ardent lover of nature and spends weeks alone in the wildest depths delving in the wonders and mysteries of Creation. (See article of his in the next number.)

ELAM DICKS was born in Huntingdorshire England. He is now forty years of age, and has been an amateur photographer and collector for the past 20 years. He is now in business, a cabinet maker and dealer in photographic apparatus at Hyde Park Corner, Cambridge, England. He wishes to exchange photographs, post cards, magazines and curios. Open to accept agencies. He is a member of several American societies.



..Camera News..

Editor—F. J. Clute, San Francisco

How to Save Your Broken Negatives

By C. P. Bennett, San Francisco



When we have an accident happen to a negative, when it becomes broken, we at once feel that it was one of our choice productions. Possibly if it had remained unbroken we would have thought nothing about it, but once broken we can only regret that we have not that particular negative to print from.

Our negative broken, let us see what can be done to replace it. We must first secure a piece of clean glass of the same size. This means the cleaning off of the film from a waste negative of the same size. The pieces of the broken negative are arranged in their correct position and film side uppermost on this clean plate. The next thing to be done is to bind all together by running a strip of lantern slide around the edge. It is best to cut the binding strips into pieces just long enough to bind the four edges and to apply them first to the negative side and then moistening the remainder and turn under all around. In this way the pieces of the broken negative are not disturbed more than is necessary. If there are any of the pieces that do not extend to the edge so as to be gripped by the binding strip it will only be necessary to handle them in a horizontal position while performing the next operation.

This consists in taking an unexposed plate and, working in the dark room, place it film to film with the broken negative. This will keep pieces from falling out while placing all in a printing frame so that the clear glass comes outside. This done and the back of the frame in position, hold it facing your ruby light and distant about a foot. Open the door and give an exposure of two seconds. The time will vary with the density of the negative and the strength of your light. If you wish good contrast use a Cramer Anchor or a Carbutt B plate. When developed, take this positive to a good retoucher and tell him only to restore the place where the line of the cracks show lighter than they should. Advise him that you will also bring him the negative to be made from this positive. Such undesirable parts as are now rendered black will be white in the negative to be made and for that reason can be touched out easier than they can be etched away on this positive.

After this positive is retouched, repeat the operation of putting in a printing frame and exposing using this positive as the negative. The result will be the final negative which should be as good if not better than the original, after being worked upon by the retoucher. A good, clean working developer should be used. If the original negative inclines to flatness use the slower plate. A Carbutt B plate will require about eight times the exposure given the ordinary fast plate. Seed's slow plate or Cramer's Anchor will require about five times the experience. A process plate can be used if

extreme fitness is to be overcome but it is well to remember that flatness is accompanied by a short scale of gradation and no method of working will give additional steps in this scale. You may change the gradation from one end to the other of the scale and you can increase or decrease the density but can not add to the number of steps shown.

Another fact that should be borne in mind is this: It is easy to secure an enlarged negative by entrusting the making of either the positive or the final negative to a worker equipped with conveniences for enlarging. A local worker makes for me very excellent 8x10 positives from a small negative and charges but sixty cents.



A N S W E R S

QUERIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO FAYETTE J. CLUTE, 15 MARVE
TERRACE, SAN FRAN CISCO, CALIFORNIA.

L. D. H.—Photographing a Ceiling: If you find difficulty in focusing the camera in the perpendicular position and wish to get in as much of it as possible, measure the distance between the ceiling and the floor, and then focus on a wall at the same distance, using the camera on a tripod and setting the focusing screw tight. By sighting across the room from two corners you can quickly determine its center and then place the camera directly on the floor, pointing the lens upward. The slide can be removed before so doing and the exposure made with a cap if the shutter will not work in that position.

W. K. F.—Fading Negatives: It is hardly possible that anything will restore the negatives. You might try soaking them in water to soften the film and then immersing them in a bath composed of forty grains of Schlippe's salts to four ounces of water. It may not do much good, but give it time to work. It requires some soaking to secure results, even where such is obtainable.

O. F. M.—Pyro Metol Formula: The following I have obtained from an amateur who is well known for his fine negatives and I think it will suit your wants:

No. 1

Water.....	16 ounces
Oxalic acid	1/4 ounce
Pyrogallie acid.....	1 ounce
Metol	1/4 ounce
Bromide potassium	16 grains

No. 2

Water.....	64 ounces
Sulphite sodium (crystals)	8 ounces
Carbonate sodium.....	4 ounces

To develop take:

No. 1.....	1 ounce
No. 2.....	5 ounces
Water	2 to 4 ounces

The less water the more contrast. In summer or when softer negatives are desired the full amount of water should be used.

Nebraska Camera Club

Founded January 1898

Any reader in Nebraska can become a member—Membership card free for the asking
President—Miss L. Tillotson,.....1305 32nd St., Station B, Omaha.
Secretary-Treasurer—L. T. Brodstone.....Superior, Nebraska.

Ones marked x exchange souvenir cards.

New Members.—822 J. Anderzen Lomis; 823 F. Tomblin, Arapahoe; 824 C. Hoevet, Fairfield; 825 Prof. Lange, Fairbury; 826 xMiss W. Wright, Superior; 827 W. Kurtz, Oakland.

Applications.—828 xD. Donaldson, Lincoln, Box 706, wants only colored cards; 829 xW. Hopson, Omaha, 1503 Howard St.; 830 xH. Jennings, Rushville; 831 F. G. Payton, Callway; 832 xJohn Nelson, Ericson; 833 xSam Buck, Crete; 834 xR. Gerpacher, Box 62, Grand Island; 835 xH. M. Smith, Omaha, 1114 N. 24 St, c-o Dr. Alexander; 836 E. Rector, Lincoln, 2845 Randolph St.

OPPORTUNITIES AT THIS TIME.

While I suppose it is entirely useless to ask the average amateur to continue his camera work during the winter months with the same enthusiasm as he displays during the summer season, I would like to advise that the instrument be kept in working order and conveniently at hand. At this time of the year a fog or dampness that may render the night most disagreeable to those who have to be out will result in a transformation of the landscape into a veritable fairyland should a fall in the temperature come at the right time. But a few hours of even the weak sun of winter will destroy the effect. Even the ordinary fall of snow has the power of transforming the most homely and unpicturesque scenes into fine material for camera work. Some of the views that are always at one's very back door, as it were, will reveal new beauties when the changed aspect is studied. In winter months one seeks to portray the snow as the most important motif, and for that reason the choice is less hampered. A fore ground that is entirely unsatisfactory at any other time of the year can be made full of interest and thoroughly in keeping with the subject by a few inches of snow through which a path has been tracked.

HIGHLY GLOSSED PRINTS.

The highest gloss obtainable on prints is that given by enamelling, an expression sometimes incorrectly applied to burnishing. The process consists in squeegeeing the print to a glass coated with collodion, and stripping when dry. For this purpose what is known as enamel collodion is used, the glasses being first carefully polished in the same manner as for glazing, and the collodion poured over like a varnish. The collodion film is then washed until all the greasy lines disappear, when the wet print is squeegeed over it. The glass is now stood up, and when absolutely dry the paper and film are stripped off together, the print appearing with an enamel-like surface. Another method is to immerse the print in a warm solution of gelatine, consisting of 2 drams of gelatine in 5 ounces of water, before squeegeeing to the collodion film. This ensures a better adhesion of the collodion, and gives a finer gloss.—The Photographic News.



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EDITOR SAYS

Drying Negatives



Another correspondent comes to me with a complaint that drops of water collect on his negatives while drying, and as they dry last, leave a spot of different density from the rest. I think this is a difficulty easily overcome. My own practice for years has been to place the washed negative between the fold of a freshly laundered old linen towel and rub my hand over the top. One will find the mesh of the cloth reproduced in the soft gelatine of the film, but it will dry out completely. If the towel be linen and one that has been washed several times there will be no danger from lint and the negatives subjected to this process will dry in about half the time and entirely free from the markings of which my correspondent complains. Of course, if the temperature be changed during the drying there will be different form of markings made to appear, as those parts of the negative which dried at a slow rate will be of a lesser density than the parts which dried quickly. This ill effect is so easily produced that even separating the negatives by a wider distance between them as they stand in a drying rack after having partially dried will cause markings. While on the subject, why are these contrivances called "drying" racks? One could hardly devise a rack that would delay the drying process more than this one in which the wet surface of one plate is bought so close to the surface of a wet sheet of glass, itself coated with another wet coating of emulsion. To dry negatives advantageously they should have their surface exposed to the air and not brought close up against another damp surface. Drive a few nails into the wall and insert the corners of the negatives between two pairs and you will find your negatives drying much more quickly.

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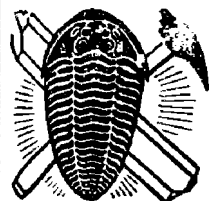
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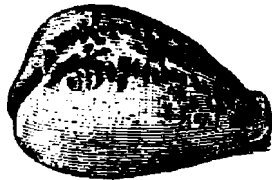
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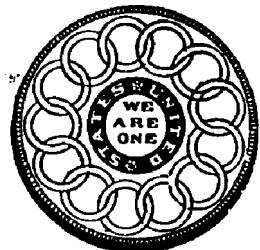
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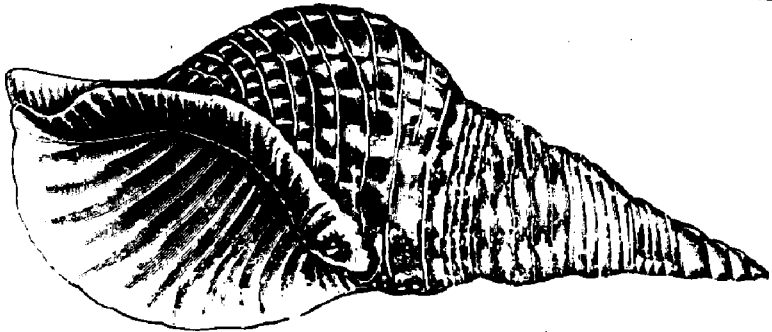
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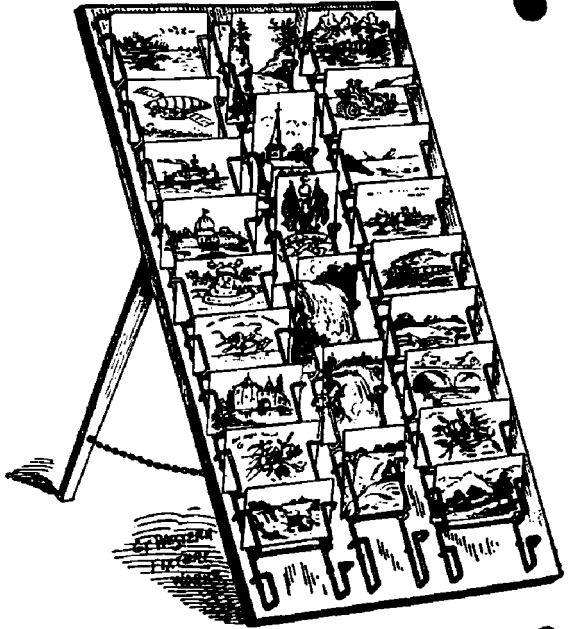
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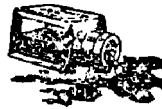
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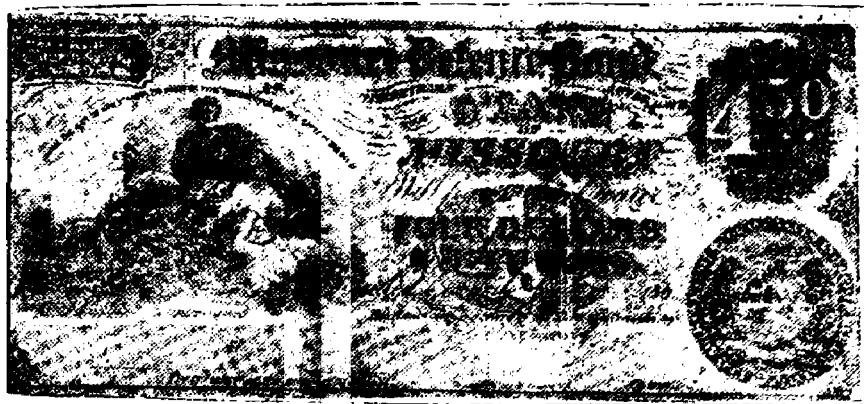
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Cat. No.	*means unused	Cat.	Our price	price	Cat. No.	Cat.	Our price	price
263	Brazil 1889 100r violet, newspaper.....	S	.08	.04	26	San Marino 1894 2c blue & dark brown....	.08	.04
225	Cuba 1889 5c on 5c blue...		.06	.03	27	" 1894 50c or & dark br	.12	.06
229	" 3c purple, pictorial.		.04	.04	28	" 1894 1 l gr & dark br	.20	.10
231	" 10c brown pictorial		.05	.03	148	British Guiana 1898 2c blue and brown.....	.10	.05
16	Dutch Indies 1876-86 30c green King.....		.18	.10	33	Hawaii 1864-71 *6c green	.60	.25
28	" 1892-97 30c Queen....		.05	.02	35	" 1875 2c brown.....	.10	.05
107	France 1900.2 fr brown on azure .....		.30	.15	37	" 1882 *1c blue .....	.10	.05
176	Greece 1901 2 dr bronze..		.25	.13	42	" 1883-86 1c green.....	.06	.03
29	Hayti 1891 5c orange .....		.06	.03	43	" 2c rose.....	.05	.02
53	Hong Kong, 1896, \$1 cn 96c black.....		.25	.12	82	" 1899 5c blue.....	.10	.05
102	Japan. 1899-1900, 50s red brown.....		.06	.03	129	Portugal 25r green & violet, St. Anthony.....	.06	.03
79	Labuan 1897 18c olive bistre and black .....		.08		1	Siam 1883 1 l blue .....	.15	.06
37	Netherlands 1887 7½c violet brown .....		.06	.03	52	Russia 1890-92 35 k violet and green.....	.06	.03
67	" 1896, 50c emerald green & yellow brown ....		.05	.03	93	New South Wales 1891 7½ p on 6p brown. ....	.25	.14
68	" 1 gld brown & olive. ....		.15	.07	94	" 12½ p on 1sh red 1891	.50	.28
70	" 1898 1 gld dark green .		.12	.06	106	" 1898-99 6p orange ....	.10	.05
16	Panama 1892-96 *2c rose		.06	.03	272	Victoria 1901 9 p rose....	.20	.10
19	" " 20c violet .....		.18	.08	58a	Zanzibar 1898 2½a ultramarine and red .....	.05	
1	Orange River Colony 1868 1 p brown		.05	.03	78	Newfoundladd 1897 *1c ROSE.....	.06	.03
2	" " 6p rose 1868		.12	.06	79	" *2c ORANGE 1897..	.08	.04
45	" 1900 "1p violet V.R.I.		.03		48	Guatemala 1887-95 20c gr	.06	.03
5	Portuguese Africa 1898 50c dark blue .....		.10	.05	49	" 25c red "orange....	.04	
					1	China 1878 1c green.....	.40	
					2	" 3c 1878 vermilion....	.25	
					3	" 5c " yellow.....	.30	
					21	Canada 1868 ½c black....	.09	
					46	" 1892-93 20c vermilion.	.06	
					47	" " 50c deep blue.....	.14	

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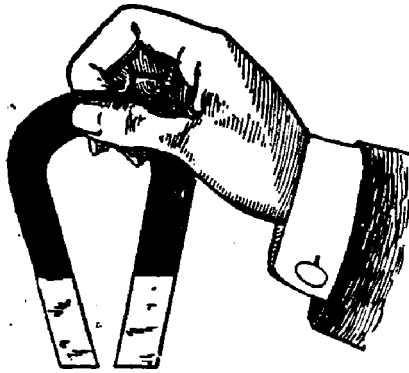
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* " 1900 10c No. 13107	45
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* " 1900 10c No. 13707	45
* " 1900 50c No. 13911	90
* " Registration 25c, No. 362, cat. 15c20	1 50
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New Zealand '82, P. F. 2sh 6d brown cat. 35c60	5 00
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100 diff U. S. 20	20 Norway 15
500 diff foreign..... 90	1000 mixed foreign..... 14
New Scott's catalogue..... 60	Imperial album holds 3500.... 30
*100 diff So. & Cen. America... 70	*14 diff Persia, fine 35
100 diff from 100 countries 45	*11 Guatemala '97 cat \$1.71... 50
30 Sweden 10	8 diff Corea 16

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*26 Guatemala 1886	25c ver. cat.	8c
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*65 Ecuador 1896	5c green cat.	5c
231 Cuba 1899	10c brown cat.	5c
29 Dutch Indies 1892-97	50c carmine cat	5c
*219 Mexico 1890	20c ver cat	5c
300 " " "	1899 20c rose & dark black cat.	5c
*120 Peru 1894	2c violet cat.	5c
*125 " " "	vermillion cat.	5c
*54 " " "	1882 2c dark violet and black cat.	2c
145 Peru 1895	20 cent orange.	6c
*1 Salvador	1/4r blue cat.	6c
*109 Venezuela 1893	1b green cat.	5c
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2c blue Proprietary	10c	4c
3c green	20c	10c
25c red Entry of goods	10c	5c
50c blue lease	40c	20c
\$1 red Entry of goods	10c	5c
10 var 1898 Proprietary	30c	10c
10 " " Documentsry	20c	8c
8 " 1893 Columbian	37c	12c
6 " 1898 Omaha	30c	10c
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No.	All used except as noted.	Price.
8	Argentine Rep 1864 5c imperf. R A	\$1 50
3,4,5,6,7,8	Corrientes 1864-80 complete	2 00
	[3,4,6,7, unused; 8 used; 5 either way]	
4	British Columbia 1861 2 1/2p rose	2 00
5	" " 1865 5c rose	2 40
6	" " " 10c blue	2 00
9	" " " 1868 5c red	2 00
18	Brit Guiana 1860-61 1c pink, thin spot	2 50
100	" " 1881 2c on 24c	2 50
7	Brit Honduras 1872-73 1sh cc 12 1/2	1 75
3	Brunswick 1852 3sgr vermilion	1 50
57	" " 1856-57 1/2sgr black	1 50
18	" " 3sgr rose per ce en arc	
	slight tear	1 50
2	Bulgaria 1879 10c (corner perf gone)	80
10	" " 1891 25st	40
4	" " 1879 50c black and blue	50
27	" " 1886-88 1 leva	30
6	Cape Good Hope 1 sh triangular	2 00
11	Finland 1m serpentine perf	2 0

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 20. 100 " " " " " " .50
 1000 mixed (counted) " " .08
 5000 " " " " " " .05
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1 pound U. S. & foreign \$.28
100 2c due stamp 189510
1 1c blue 185115
1 1c 1869 unused (no gum)45
1000 2c green 1887 all good	..... .25
1000 2c brown 1883	..... .25
1000 all foreign over 100 var.	..... .15
1000 all foreign, all good	..... .25
5 pounds mix U. S. & for	..... 1.25
25 nice U. S. Revenues all diff	..... .10
2c blue playing card stamp	..... .05
5c red Playing card stamp	..... .25
10 1c green unused surcharged	..... .10
I. R.	..... .10
5 2c red unused sur. 1. R.	..... .10
10 2c Lake 1890	..... .10
50 var. envel. cut sq & to shape	..... .15
100 var. U. S. and 100 var. for	..... .25
10 old letters 1850 & 1851	..... .10
10 Grilled 3c green 1870	..... .10
10 grilled 3c red 1867	..... .10
100 2c Vermillian	..... .20
10 4c blue green 1883	..... .05
100 \$1 Documentary uncut25
10 1c War unused o g15
10 2c Interior unused o g25
10 6c dull pink 187310

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		UNUSED	Size	price	price
1306	1853, 6c red on white	27x31	\$2.50	.75
1307	1853, 6c green on white	27x31	5.00	1.00
1309	1853, 10c green on white	.....	27x31	8.00	1.00
1315	1853, 6c red on buff	.....	27x31	2.50	.75
1316	1853, 6c green on buff	.....	27x31	4.00	.75
1318	1853, 10c green on buff	.....	27x31	4.00	.75
1321	1857, 6c red on white	.....	21x27	75.00	1.50
1322	1857, 10c green on white	.....	21x27	60.00	1.50
1325	1857, 6c red on buff	21x27	90.00	3.00
1326	1857, 10c green on buff	21x27	35.00	1.25

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NIGER COAST

1898, 10 sh, bright purple, unused
 o g extra fine\$4.50

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Cat. No.	Description	Scott's price	Gibbons price	My price
18	1863, 4d lake	\$1.00	\$.90	\$.50
19a	1863, 5d or br.	3.00	1.85	1.25
20	1863, 6d lake	50	62	35
21	1863, 6½d lake	1.75	2.10	1.20
22	1863, 8d lake	2.00	3.00	1.00
23	1863, 1sh lake	1.25	1.25	75
British Honduras				
30	1888, 20c on 6d yel	1.25	1.25	50
42	1891, 24c yel & blue	75	90	40
Dominica				
13	1886, ½d on 6d gr	1.00	90	40
15	1886, 1d on 1sh lilac roses	50	45	30
23	1887, 6d orange	3.00	2.50	1.75
24	1890, 1sh lilac rose	15.00	13.75	8.75
St. Vincent				
39	1883, 1sh perf 12	5.00	5.00	3.50
48	1883, 4d br perf 14	2.50	2.50	1.25
49	1883, 6d dark lilac	7.50	6.25	5.00
50	1883, 5sh car lake	3.50	3.15	1.75

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Regular Issue	Postage Due
1895 2c pink	1895 2c pink
1895 4c ultramarine	1895 4c ultramarine
1895 8c orange	1878 8c orange
1895 16c purple	1895 16c purple
1895 24c emerald green	1895 24c emerald

Catalogue price for above two sets, \$2.83

My price \$1.00

Labuan. 1899 issue, surcharged
 4 Cents" on 25c blue green of 1896 issue
 " on 50c red brown of 1896 issue
 " on \$1.00 dark blue of 1896 issue
 Price for the three Labuan stamps. 50c.

North Borneo 1899 issue, surcharged
 " 4 Cents" on 25c slate blue of 1893 issue.
 " on 50c violet of 1893 issue.
 " on \$1.00 red of 1893 issue
 " on \$2.00 gray green of 1893 issue
 " on \$5.00 red violet of 1893 issue.
 " on \$10.00 brown of 1893 issue

Price for the set of six North Borneo. \$1.00

U. S. War 2c. dull vermilion, catalogue price \$1.50. My price 30 cents; or entire lot of

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1893, 3.00 green	face \$3.	2.95
1893, 4.00 lake	face \$4.	3.95
1895, 5.00 black	face \$5.	4.95
1893, 1c to \$5.00 set of 16,	face 16.34	15.95

Hawaii 1896, Official Set,

2c, 5c, 6c, 10, 12, 25, for \$2.25 cat. price \$5.60

Please remit bills or P. O. money order.

Cat. No.	United States	Scott's price	Gibbons price	My price
33	1851, 3c red	\$1.50	2.50	75
33	1851, 3c block of 4	6.00	10.00	4.00
36	1867, 1c blue(11x13)	8.00	7.50	3.00
133	1869, 1c re-issue	1.50	1.00	.60
158	1873, 3c green	1.00	.62	.40
190	1879, 30c black	2.00	2.00	.75
205	1882, 5c brown	.50	.50	.25
229	1890, 90c orange	1.50	1.85	1.00
238	1893, 15c dark gr	.50	.36	.20
266	1895, 2c triangle II	.25	.36	.12
501	Agriculture 2c	1.00	1.00	.45
518	Interior 10c	.50	.36	.25
525	Justice 2c	3.00	2.00	1.50
535	Navy 2c	1.00	.50	.35
546	Post Office 1c	.40	.25	.15
562	State 12c	4.50	2.50	1.75
571	Treasury 1c	1.00	.62	.70
592	War 9c	1.00	.90	.45
601	Interior 10c porous	.75	.50	.25
634	War 30c rose red	.75	.50	.25

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C. F. ROTHEUCHS 3 SAVIN ST ROXBURY, MASS.

22nd Auction Sale, May 15th, 1906

Each lot to be sold to the highest bidder without reserve. All stamps guaranteed genuine and described. All bids to be by the lot. Postage to be paid by purchaser. At close of sale purchaser will be notified and lots forwarded on receipt of remittance. Anything not as catalogued may be returned within three days and money will be refunded. The following is but a partial list of the 600 lots offered in this sale. The lots are rich in fine British Col. and rare stamps. Catalogue for the asking. Address all bids to Richard Williams, Centre St. West Roxbury, Mass.

CATALOGUES Stamps Sold By The Lot, Not By The Piece UNITED STATES

All stamps are used and in good condition unless otherwise stated.

Dates and numbers herein given should correspond to those given in the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue for 1906.

Lot No.	Cat. Value
1 1851 3c dark br o g fine.....	1.50
2 1851 3c same remarks.....	1.50
3 1857-60 1c dark blue unused fine Type II.....	10.00
4 1857-60 5c brick red fine.....	10.00
5 1857-60 5c br type III fine.....	2.50
6 1857-60 5c br type III fine.....	2.50
7 " " " " " ".....	2.50
8 1857-60 10c dark gr unused....	2.50
9 1861 24c August type superp used copy lightly canceled rare stamps.....	40.00
10 1862 3c lake in post office state very rare and very fine.....	15.00
11 Cat. no. 69, 76, 77, three picked copies.....	1.60
12 No. 63b, 65, 73 unused.....	1.10
13 1862 6c searched specimen from 1c-90c	
14 1862-66 5c red br nice used copy	3.50
15 1868 No. 93-94 9-13 o g.....	2.50
16 1868 No. 93-94 a pair unused...	3.50
17 1869 12c green unused o g.....	4.00
18 1869 1c re-issue No. 133 o g fine	1.50
19 1870 1c grill superb pair.....	1.00
20 1870 6c	3.50
21 1871 2c o g perfectly center....	1.50
22 1871 2c red br 3c gr unused...	3.50
23 1871 15c bright or. 6 fine copies	4.50
24 1873 1c and 2c unused.....	2.50
25 1873 3c gr a strip of 3 o g fine	3.00
26 1871 12c purple 1873 90c two nice copies.....	3.00
27 mixed lot of five unused.....	2.80
28 1871 24c purple unused straight edge.....	12.50
29 1871 24c superb used copy.....	1.50
30 still another.....	1.50
31 still another but off center....	1.50
32 1871 90c superb used copy.....	1.25
33 still another least off center...	1.25
34 90c 1871 and 1879.....	3.75
35 1871 2c red brown 3c gr unused	2.50
36 1873 12c blackish violet unused well centered.....	12.00
37 1873 90c car nice used copy....	2.50
38 still another just the same....	2.50
39 1879 6c pink superb copy P. O. state.....	2.00
40 1879 3c gr block of 6 P O state	2.40
41 1879 30 black unused o g.....	2.00
42 fine mixed lot of U S lot of 11	2.20
43 fine mixed lot of U S rare ex- tra fine thirteen in a lot.....	8.07
44 another mixed lot of 13 v fine	8.07
45 No. 31, 118, 190, 229 nice lot...	1.70
46 1888 30c br and 90c purple.....	1.45
47 1890 15c 32 picked copies.....	2.56
48 1895 50c 14 nice copies.....	2.52
49 another of 16 just the same....	2.88
50 1890 90c orange 10 nice copies	5.00
51 Dept. Agriculture 24c yellow P. O. state very fine.....	5.00
52 30c yellow P. O. state.....	5.00
53 Justice 1c P O state perf center	1.50
54 Justice 12c superb copy.....	3.00
55 Navy 1c P O state perf center	1.25
56 10c P O state perf center.....	2.50
57 30c P O state.....	5.00
58 State 10c o g fine.....	3.00
59 War Dept. complete set of proof on card board fine & bright	
60 1865 newspaper 10c blue green unused fine.....	5.00
61 still another, the same with slight tear.....	5.00
62 1879 3c 5 copies 5c one No. 1077	5.00
63 1885 1c superb blk of 4 P O state	.80
64 1885 12c carmine P O state fine	1.25
65 1885 24c P O state fine.....	1.50
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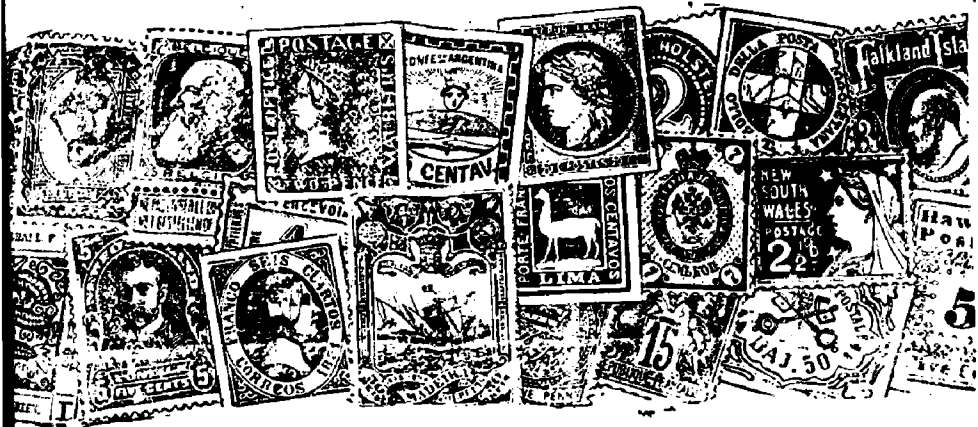
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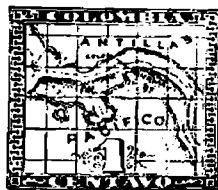
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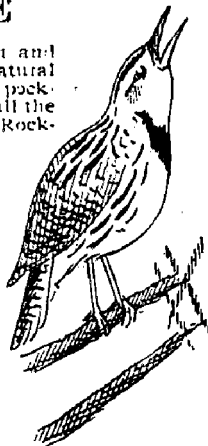
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To Subscribers of Collector's World:

After publishing three numbers of the Collector's World, I have found, that to put the paper on a successful basis will require more time and work than I can possibly devote. I undertook the publishing of the World as a pastime. As my regular work occupies all of my time during the day, I had to give my evenings to the paper. This took more time than I had anticipated, so much in fact that I was left without rest or recreation. Consequently, the work became tedious. Regarding the financial side; of course the paper did not pay expenses—no one could reasonably expect that—but considering the length of time that it was published and the conditions under which it was published, the returns were all that could be expected.

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Suez Canal Stamps

By L. G. Dorpat

Some time ago there was a query in the Department of Inquiry, asking for information regarding the various steamship-navigation stamps. We now find in Senf's Ill. Brefmarken Journal the following about the Suez Canal stamps:

"The Suez Canal, which was to cut through the Isthmus of Suez, a distance of 112 km., and to unite the Mediterranean and the Red sea, was begun on April 25, 1859. It was Ferdinand de Lesseps, who with his "Compagnie universelle du canal maritime de Suez" undertook and finished the gigantic task. The work was done by 25,000 Fellahs, Egyptian laborers, among whom a fearful mortality broke out so that the company had to get laborers from France. French colonists soon followed who sought their new homes in the valley of the Nile and in the neighborhood of the canal.

Naturally the company had instituted a telegraph and postal service for its own and its many officers' and laborers' use. The latter worked gratis. Monsieur Gustav Riche was both post and telegraph director. He conceived the plan, about 1867, to make the post remunerative for the company by collecting postage as was done in all countries with a postal institution. The company readily accepted the idea. A pretty set of stamps, cancelling hand stamps and the like was ordered from Paris and in July 1868 the first stamps were issued, in French not in Egyptian money. This was less acceptable to the laborers and officers who henceforth had to pay postage on their letters, than for the company which collected the postage.

Unfortunately for the company this state of affairs did not last long. Soon the Egyptian government got wind of the matter and promptly demanded the abolition of the new stamps. After some delay and a little sparring the company after about two months withdrew its stamps and those of Egypt took their place.

Hence we have but one issue July-September or October 1868: 1 centime black, 5c yellow green, 20c blue and 40c red.

The cancelling stamp was rarely used and then almost exclusively on the blue 20c stamp, while the others are mostly found with pen and ink cancellation."

We may add that it is desirable further to know: Who designed and printed the stamps in Paris? How many were made of each value? What was done with the remainders? Where are the plates?

Unused the whole set may be had for about \$1.00, but used, especially on the original letters they should be worth a good deal more. The same is probably true of all navigation stamps, as well as of any issue of stamps that was used for a short time only, and soon became superseded by some other issue.

Now, who can give any particulars about the Pacific Steam Navigation Co., the Danube S. N. Co., the Lady McLeod S. N. Co., the Royal Mail Co., and St. Thomas, La Guaira, Porto Cabello? Both a history of the company and of the stamps and their use, is desirable.

The new postage stamps which Japan is printing for Korea show a Chrysanthemum, emblem of Japan, a plum blossom, emblem of Korea, and two pigeons, symbolic of the postal service.

More Journals

By *Robert E. Ramsay*

To start this short article I have picked a quotation that I consider sounds the keynote of this proposition.

"Ignorance is the mother of Impudence."

Take things from a stamp collecting point of view—all we are here to consider. You cannot think but a moment and you will see what a striking bearing that has on us. Ignorance of stamp collecting cause the impudence of outsiders to that body. That is the full quotation, as I wish to dwell for a minute or so upon it. In the last months WEST someone gave a short discourse on the Stamp Dab question against the Magazine. The latter he held was the only successful thing. I think he was right. We need more journals and more of those that we do have. What is needed is to start more I think, that will cover a larger area than one large one can possibly do at first. Get more outsiders interested and then you can come on with your combinings and give us several good magazines that none will have to more than look up one side and down the other, and that is the end.

I noted in the Stamp Lovers Weekly only a few weeks back an editorial on the lack of journalism, which topic had been running through my mind for some time. And I am glad to relinquish the saying of that to Mr. Quackenbush. In fact I had one mms. ready for the printer on the subject. but I thought perhaps, to live up to the quotation I started with, I might not be far enough advanced in Philately to know and might be wrong, so I stayed the mss., and waited. Now I attempt to speak and touch slightly upon that same question in this. We need more journals. I am not a born knocker. on the contrary believe in "Don't Worry" and especially with the minor details, but what I do want is more journals. More that each the good collectors, those who collect a life time and never expect as many dollars and Mr. Mann of thousands for his collection. We need more journals, more journalists, more books, more articles; everything of that character to help disperse the cloud of ignorance from outsiders and make our hobby a joy everywhere not poohpoohed by anyone. To refer once again to the WEST, Mr. Huff just finished the second—and final—installment of his Three Ways to Advertise Philately. I would disagree with him to the extent of adding a fourth, that by more Journalistic work, in all lines. Why not bring forth more papers in America. By doing so we might bring forth more writers. What victory is sweeter than one worked for. If we had as many philatelic writers that it was like getting a mss. accepted by The Atlantic to get one taken by any of our few present day journals, if we could even have some writers that might rank favorably with Mr. Doyle and his Sherlock Holmes. I think then we would not have to be subjected to ridicule so often. We would then have better journals. Journals that would be a pleasure to read, not mere sheets, but books. Now do not think I am trying to run down the press we have now, instead I want to call their attention and first of all, the stamp collector's attention to these facts and let them build up a better press. If the collectors give the support, and the ones that can write will write, then we will have a better educated stamp collecting public. May the day of more journals, more collectors, and more of the hobby not be far distant.

Fiscal or Revenue Notes

By O. T. Hartman

A recent acquisition to my foreign revenue collection is a Parahyba (Brazil) 50,000 reis. Sounds big but the actual cash value in U. S. currency is \$27.30. I got a used perf. copy.

A foreign revenue stamp collector has to become in a fair way an international linguist. He comes across all kinds of words which need study or comparison before he can make out for what particular use this revenue has been issued.

If interested you can add another new series: "Public instruction" to your Mexican revenues. Quite a number but never mentioned.

A good practical way to remove paper off back of stamps which do not stand the common soaking off process in water, is the following way: Take several thicknesses of blotting paper and soak them well in warm to hot water. Lay them in a pan, etc. Put your stamps face up on the blotters cover the pan with a lid. In a few minutes the stamps are dampened enough so you can take them off the paper. All the stamps called sea green by Senf. cat. then the U. S. die stamps also the Roman and English printed on chalky paper and others are damaged by the ordinary water bath and require other method. Try it.

Pen cancellation on postage stamps indicate revenue use in nearly all cases, but not always. A familiar exception are the early used copies of Columbia. On the other hand, you have to look out also that a revenue postally used, bears the right cancellations. Many firms used round or oval cancellation, which come very near to those of the postal service.

Are unused revenues collectable? I do not know. I keep them, when with original gum, but do not put much faith in them, since it will be an impossibility to collect them even only at face value. Where is the pocket book?

Some high value revenues: Argentine 2000 pesos, \$1870.00; Spain 792 pesetas, \$152.86; U. S. \$1000, \$1000; Saxony 500 marks, \$120.00; England 100£, \$487.00; Hongkong \$200, \$90.00; Mexico 1000 pesos, \$450.00; Peru 1000 sol., \$48700.; Queensland 500£, \$2435.00.

Some small values: Argentine $\frac{1}{4}$ centavo, .024 cent; Austria 1 heller, .020 cent; Cuba $\frac{1}{2}$ centavo, .045 cent; Brazil 10 reis .050 cent; U. S. $\frac{1}{8}$ cent, .012 cent; India $\frac{1}{4}$ anna, .050 cent.

The "Connell" Stamp. This stamp of New Brunswick is probably the most famous stamp of the British possessions in America. Thomas Connell who was postmaster general of New Brunswick in 1861, thought his portrait would look well on a stamp so a supply was ordered, but the government objected as all the portraits on stamps of this colony were those of royalty. But a few used copies are in existence.

Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps

By R. R. Thiele

Continued.

British currency being somewhat clumsy for purposes of computation, it has always been the aim of the countries using it to conform the size and arrangement of their stamp sheets to the currency, so as to facilitate the work of the postal clerks and accountants. In this they have but followed the example set by the mother country of the postage stamps: Great Britain. The sheets of this country are all adapted to the currency. The very first stamp, the 1d black, and later red, was from the beginning to the end arranged in sheets of 240, in 20 horizontal rows of 12 each, each row thus being worth a shilling and the entire sheet an even pound. The two 2 pence of the line-engraved stamps was printed in sheets of the same size, only that the row was now worth two shillings and the entire sheet two pounds. Oddly enough the storekeeper of the General Post Office in the first requisition for these stamps forgot this and proceeded as though the sheet of 2d were worth but one pound; the error was only discovered two months later. The small half-penny stamp of 1870 was printed in sheets of 480, in twenty horizontal rows of 24 stamps each, so that the sheet was equivalent to one pound. The 1½d of 1870 was printed in sheets of 240, 20 rows of 12; the face value was 1 pound 10 shillings

The embossed 6d stamps were printed in sheets of 40 arranged in two panes of 20 each, one above the other, each pane consisting of five horizontal rows of four each. the entire sheet thus was again equal to a pound. The embossed 10d stamps were printed in sheets of 24 stamps, 6 horizontal rows of 4, which again gives a pound face value. The embossed 1 shilling, finally was printed in sheets of twenty, five horizontal rows of four, twenty shillings being equal to a pound. These three stamps were struck singly one at a time from the original die: you can imagine how tedious the process must have been.

The surface printed stamps produced by the house of De la Rue follow similar arrangements. Let us look at them in the order of their creation.

The 4d was printed in sheets of 240, arranged in 4 panes of 60 each, in 10 horizontal rows of 6 each. Each such pane was considered a sheet in the post office accounts and was worth one pound. In 1881 the two upper and the two lower panes, respectively, were united, so that the sheet now consisted of two panes, one above the other, each containing 120 stamps in 10 rows of 12; each pane was worth 2 pounds, but was subdivided by the offices into quarter-sheets of 60 each, being worth one pound each.

The 3d was issued in sheets of 240, arranged in 12 panes, each pane containing 20 stamps in 5 horizontal rows of 4; the panes were arranged in four rows of 3. Two panes together formed a post office sheet and were worth 10 shillings; the entire sheet as printed would have had a face value of three pounds. In 1831 the plate was altered by combining the upper six panes into one pane and the lower six likewise, so that the sheet now had only two panes; the post office sheets remained as before: 40 stamps each.

The sheet of the 6d was exactly like that of the 3d, except of course, that a post office sheet of 40 was worth one pound. The same is true of the

6d of 1872; but in 1881 the same arrangement was adopted as for the 4d and 3d.

The 9d was arranged exactly like the 3d and 6d, except that a post office sheet of 40 was worth 15 shillings

The 1 shilling of 1856 was arranged like the 3d, 6d and 9d; but here a pane corresponded to a post office sheet and was worth 1 pound. In 1881 the plate of this value also was altered like those of the 4d, 3d and 6d.

The 10d of 1867 was similarly arranged as the above stamps were at first; each pane of 20 formed a post office sheet and was worth 16 sh. 8 d. The entire sheet, as you will observe would have been worth 10 pounds.

The arrangement of the 2 sh. of 1867 was just like the foregoing; each pane of 20 was a postoffice sheet and worth 2 pounds.

The 5 sh. of 1867 was printed in sheets of 80, arranged in 4 panes of 20 each, 2x2, each pane arranged in 4 horizontal rows of 5 each; each pane was also a post office sheet of the value of 5 pounds. In 1882 the plate was cut down so that the sheet thereafter consisted of only 56 stamps in one pane, 7 horizontal rows of 8 each; 28 stamps were a post office sheet and worth 7 pounds.

The 2½d of 1875 was printed in sheets of 192 stamps, arranged in two panes, one above the other, each containing 96 stamps in 8 horizontal rows of 12; each pane was a post office sheet of the value of 1 pound. In 1881 the plate was changed to print 240 stamps to the sheet, arranged in two panes of 120 each, 10 horizontal rows of 12 each.

The 8d of 1876 came in sheets of 240, arranged in 4 panes, 2x2, containing 60 stamps in 10 horizontal rows of 6; half a pane was a post office sheet of the value of 1 pound.

The 10 shilling stamp of 1878 was printed in sheets of 80, arranged in 4 panes of 20 each, 4 horizontal rows of 5 each; each pane was worth 10 pounds. In 1883 the plate was just like that of the 5 sh. after 1882.

The 1 pound of 1878 was printed in sheets of 80, arranged in 4 panes, 2x2, each containing 20 stamps, 4 horizontal rows of 5 each. In 1883 the plate was altered to correspond to those of the 5 sh., and 10 sh.

To be continued.

Greek Government Makes a Special Grant Towards the Expenses.—Interest in the forthcoming Olympic game in Greece is steadily rising in England, over 100 applications from athletes representing this country, who wish to have part of their traveling expenses paid, having been received. America will send a contingent sixty strong, and almost every other country in the world will be represented. The grant which the Greek Government is making toward the expenses of the games is to take the form of a special issue of stamps of a novel and artistic design. About \$200,000 worth will be circulated during a period of three weeks, and the sum realized will be handed over to the committee at Athens.

Which British Colony's stamps are the likeliest to rise in value? is a question often asked, and it has been asked publicly in an "Examination paper" propounded by one of the philatelic journals, the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly." A reply in which several readers agreed was "British Guiana," but there were votes also for Barbados, Leeward Islands, Sarawak, Somaliland, Cyprus and St. Helena. Many will think that some of the selections are, to say the least, debatable.

Stamp Auctions

By An Old Boy

This is getting to be quite a popular and favorite method of disposing of collections and purchasing stamps. And while the glamor and excitement of an auction room is too much for many people and leads them into all sorts of troubles, the quiet looking over of an auction catalogue at home and sending in a few bids after due deliberation, is another matter altogether and which anyone may safely do.

Several reliable firms have made a specialty of auctions of late years and have so perfected the arrangement of sales that a person at a distance is practically as well off as those on the spot. The greatest care is exercised in describing the condition of the stamps, that one may know exactly what one is bidding for. Some firms will even send lots on approval under certain conditions, and any lot found not as stated in catalogue may be returned.

Successful buying at Auction sales depends on several things, among others, 1st knowing just what you want, and 2nd, having some idea what the lots are likely to fetch. It is of course unwise to bid at all on stuff that you do not want and have no use for just because it may go cheap. Things you don't actually want are always dear at any price. If there are lots in the catalogue that you need in your collection, you would be wise in bidding pretty high for them, (i. e., nearly as high as you could buy the same thing from a dealer) in the hope that you may secure them for less than the price bid. For you may not have to pay the full price you bid, but the firm with whom you entrust your bid will try and secure the lot for less than you actually bid.

Some real bargains may be met with occasionally. I have bought lots catalogued at about \$8.00 for \$1.75 or thereabouts, on one occasion I bid for 10 Canadian stamps cat. \$7.50 and my bid was \$1.50, but secured the lot for one dollar; and have had other bargains equally good. I find it good policy to watch all the auction sales and send in bids for anything I am likely to want, being careful to bid such a price as will make the lots cheap to me. should I secure them.

Any who have never tried this method of purchasing stamps, might with great advantage try a few bids on the next auction.

Curious Stamps

By F. A. Brown

Reading Mr. J. D. Bartlett's article in one of the past numbers of the WEST on Texas Tax Tags, brings to mind a few things in a similar line which I have.

First is a label, six inches long by two inches wide, it is printed in black on light green paper, it consists of two parts and each part has a border of irregular lathe work. The larger part occupies four and one quarter inches and is printed lengthwise of the label, part two occupies the remaining one and three quarter inches of the label and is printed crossways at the right end. Part one has at the left the Missouri Coat of Arms with "Inspection Fee" immediately underneath. Then in a pointed oval both

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
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above and below the foregoing is the figure "8". Next to this is "counter-signed" in small capitals reading from the bottom up, then comes a facsimile of the signature of J. P. Williams—on "State Treas." in small caps, both reading up. Then reading horizontally is "Act of May 4, 1899, as amended in 1901", one line; "State of Missouri", one line; "Beer Inspection Department" one line and curved; the last two lines and the next one are on shaded background—next below Beer Inspection Department is "Jefferson City, Missouri, one line; then a line — - — then "I hereby Certify," that the contents of the within package have been inspected and found to be made of wholesome ingredients. At the close of the certification comes the facsimile signature "G. Crimshaw" and underneath "inspector" in small caps, then part two is printed crossways and at the top and bottom of the frame in the same sort of design as the figure eight is the figure two at the top. Just under the two comes "Label 2 cents"—next facsimile signature of I take it to be, G. K. Crimshaw Inspector and then "Countersigned" "R. P. Williams" "State Treas."

From this I judge there is an inspection tax on Missouri Beer as well as on Texas feed.

I secured my specimens at Kansas City during flood times there. I think it comes from a (8) eight gallon beer keg.

The next thing I shall mention is a Wells Fargo & Co. Express pre-paid stamp for charges on newspapers and magazines. It is $3\frac{3}{8}$ in. long by $2\frac{3}{8}$ wide. It is black and a very red plum color or cardinal with just a bluish tinge, on white. The lettering is black, the background the other color. The background is printed, leaving a scroll work design in faint white lines, and "W. F. & Co. Ex." in white capitals 7-16 of an inch high across the center of the stamp.

The part in black beginning at the top "Wells Fargo & Co. Express."—"Atlantic Department" "1ct Prepaid Stamp 1ct"—"For Charges On" "Newpapers & Magazines". So far each quotation forms one line under another. The rest of the inscription is arranged as follows: "If the package contains other matter, or is not fully prepaid, Agents at destination will charge full rates in addition to the stamp."

"Ea Stedman", manager.

The "Ea Stedman" is a facsimile signature. The 5c is the same except the figure of value and has E. A. Steadman, acting manager.

On the 2c the background is salmon colored and the caution "If the package, etc., is in five lines instead of six. Dudley Evans, Manager instead of E. A. Stedman.

I have secured these stamps from packages that came to East Peru from Chicago and I know also of their being used on papers sent out from Waterloo, Ia., by W. F. & Co. Ex.

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Observations on Some Original Covers

By R. R. Thiele

Continued.

"Suspected liable to customs duties" is a familiar notice to all collectors with foreign exchange relations; every bulky letter is held up and we have to show proof that they contain nothing to the detriment of our Uncle Samuel's revenues. So I had to go down today again to bail out such a quarantined letter. It was from an exchange friend in Victoria, Australia and was indeed of a promising bulk--which promise was fully borne out by the contents. It bears a current 4d bistre and a current 2sh blue on rose of Victoria--of the "Postage" series. They are cancelled by the date stamp

KORNHEM FE 27 06 VICTORIA

the first and last words forming a circle without outer line. Besides this there is on the face of the letter the large registration stamp R in a large circle, struck in black, and a registration number in violet ink, written with the pen, no doubt at Kornheim. Somebody has written a large figure 25 on the face of the letter with blue pencil; its signification is not apparent to me. A registry number struck in green ink by a numbering machine on the face of the letter was probably added at Chicago. Next in order is the date stamp of Dimboola, Victoria, on the back of the envelope:

DIMBOOLA FE 27 06 VICTORIA

arranged like the Kornheim postmark, without outer line; but queerly enough there is another datestamp, also on the back of the letter reading

DIMBOOLA FE 27 06 VICTORIA

in a single lined circle and with a large figure 3 between bars forming an oval at the right, in the usual fashion of combining a "Killer" with a datestamp. I do not see why Dimboole should postmark the letter twice on the same day and to go to the trouble of using two different handstamps for doing so. Dimboola is an important junction station in the northwestern part of Victoria and the letter probably laid over here for connections.--from here it went its way to Melbourne, as shown by the datestamp

REGISTERED MELBOURNE FE --- 28 5

in a double circle, the words "Registered Melbourne" between the circle at the top and 5 between them at the bottom. There is another figure after 28, but it is illegible--probably the hour. The 5 may be the number of the handstamp on that of a branch office, though I doubt the latter. Here the letter took ship and came via Suez to London, the usual way: London impressed the familiar hand stamp

REGISTERED LONDON A 3 A P 06 B

struck in red. "London" and the date are in a single lined circle; "Registered" is added in a kind of hood following the upper part of the circle, 1

am not quite sure whether the date is the 2nd or the 3d of April, as it is indistinct; in any case the time in transit seems quick enough for the distance from Melbourne to London. As to the letters A and B I cannot say just what they signify. London pouches registered mail direct to Chicago, and so the next date stamp is

CHICAGO, ILL. APR 1906 REG. DIV.

between two concentric circles, the date in the inner circle, the whole struck in red aniline ink. Next day the letter safely arrived here, 48 days on the journey.

To be continued.

Denver Notes

By August H. Hoffman

Mr. L. C. Nelson has purchased the stamp store formerly occupied by Mr. F. W. Reid, Denver, Colo. Mr. Reid had established quite a trade at this location, having been at this address for several years.

Mr. Nelson is a young man of ambition, ability and integrity and we are confident that he will succeed in his business undertaking.

Mr. Nelson began collecting stamps in 1898 exchanging his duplicates with other collectors and this is his fitting climax to embark in business for himself April 16, 1906.

We all wish him the success due him through our most popular and favorite hobby "Philately".

Mr. Reid goes to New York to open a stamp store there.

On good authority it is stated that the Denver mint will make the souvenir medals for the Pike's Peak Centennial.

The medal will be of Colorado silver and bronze and will equal the size of a half dollar.

On one side will appear a bas-relief of Zebulon Pike with the words "Centennial celebration of discovery of Pike's Peak, Nov. 15, 1806".

An Unnecessary Issue. The righteous wrath of our Belgian contemporary, "L'Annuaire Timbrologique," has been aroused by the fact that the newly "philatelized" Spanish colony of Rio de Oro has for European population only two officers, one being the governor, twenty-five soldiers, a priest, and two agents of the "Compania Transatlantica"; yet the postal needs of Rio de Oro require an issue of sixteen values of stamps, ranging from one centimo to ten pesetas. We sympathize with the feelings of our contemporary in the matter, but, of course, the promoters of speculative issues, such as this obviously is, can always be defeated if philatelists will but sternly refuse to collect their productions.

Penny Postage and Parcels Post. The Post Office Committee of the National House of Representatives has decided that penny postage and a parcels post must wait a while longer. In other words, we shall not immediately have one-cent postage or the parcels post which in other countries are working so admirably.

Fortunes in Stamps

By L. G. Dorpat

Thalman of Fischentha, Zurich, Switzerland, issues a stamp paper under the name of "Weltpost," i. e., World-Post. In No. 1 of Jan. 15, 1906 he has an article with the above heading, from which we may take the following notes, supplemented with items from other sources:

A London contemporary estimates the capital invested in the stamp trade at \$1,000,000.00. This will not include the capital invested by collectors and numerous small dealers. If this be included, we should have to double or treble these figures.

There are very few people who have any adequate conception of the enormous extent to which the traffic stamps, postal and fiscal, has grown. The collecting and dealing in stamps, whether pursued as a pastime or as a business has assumed the proportions of an industry. This was for years realized by certain postmasters and smaller governments, who speculated upon stamp dealers and stamp collectors by producing stamps which were not needed for postal purposes but produced a handsome income through their sale to collectors.

Quite a campaign was raised against such provident consideration. The demand for stamps is, however, so large that we cannot blame those who recognize it and figure on it, if only the postal authorities remain within reasonable limits and abstain from issuing stamps, the sole purpose of which is the sale to collectors. If the issue is made bona fide for postal purposes, we can only feel gratified that there are enough to go around.

One large English firm making it a business to supply collectors with stamps for their collections is said to have a capital of \$600,000.00 and to have sold at auction the private collection of Mr. Smith-Ryland for \$10,000.00 although this collection did not contain the greatest rarities, and auction sales do not always bring the highest prices.

The most important sale ever made anywhere, it is claimed, was the recent sale of Mr. W. W. Mann's collection for £30,000 net cash or about \$150,000.00. The reader will remember that this collection was bought by Stanley Gibbons' of London, who make this purchase a special feature of their advertising.

There are, however, hundreds of collections that cost some \$1000.00 to \$10,000.00 to make, some collectors spending as much as \$4,000.00 to \$40,000.00 annually. One collector, who is usually considered as the "Stamp Croesus," Philippe la Renotiere of Paris, the Count of Ferarry, is said to have spent with one firm alone as much as \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 annually for several years. He constantly employs two secretaries who tend to his collection, one to the adhesives and the other to the envelopes, wrappers and cards. His collection has been variously estimated at from \$1,000,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00 and even more. The gross consists of humbler people, who have no more than \$1.00 to \$5.00 to spend in a whole year. Of these and of those who spend a little more, perhaps \$10.00 to \$25.00 annually, or even \$25.00 to \$100.00 there are a great many, as the annual sale of postage stamp albums will testify, one firm reporting a sale of 30,000 albums in one year. There are about a dozen firms that manufacture such albums or make their sale a

specialty. We may pretty safely estimate the number of stamp collectors in the whole world at least two million, and since the number seem to be continually growing, there may be a good many more.

Stamp catalogues are issued annually in editions of 10,000 to 12,000 copies. This also helps us to form an estimate of the extent of our hobby. Not every collector has a catalogue, though it would be much to his credit and benefit if he did, and those who have one do not get a new one every year. Yet there are some 50,000 or more required every twelve-month.

There are about 20,000 different postage stamps (not considering the minor varieties) and perhaps again as many fiscals. Some of them may be had by dozens for a cent, but one purchased some time ago by Prince of Wales cost over \$7,000.00. This very stamp, a 2 penny Mauritius of 1847, originally cost about 4 cents. This shows that stamps may be a good object for investment, and in fact there are a great many collectors who consider their collections as investments, rather than pastime.

All stamps that were manufactured in small quantities only, especially those issued from 1840 to 1860 by small countries, British Colonies for instance, German and Italian states, and U. S. postmaster stamps, locals, provisional issues and high values of all times, are on account of their rarity and the ever increasing demand for them bound to increase in value as the years pass by. Some have increased very rapidly, as the Southern Nigeria £1 which was \$4.85 in 1903 and is now worth \$40.00.

Collections made 20 and 30 years ago sell today for 20 and 30 times their original cost. The collection of W. Hughes, an Englishman, cost about \$350.00 and 37 years later sold for \$15,000.00; that of Mr. Panwels of Torquay cost about \$800.00 and after 27 years brought \$16,000.00. To obtain such results a collector must use discretion and pick out those stamps for his specialty which are the rarest but whose rarity is not generally appreciated. He must buy perfect specimens and must buy them cheap, at face value if possible.

The next thing toward making a fortune in stamps is to keep the stamp for a sufficient time. F. Beiffuss of St. Petersburg, Russia, has collected for 45 years, and many of the stamps that he got for a few kopecs when he began collecting are worth hundreds of roubles. Besides that, what pleasure, what entertainment, what satisfaction has he had! We must not expect results too quickly.

A dealer who by continual buying and selling wants to earn his daily bread will have to work, work hard first to get the necessary knowledge of stamps and secondly to keep his business a going; he must work as hard as any other dealer in any commodity or luxury.

So after all, the philatelist, who collects for the love of the stamps, who collects stamps to study and to keep them, is the one who, when he finally does sell part of his treasures, gets the best results and is most apt to make a fortune while he is pursuing a pastime and riding an agreeable hobby.

The Prince of Wales has offered a gold and a silver medal for the best exhibits of stamps shown by lady collectors at the International Philatelic Exhibition, which will be opened at the Royal Horticultural Society's Hall, London, England, Westminster, on May 23.

Short Notes

The British Empire comprises 11,908,738 sq. miles with a population of 398,401,704, of which 4 million are white and the rest colored. Nearly half of all the world's stamps were issued for the use of British subjects.

The *Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* quoted in *Ill. Briefm. Journal* says that the postal administration of Egypt, before destroying any old records or papers, has the stamps removed therefrom for sale to collectors. That is a good economical idea. Had our postal department done so with the newspaper receipts, then it might now be easier to get a hold of the periodical stamps and the department's annual deficit might have been a trifle less than it was.

As the *Journal des Philatelistes* relates the Russian office at Peking, Tientzin and Canton were discontinued and the offices in Shanghai, Tshifoo, Hankon and Urga are likely soon to follow. What is to become of the stamps?

The stamps of Germany now come on a paper watermarked diamond shaped lozenges in a diamond lattice-work. The secret chemical paper mark seems to be omitted from this new paper.

The receipts of the Italian offices since the reduction of postage from 20 to 15 centesimi have so increased that the administration now expect an annual gain of 5 million lire. (*Ills. Befm. Journal-Senp.*)

Mr. Th. Lemaire, 116 Avenue de l'Opera, Paris, France, the publisher of "*Le Journal des Philatelistes*" publishes a catalogue in two parts, part I. issues from 1840 to 1900 and part II. issues since 1900, in which a great number of stamps are priced "0.00." That means that the stamps may be obtained gratis, when some of the rare stamps are purchased at the same time. Thousands are also marked "0.01" to "0.15," which is 1-5 of a cent to 3 cents. The catalogue, of course, is in French, but any English collector can easily learn to use it. It does not list minor varieties. The price of part I. is 25 cents, part II. 10 cents.

According to *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* the stamps of Japan are after all not a purely Japanese production. At least the later issues (1888-92), although printed at Osaka, were printed by an Englishman named Sheard from Smethwick near Birmingham. If however, the older issues were really made by Japanese nations only Mr. Sheard has not very much to boast of, because the improvement in Japan stamps since 1888 is not so great as to mark much of a difference. The issues of 1876 and 1883 are very creditable productions. The difference between the issues before and after 1876 is much greater.

Hans Kirchhofer of Morges, Switzerland, offers a long list of fac-similes of rare stamps. Among others he has the large values of the U. S. State Department, which he offers, the set of 4 for 5 cents. It is well to beware

of these things. Switzerland is not much honored by the production and sale of such stuff.

Collectors of German Colonial stamps may do well to get the "Deutscher Kolonial Atlas" from Dietrich Reimer, containing 8 large maps and text for 20 cents. It may be obtained through the service of any German book dealer.

Charity stamps are expected shortly from Holland and from Spain. If this is kept up, we may soon collect the charity stamps "from all countries."

The world's postal congress is about to convene at Rome, the city from which more than a thousand years ago a postal system extended over the greater part of Europe and parts of Asia and Africa, the "whole world" as it was then known. The last congress was in session 7 years ago in Washington, and determined the stamp-colors for the commonest values. Hence the U. S. stamps were changed, 1898-99, the 1c from blue to green, the 5c from chocolate to blue, the 10c from green to brown and the 15c from blue to olive. These colors are likely to remain for all regular issues that may follow, unless the world's congress advises a change. Our 2c stamp was not changed much (from carmine-red to scarlet-red), because red is the world's regulation color for that value, and it matters little what shade or tint of red is used. Other countries made similar changes at about the same time and for the same reason. Great Britain changed the ½d from vermilion to green, the 1d from violet and green to scarlet, the 2½d from violet to ultramarine. The deliberations of the next congress may cause some further changes. What they will be we must leave to the future.

More "charity" issues are to be chronicled. The example set by Sweden, Denmark, Russia, etc., has been followed by Argentina Republic and Roumania. The charity stamp from Argentina, is a large label printed in black. Its exact status we have been unable to discover, but in the absence of any pronouncement to the contrary, one must assume that the stamp is not in any sense a bona fide postal issue, but merely on a par with the charity labels of Sweden and Denmark, which are of quite an unofficial character. On the other hand, a charity issue just to hand from Roumania partakes of the same nature as the War Charity issues of Russia, a sum being added to the actual postal value of the stamp for the benefit of the charity on behalf of which the stamps are issued. It is to be hoped that this habit of issuing postage stamps carrying a "charity" premium will not spread to other countries: but we fear it will. It is the "gumpap" in a new guise—an attempt to extort revenue from philatelists under the cloak of charity. Nobody desires to place a check on charity, but stamp collectors rightly resent being made the special butt of schemes of this kind, and we anticipate that the charity stamps of Roumania will enjoy but a limited circulation. The other issues we have mentioned—those of Sweden, Denmark and Argentina, having no postal character, will, of course, be ignored by the collector of postage stamps.

Record prices were given for two English stamps at a sale in London, when an unused I. R. official 10s King's head, issued in 1903, realized \$450 and a similar stamp for £1, brought \$375.

Reprint Stamps of Cuba

By Mario S. Roig of Cuba

A short number of stamps of Cuba only have been reprinted but in many issues it has been seven (7) issues have reprint stamps. The first is in the issue of 1855. The surcharged stamps are four kinds, they are reprints because the prices given in catalogues are very high, it can be discovered with lense because the surcharge is made from a rubber stamp and some are heavier cancelled than others. The originals have this appearance: $Y\frac{1}{4}$ and the reprints this other $Y\frac{1}{4}$.

The second issue is 1866 $\frac{1}{4}$ real black, in which the 66 of surcharge is made by printing press and the reprints is made by hand. In these issues it is very easy to discover the reprint ones.

The third issue in which reprints are made is 1868-1869 in the two sets are reprinted the 5-10-40 and 5-10-20 in the second, these are exactly as occurs in Spanish stamps of these kinds.

The fourth is in the issue of 1883 surcharged in this series only one stamp has been reprinted and two errors have been on same reprint, one in which the surcharge has been stamped on the (10c) olive bistre instead of 20c red brown surcharge "e" catalogue number in Scott's No. 120 and the 2nd error is that in the same stamp has been stamped two surcharges one upon the other.

The fifth issue that has reprint stamps is 1898-1899 in which has been reprinted 7 values. The 3-6-10-15-20-1p-2p I have only seen the 3 and 6 cents reprinted on rough paper, but very clear impression, these stamps reprinted have circulated, some of them, and have a high price. Some firms made reference to the stamps in his catalogue and catalogued when used postally.

The sixth issue in which have been made reprints is 1898-99. "Timbre movel" used for postage and I have in original cover reprintings of the "4c" brown and 5 centaves blue, and catalogued by some firms from \$1 to \$2.50 each.

The seventh is 1898-99 Puerto Principe issue. These stamps were surcharged by the U. S. government on the current issue of these times, 1898-99, and are very difficult to discover reprints, because they have been made from copper types, and in a printing press, so are very hard to discover and it can not be put in collections as genuine, because there are not any difference in stamp or Surcharge.

These stamps are the only known varieties of reprints of Cuba, others are not reprint stamps, but re-issue.

A special to the WEST, to be continued in Porto Rico and Philipines.

Philatelists have been much interested in the recent sale by the Crown Agents for the Colonies of a large block of Victorian postage stamps, comprising the whole stock remaining in the hands of the Government of Lagos and of a considerable number of obsolete stamps of the Somaliland Protectorate, of which no further supplies will be printed. On inquiry it was stated that all the Somaliland 'service' stamps had been sold and some of the ordinary, the total sum obtained being about \$15,000. The average price was $\frac{1}{150}$ per cent above the face value



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.

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

268. Whose portrait is that on the 1892 issue of Samoa?—In answer to this query we may copy a paragraph from page 613 of "Hobbies," to wit: Samoa has issued but one portrait stamp—that on the 2½d label of the 1893 series. The head is that of an ex-King of Samoa, by name Malietoa Laupepa. As an example of the old adage "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," King Malietoa Laupepa could take his stand with earth's most troubled monarchs. Born of an ancient royal line about the middle of the last century, he was the nineteenth king according to the traditions of his dynasty. His name Laupepa, means in English "Sheet of Paper." Malietoa (properly pronounced means Ma-lee-a to-a) was his dynastic title and was of the highest honour in the islands. It means, "Well done, good fighting cock!" Laupepa was educated by the missionaries for the ministry, but his high birth bought other duties upon him which he could not shirk. For centuries the islands, with exception of Tutuila, had been governed by the two royal house of Malietoa and Tapua. In 1873, with the aid of the missionaries and the European residents, an attempt at a constitutional monarchy was made, by which these two kings were to rule jointly, assisted by a House of Nobles (Taimua) and a House of Representatives (Faipue). The elective system was only in name, for as a rule, if a member became "tired" he went home, and if any one else cared to take his place they went to Apia; if not it didn't matter. This curious dual kingship, however, was productive of much strife until Malietoa Laupepa succeeded in investing himself with most of the power and was finally crowned King of all Samoa, on March 19th, 1881. Nor for long, however, did he enjoy undisputed kingship. His rival, Tamasese, was proclaimed King by the Germans, Malietoa himself was deported, and in 1887 a new king was chosen in the person of Mataafa. The islands at the present time owe allegiance to the German Kaiser, and the first Samoan portrait stamp is likely to prove also the last."

269. Where can you get information about reprints and forgeries?—About reprints there is a valuable German work by F. Kalkhoff, but this is out of print and may be hard to get. In the Philatelic Journal of America, there is however, a translation of part of the work by Prof. G. Reynolds (see P. J. A. IX. p. 12). Another work, and in the English language, is that of E. D. Bacon, entitled "Reprints of Postal Adhesive Stamps and their characteristics," containing 168 pages with 426 illustrations, which may be had of Stanley Gibbons, Inc., New York, for \$1.00. The same firm is just now issuing a new (3d) edition of the old standard on forgeries, Rev. R. B. Earses' "Album Weeds," 2 vols, at \$4.80. Besides that there are numerous notes and articles scattered throughout the catalogue and the philatelic press generally. The notes by Mr. Thiele in the "WEST" have run for years. In Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, October 1905, a series of notes was begun by Ch. J. Phillips, treating of both, reprints and forgeries. If today

everything that has been published on these subjects were collected, tomorrow or a year hence there would be some new material to be added, because both reprinting and forging have not yet been stopped and are going right on as the production of genuine stamps.

270. How can you tell the Austrian Post Cards, Bohm, Polne, Ruth. Ital., Slav., etc.?—The Austrian Empire comprize people of many different languages. For their convenience post cards were issued not with the German text only (German being the official language of the government), but with the text in the various languages spoken in the empire, as Bohemian, Italian, Polish, Slovakish, Illyric, etc. On some of the earlier cards there is a note in brackets telling what language the text on the card represents. By comparing the words on these early cards with those on the later cards one may know what language is represented, even if there is no note stating it. Anyone knowing all these languages would have no difficulty in recognizing them. The contents of the inscriptions are, as far as I know, all of the same meaning.

271. Where can I get a reliable color chart?—The latest, and very likely also the best, is that by B. W. Warhurst published by Stanley Gibbons 2 | 6—4 | 6, or 62c in paper and \$1.02 in cloth binding. It will be, no doubt, a great help to any one making a study of colors. No one should, however, rely on a color chart alone. It requires study to master the subject of colors, but the study is a very pleasant one and will repay the little trouble that it subjoins. The title of Mr. Warhurst's work is "A Color Dictionary" and may be had from Stanley Gibbons Ltd. London, Engl., or Stanley Gibbons, Inc., 198 Broadway, New York. By the way: The same firm has issued a 3d edition, revised to date, of another very useful publication from the able pen of Major E. B. Evans "A Glossary for Philatelists entitled Stamps and Stamp Collecting". The price of this book is 50c or \$1 00 according to binding. You will do well to get the firm's list of publications, which may be had for the asking, and which will prove both interesting profitable, even if you do never buy anything from it.

272. Is there any postal card society in existence now?—I do not know, but perhaps some of our readers can tell. The enquirer does not mean a picture card society, but a society of collectors of regular post cards. It may be a good place here to say a few words for the postal card in general. In years gone by it was awarded more attention from the general collector. Since the number of adhesives was multiplied and the catalogues have left the lists of cards away, collectors seem to forget them too. That is a mistake. Cards may afford as much pleasure as adhesives or envelopes, and as there are comparatively few only, it is much easier to make a complete collection of them than of the adhesives. Besides that, the postal card is a factor in postal development and is no doubt entitled to recognition. Being at present somewhat neglected, cards may be had at lower prices, than which they would bring, were their collection in vogue.

273. What are minor varieties, and what are the reasons pro and con in regard to collecting them?—The topic of minor varieties of stamps has been widely discussed, and yet the term "minor varieties" is by no means uniformly defined, and hence two writers who may have the same intention may differ widely in the words they use and their readers may be at a loss to thoroughly understand them. Stamps of different designs or different values

are not minor varieties, but regular varieteis, i. e. different stamps. When color, paper, watermark, perforation and alterations of design are considered, the trouble begins. Very marked differences of color—such as red and green, blue and brown, purple and orange—are not received among minor varieties. But any variation within the same color, carmine—red to scarlet—red, for instance, or ultramaine-blue to indigo-blue, blue green to yellow-green etc., may or may not be considered as constituting a minor variety. There is a general tendency to call stamps with slight differences minor varieties and all those show very decided differences not minor (but regular, straight, common or general) varieties. It is very hard to find the exact line of limit and no individual can undertake to decide for all others; decide for himself only. With other differences besides the color differences it is about the same as with these. What one collector will call a legitimate variety, the other collector will call a minor variety, and will not consider it worthy of attention. Finally there are some differences, so very small that no one will pay any attention to them, though there are some collectors who will consider any difference perceptible with the naked eye, and some who will go even further using the microscope, perforation gauge and millimetre scale. For practical purposes it might be well to draw the line between catalogued and non-catalogued varieties though this line is not a straight one and may shift from time to time as the catalogues are re-written. The greatest difficulty will probably be found when differences of surcharges are considered. The same legend may appear in different types, or they may come in the same type differently spaced, or with a period left out, a letter inverted or omitted or broken; or a surcharge otherwise identical may be placed in a dozen different positions. The latter are certainly minor—very “minor”—varieties, yet they are recognized by many collectors who are not at all fools.

The term “collecting” is also used in a variety of senses, according to how a collector goes to work. With some it means buying, with others it means keeping and with still others it may mean noting or counting. For instance, one collector will note all the differences he can, be they ever so small, in the stamps he sees or possesses: but he will not care to keep 5, 6 or more copies of a stamp unless they differ very materially. Another collector will not buy more than one variety of any stamp, but if he gets a variety or two by finding it, he will keep it. Still another collector will buy as many varieties of any one particular stamp as he possibly can get; he may buy them by the sheet, or even two and three sheets if there are as many printings of the stamp.

It would be impossible to give all the reasons “pro and con” in regard to so many ways of collecting and when there is such a diversity of the term used. Every individual will have to consider his own means, inclinations and aims and see for himself what inducement or deterrents he may find. For a beginner there may be other reasons than for an old and far advanced collector; a school boy will be affected by reasons which a millionaire would scorn to consider; we are not all alike and hence, what is reason to one may be non-reason to another. Still we may mark a few points of general interest. Suppose you found a grand old pile of letters containing dozens and hundreds of stamps and the owner would hand them over to you for a “I thank you”. In looking them over you might first think you had a fifty or a hundred different kinds only.

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A Philatelic Gold Brick

By Verna Weston Hantway

Continued.

"May I call tomorrow?" was Mr. Jack's query as he handed her into the waiting carriage. "You may," was the gracefully given permission, "at two." "I am about to leave town for a few days, may I not come at twelve." "Certainly, if it would prove more convenient," and with a bow she ended the conversation. With bared head Mr. Jack watched the carriage as it disappeared, and the ever watchful friend was positive that this time it was a case. If it was mutual, was now the question.

Promptly at twelve, Mr. Jack was ushered into a handsome little parlor. His practical eye had time to observe all the luxurious details that marked the woman of wealth and fashion in the time which passed before Mrs. Rosa Hamlin swept gracefully into the room.

Her beauty would have conquered a man less open to such impressions than our friend. Determined, however, to conquer the glamour thrown over him by her beauty and fascinatoin he plunged at once into business.

"You refused Mr. Blauk's offer last night. I offer you sixty thousand."

For a moment Mrs. Rosa remained silent. She seemed to be revolving some problem in her mind. At last she spoke—"I accept. Of course you understand that no price could be set upon that block, it is so rare. A few weeks ago I would have scorned selling it. It was the last present given to me by my father. I have made some unlucky investments, nothing serious. still this money will prove a relief." "You might have some difficulty in cashing a check as I leave town in a few hours, so suppose you go with me to the bank. I will draw the money and we can make the exchange there." "Yes, that would be the better way, I think. Excuse me a moment." She soon returned ready for the street.

At the bank the exchange was made. Mr. Jack had a strange feeling of elation; the block Nonpareil was his. Leaving the widow at her door he said, "I hope you will permit me to come again?" "With pleasure." "I will call then upon my return in a few days," giving her hand a little squeeze. With that they parted. She went to her apartments with a curious smile upon her face, he to the station with mingled feelings of impatience and admiration.

Time passed. Mr. Jack had called on the beautiful widow upon his return; she was out, he was informed. So he wrote a note reminding her of her promise to be present at the next meeting of the philatelic society.

It was now the evening upon which the society was to meet. He had called a special meeting to exhibit his prize, and was filled with anticipation. A noted collector of world wide fame was to be present. Then had not Mrs. Rosa positively declared that she would attend?

The clock stuck nine. He was receiving his guests as he had many times before. The famous collector arrived. There were many other out of town collectors, for it had been rumored that he had purchased the block.

At last he finished receiving—but the lady had not arrived! Vexed, but compelled to entertain he re-entered the drawing room. He was at once surrounded and pressed to exhibit the stamps. A month before the honor

of possession such an unparalleled prize would have been all sufficient to procure his contentment. But now it was different. He wanted one thing more than all else—namely, the presence of the fascinating widow. So he carelessly handed the block to the famous collector. He did not notice the start and the careful scrutiny under a glass. He noticed nothing until the famous collector said in a tone of positive assurance, "my friend, I pronounce this block to be a forgery." "What!" cried Mr. Jack. "You must be mistaken. Give me the glass." For five minutes the silence was unbroken. Mr. Jack feverishly but carefully examined the stamps. The truth was undisputable. The stamps were merely extremely clever forgeries. The lady's non appearance was explained.

The meeting broke up in intense excitement. The correspondent of a great philatelic newspaper rushed to wire the account of the sixty thousand dollar swindle to his paper.

Mr. Jack sent for his attorney and a famous detective. When they arrived he stated the facts of the case as far as he knew them.

"I only desire the return of my money, and if possible do not wish the notoriety of a law suit." The lawyer who knew of his client's peculiarities smiled slightly. "I do not think the lady could be convicted under the Federal Law," he said, "for the reason that as the forgeries were not of United States stamps, the forgery does not in any way affect the Revenue. You might convict her upon the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. That is if you could prove that it was a pretense. But you say you do not wish a law suit?"

"No, I would sooner lose the money." "I do not see that you can do anything then. You might send this detective on her track and try to scare her into giving up the money. I do not think you would succeed, however. To have carried such a swindle through successfully she must be a very shrewd woman, too shrewd to be frightened out of her gains. Besides you have received her at your house—" "She bore letters of introduction." "Doubtless they were forged. You called upon her and was received alone, you have been seen on the street with her, and you were alone with her when the exchange was made. If she is as clever as I think she is, she understands how this would affect the case. It might be difficult for you to prove your story."

"But many collectors were present when she exhibited the block. Mr. Blank tried to purchase it." "But she would not sell to him," observed the lawyer. "There is also the possibility that she has another block to substitute. In that case, as she is a woman her word would carry a great deal of weight." "But if the sixty thousand was found to be in her possession?" "Some one might in that case undertake to prove that you had given presents to ladies before, that is if this case was taken into equity or law I do not see, as I said before, that you can do anything but try the thumb screws, that is, if you can find the hands. To this Mr. Jack consented.

Two days passed before the detective made his report. "I went to the address given by you Mr. Standish, and found that Madame Hamlin had left her apartments the evening after you gave her the money. I traced her to the Cunard office and found that a woman answering her description had sailed for Liverpool seven days before. I am still at your service." "I refer

you to my lawyer," was Mr. Jack's reply. The attorney closed the case as quietly and with as much dispatch as possible. When Mr. Jack was informed that the incident was really closed he gave a thankful sigh realizing for the first time that Philately as well as love has its pitfalls.

A Short History of Stamps

Charles Zsherney

The invention of postage stamps dates back to the 17th century, but they were in use only for short period then. They were not permanently introduced until 1840, by Sir Rowland Hill, who is generally named as their inventor. England was followed by France and Brazil in the issue of postage stamps in 1843, by Finland in 1845, by America in 1846 and at the present time they are circulated by all civilized nations. As postage stamps themselves came first from England, so also the hobby of collecting them. According to a well known tradition, stamp collecting owes its origin to the following incident: Somebody made the assertion that he dared to bring up so many stamps that a room of a given measure could be completely papered with them, this however was lively disputed by another one as being impossible. Now it was made into a wager, and the first one really brought up the required quantity of stamps by means of letters and advertisements, so that the wagered champagne was finally drunk in the stamp-papered room.

In the chief cities of England and France, also of Belgium, stamp collecting came in vogue rapidly, and soon also across the ocean in the large cities of America grownup folks were collecting passionately. The leading journal began to write about it. There appeared special newspapers for collectors, albums, catalogs and whole works, all of which found willing buyers. The sale in stamps became to be quite considerable and was done on special stamp exchanges; there were stamp exhibitions and auctions and philatelic associations. But the science of stamp knowledge soon found itself menaced by a terrible enemy, the forgers. Rarities were made and thousands of collections contained counterfeits before the fraud was discovered. Still all these difficulties could not deter the genuine collector but on the contrary gave collecting a further charm, as the philatelist is well acquainted with the safe marks which show him at once upon close examination when a stamp is counterfeit.

Now this is all very well, someone will say, but of what use is stamp collecting, for after all, is it not only a play? Above all there must be made a distinction between the stamp collecting of children and philately with a scientific base. Whoever wants to devote himself to philately must take to heart above all things that the point in question is not a play, not either a mere hobby, but an earnest study, which is suitable to increase and enrich essentially the knowledge of geography and history. A philatelist must have an exact knowledge of the geographical and ethnological circumstances, as well as of the historical development of every country which is represented in his album, further a knowledge of the numismatics and the constitutional conditions of these countries, and from this can be seen that the study of stamps goes hand in hand with the study of geography and history, the chief task of philately.

Stamp knowledge has become to be an aid to the teaching of history and

will stand on the same line with the sciences of numismatics, of heraldry and archaeology. If this is not yet acknowledged universally the reason of it is that while the orbit of philately is limited to the last decades, the former sciences spread through thousands of years. Nevertheless in the course of some centuries it will be considered as a historical source just as well as a coat of arms from the 13th century found today or as a piece of ware from the stone age.

Stamps as a Medicine for the Sick

By Gilbert N. Gunderson

I am now going to tell you a story that a friend told me, of how stamps had cured his little boy when he was sick with measles.

This friend of mine had a boy about 12 years old, and one day last winter he was taken sick with measles. He had to stay in bed all day which he thought was very tiresome. The time was long, and he had nothing to amuse himself with, he was lonesome and down hearted which made it so much the worse for him.

One day his uncle came to see him, as he had heard that the boy was sick. The boy was very happy to see him, but as his uncle could not stay with him, his happiness was soon over.

But when his uncle came home he thought of a good amusement for the boy, which he himself was very fond of, and that was to collect stamps. So his uncle bought an album, some hinges, and some mixed foreign and U. S. stamps and took them over to the boy and showed him how to mount them correctly in the album by countries. After a few days the boy began to get better, and the time went fast, and soon he had all the stamps mounted. So he sent for his uncle to come and see his collection, and he came and was very much surprised to see the boy sitting up and looking a great deal better than he had for a long time.

His uncle inspected the album and found all the stamps neatly mounted, so he promised to send the boy some more stamps which he did as soon as he got home.

The boy was now so well that he could go out and around the yard, and would soon be able to enjoy out door sport. But he did not lay aside his stamps, because he was too fond of them now for that.

This little story goes to show that there is nothing like having a hobby of some kind to devote our spare time to. For my hobby, I will say that there is nothing like stamps.

During recent years there has been a notable recrudescence of interest in "Essays" and "Proofs". Time was when collectors were disposed to merely tolerate proofs, as being stamps in an unfinished state, and to pooh pooh the essay altogether, as being a mere rejected design which could have no interest for the collector of postal issues. Recent events reveal a complete change of view. Essays are now collected by a growing section of philatelists with an avidity which can only be compared to that of the hunter of minor varieties in British Colonials. Parcels of them sell extremely well at auction, and quite recently a superb collection of British Colonial essays has changed hands in London for a sum of money calculated to take one's breath away. The essays of France are a particularly interesting group.

Norway from the Beginning

Continued from last number.

Article 3.—For forwarding letters weighing over 1 lod the fee increases in proportion to the weight, so that letters weighing over 1 l. up to 2 l. require double fee or two stamps. From 2 l. up to 3 l. three stamps, etc., etc.

Article 7.—This to become law on January 1st next year, 1855, from which time the law of August 12th, 1848, becomes null and void.

The second article, offering "a reduction for a quantity," reads somewhat quaintly to an Englishman. What would not some of our large commercial houses give for such a privilege as a discount of 4 per cent off their postage bills! In all probability the discount was not long continued in Norway, as it would obviously give the rich an unfair advantage over the poor in a service designed for the equal benefit of all.

Now although Article 7 in the above document mentions January 1st, 1855, as the date on which the postage stamp decree would become law, it is quite certain that the one stamp of the issue, the 4 skilling, blue, was used on letters prior to that day. September 29th, 1854, has often been quoted as the actual day of issue, but apparently for no better reason than that an official decree was issued in that date, announcing that the postage stamps would be delivered to the Post Office at Christiania in sheets of 200 specimens each. Leaving the question of the actual date of the first issue to the public, let us quote all that is known regarding this quaint old first issue of Norway:—

Official date of issue: January 1st, 1855.

Value: 4 skilling (nearly 2d. in British money).

Colour: Prussian blue.

Design: In the centre the Norwegian crown and shield being part of the national arms; at the top the word "Frimærke" ("Postage"); at foot the value, "4 skilling": in each corner an ornament.

Watermark: A lion rampant wielding a battle-axe.

The stamp was indifferently printed by lithography, the work being entrusted to one Zarbell of Christiania. The contract price was the not very munificent, but considering the quality, the quite sufficient rate of 18c per 1,000 stamps, which would mean five sheets of 200 stamps to the sheet. Zarbell took his lithographic transfers from one single engraving. This first Norwegian stamp was issued imperforate. It has been found with traces of line rouletting (*perce en lignes*), but this was certainly not officially applied.

The stamp is still quite common in the used condition, which is perhaps, not altogether surprising when we remember that it was the only stamp in use in the whole of Norway for a period of close upon two years. Used specimens may still be picked up at prices ranging from 5c to 25c, according to condition. In the unused state, however, the stamp is looked upon as cheap at anything under \$10.00 if in perfect condition as regards colour and gum.

A "SHY" WATERMARK.

The quaint old watermark of this issue is difficult to distinguish, even if the back of the stamp be treated with benzine. Often it is impossible to find the "lion and battle axe" device except by means of photography.

The camera will bring it out when all else fails.

THE "DOUBLE FOOT" VARIETY.

There is a famous and very scarce variety of the 4 skilling stamp of 1855, showing a double foot on the right hind leg of the lion. Possibly other trifling varieties exist, due to defective lithographic transfers, but there is none other so pronounced as the "double foot" stamp.

NO REPRINTS AND FEW REMAINDERS.

Before passing on to other issues of Norway, it may be well to point out that none of the stamps of the country have ever been reprinted. Furthermore there have been but few remainders, those of the early issues being sold to a high Norwegian official, who dribbled them out in small quantities to the philatelic market. Of the 4 skilling stamp described above only 35 specimens were included in the remainders sold to the official afore mentioned in 1888.

FORGERIES: HOW TO DETECT THEM.

We have seen very few forgeries of this first Norwegian stamp, and these so clumsily made that they would be instantly rejected by any philatelist of experience. All the imitations we have ever known err in one particular—the line within the central circle of the stamp. In the genuine stamp there are 24 vertical lines on the shield, while the background of the circle contains 30 horizontal lines.

It was ordered in the postal decree of September 29th, 1854, to which we have already referred, that the letters going out of Norway to foreign countries should continue to be prepaid in coin at the postoffices, stamps not being accepted for this service. This incongruous arrangement, however, was modified from time to time as agreements were effected for the exchange of international mails.

The first Norwegian stamp had not been in use many months before there began a popular agitation for a new and better stamp, and as there now arose a pressing need for a label of greater face value than 4 sk., the postal authorities had recourse to their confreres of Sweden, the result being that the stamps of the second issue of Norway were supplied from Stockholm. It is not an unfair assumption that the choice of design, as well as the printing of the stamps, was left to the Swedish officials, for the stamps bear the head of King Oscar I. of Sweden and Norway, and it is safe to say that no patriotic Norwegian even at that time, would have substituted the head of the dual monarch for the arms of his own country.

The issue of the 4sk. and 8sk. stamps as authorized by a decree dated November, 1856, but the stamps of 2sk. and 3sk., which made their appearance early in 1857, were placed on sale without any formal decree being promulgated. These lower values were greatly needed, for their prepayment of local letters, for which special low rates of postage had been fixed; and doubtless the urgency of the case was a sufficient excuse for the lack of formality. Full particulars of the issue as a whole may now be given:—

Values and Colours.—2 ("TO") ore, orange, orange yellow; 3 ("TRE") ore, blue lilac, grey-lilac, grey; 4 ("FIRE") ore blue (shades); 8 ("OTTE") ore, ruse (shades).

Dates of Issue.—2 and 3 ore, February 28th, 1857; 4 and 8 ore, November 7th, 1856.

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The Permanency of Philately

By Chas. S. Lewis

There appears to be, of late, in the minds of quite a few of the stamp collecting fraternity, a sort of vague apprehension that philately is in danger of a decline in popular estimation and is in a large degree to lose the hold it has so long held upon so many of us.

This fear has been engendered, no doubt, by the fact that many of the old-time prominent collectors have lately seen fit to announce their retirement from any further active participation in things philatelic and had placed upon the market, for disposal, the large, and in some few cases superb, aggregation of stamps which had been amassed by them during their long and pleasurable association with our hobby.

The opinion has been expressed that the philatelic spirit must be dying out as these collectors who have sought to retire from any further connection with our hobby were ever among its most devoted adherents and would not sever their connection with it were it not on the verge of a decline.

But let us stop and consider if such is really the case. As a matter of fact at no time in its history has philately been in such a well defined and assured a position as at the present time. It long ago outstripped its old rivals, coin and curio collecting in the popular estimation. Its adherents number thousands where formerly they were counted by hundreds. Its literature has outstripped that of any other hobby the world has ever known numbering among the organs devoted to its advancement two weekly publication and nearly fifty monthly periodicals in this country alone to say nothing of the hundreds of others which devote at least a portion of their space to articles of interest to its followers. Recently there was inaugurated also, by the largest collectors' association of this country, a campaign of publicity, with the object of securing the insertion, in the columns of the daily press, items of a philatelic nature, so that the general public might be better informed as to the immense proportions which philately has come to assume and also with a view to adding many more followers to our ranks through the interest which a perusal of the articles might engender. It is yet too early to estimate the benefit which will accrue to philately as a result of this movement, but it is entirely reasonable to assume that if it is continued for a period of a year or two along these lines our members will be augmented by no very inconsiderable number.

Several of the leading juvenile publications have also done yeoman service in the cause of interesting the boys and girls of this country "the men and women of tomorrow"—in the science of philately and they should deserve our heartiest approbation for their labors along these lines. It is among the younger element, now rapidly growing into young manhood and womanhood, that the hopes for the future of all material things must be centered, and with a love for the pursuit of philately instilled into their heart and a realization of the benefits and pleasures to be gained through a study of stamps awakened in them through the articles and items appearing in these publications we need have no fear of philately's ever lacking an advocates.

The fact that some of our old associates in this pleasureable and profitable hobby have been compelled through divers circumstances to retire from

further participation in matters philatelic and have disposed of their valuable and laboriously-gotten-together collections should in no wise cause us for a moment to pause in our own individual endeavors. The financial returns which have been realized by these personages from the disposal of their collections should afford us our best guarantee of the permanency of philately. In no instance have the returns from these sales failed to afford their former possessors a handsome percentage over the amount originally invested by them in a monetary way, and while the amount realized may be totally inadequate to compensate them for the time employed in the study and cataloguing, and placing in proper classification each individual stamp the knowledge they have acquired through their long association with philately should go a long way toward recompensing them for labor expended, as it may yet prove of untold benefit to them in other walks of life. So we say to these pessimistic brothers, "cheer up, and no longer let the cloud of uncertainty hover over your philatelic horizon." As long as our hobby has the power within itself to afford so many advantages, so much unalloyed pleasure and such profitable returns in a monetary way, it cannot but attract those searching for a relaxation from the worries and trials of these strenuous times, and as no doubt many of you are aware, a love for stamp collecting, once acquired, becomes but more intense as the years go speeding by. The permanency of philately is, day by day, passing into the keeping of other hands than ours and there is no reason to be alarmed that the recipients will not thoroughly realize the value of the great treasure intrusted to their keeping.

One last, and at least a convincing remark. Of all the collections that have been placed upon the market, both large and small, there is one thing that can truly be said that affords at least unassailable proof that philately is certain of permanency for some time at least, and that is.—There has always been found some one who was able and willing to pay well to become its possessor. As "Postum Cereal" Post says in his ads, "THERE'S A REASON."

Freak German Stamps A rare pair of the German 5-pfennig stamps in the A. H. Scholle collection sold for \$85 at the closing sale Saturday evening at 24 West Twenty-sixth street. The stamps were unused, the blue Reichs Post of 1900, which never was put in circulation. The color of the 5-pfennig of this issue is green. Several years ago a customer of a Berlin stamp dealer showed him one of the stamps that was blue. The stamp dealer took it to the postoffice authorities, and asked if they had issued the stamp in that color. They had not. The color was due to a chemical change. To prove this theory a special sheet of 100 5-pfennig stamps in blue was issued and presented to the Royal Postal museum, which adds to its collection all oddities it can get. The sale of twenty of these stamps through a dealer to collectors raised a storm in the Berlin Stamp society. The government issued an order that no more museum stamps be sold under any consideration. Of the twenty blue stamps sold, six are in this country. A used pair of the 9 shilling Hamburg issue of 1859 brought \$42; an unused 2-cent green Labuan, issue of 1870, \$17; an unused 1-shilling Bahama, issue of 1862, \$22; and a used 4-centimes, Swiss Federal issue of 1849-50, \$61.—From the New York Times.

The Collection of Madame le Princesse

By Verna Weston Hartway

Night! Night robed in funeral garments! Night as cold as night may sometimes be, even in Paris. The waiting and shivering coachman swore savagely, at his horses the footman, and Madame the cause of the distress. The bell in the large cathedral joined its chime with those of other churches all over the city for it was midnight, at the threshold of Christmas. Then low and clear on the night wind came the Angelus. Huddled in the doorway of the huge pile of architecture, that reared up grim and gaunt, before him, was a small, a very small boy. As the sound fell on his ears he murmured, crossing himself, "Vierge Marie.. Help little Jacquat find the doctor, for his dear mother's sake" he pleaded.

From the massive entrance came a woman elegantly dressed, wearing her clothes with the grace peculiar to an American woman. More than that, there was on her face a look of calmness and peace, almost a glorification; a look such as we seldom see. She was followed by two priests, one in the purple of a high church dignitary, men called him "Monsignor", the other apparently a simple Cure.

"Thank you Monsignor, and you too, father, you have been very kind to me in my affliction. This is an extremely cold night, my poor horses must be nearly frozen."

"Ah! What is this! A child, and on this cold night!" And with a gesture of pity she bent over the shivering figure, saying in French, "What is it dear, Why are you here in the cold?" "I am lost," sobbed the child, "My mother sent me for the doctor, she is very ill, and he is very kind, although he will never take any money, and that worries my mother," and the child drew himself up with an air of dignity. In the simple statement the listeners read the whole tale of dire poverty and unrelenting pride! Suddenly the sorrows seemed to rush upon the child anew, for he cried, "O, my mother! What will I do. I don't know how to reach the doctor!"

"Do not distress yourself, my dear, come I will take you to the physician if you will give me his name, and I will go and see your mother."

"Mon ami!" exclaimed the child, "how good you are, and how beautiful! Mamma was beautiful too, until Mon pere died. Mon pere painted such beautiful pictures." sighed the child.

"But Madame is too good," interposed the Cure suddenly. "It is an ugly night and Madame is already tired. Why does not Madame send some one with the child. It is not safe for Madame to go into the slums at this hour. See it is one!"

"You are very kind, Father, but the child's mother may need assistance more than we think for. Good night. Farewell Monsignor, remember me to you charming niece," and she bowed her head with reverent gesture to the blessing that came from the noble looking prelate.

Closing the carriage door for the lady, the Cure turned with a shrug of his shoulders to his companion. "It is always that way with the Americans, perfectly fearless and unreasonable, and Madame the Princesse is no exception. Why need she have gone? She could have sent someone I would have gone for her." "My brother," said Monsignor in his grave, dignified

accents, "you have yet to learn that an act of kindness an act that inconveniences one is worth more than one hundred good deeds that are easy to accomplish. And it is well to remember this on this blessed Christmas morn:" his companion bowed humbly, "good night my brother, and God be with you." and saying which Monsignor also disappeared in the darkness that enveloped the earth.

Meanwhile "Madame the Princess" and her little charge were driven rapidly through the slush and snow. But by bit she drew the whole pitiful story from the child, noting as she did so, that his accent was cultivated and his manners perfect. He told of a happy and beautiful home, his father dying and like a genius giving no thought to the future financial welfare of his wife and child. Mamma had a little money, but that had been stolen from her, then "Monsieur le Medicine" had found them a home of two rooms. Oh yes, mamma had friends, but of course they were not to know, and the child drew himself up with a touch of the same hauteur that had been noticeable before. As he finished the tale the carriage drove up to the physician's home, and the good man when informed of the errand hastened to accompany them.

Reaching the house in a narrow and meagre looking street but clean and respectable, they were met at the door by a woman whose face bore a look of awe. "She is dead, dear lady! She died imagining that she was speaking to her husband, and just as she was dying she cried with a beautiful smile on her face, 'my little Jaquot! He will be taken care of I see it all. These will find good for him,' and then she held up that book you see in her hand," pointing to a large volume that was clasped tightly, in the dead woman's hands "It belonged to her husband, she always said. And all through her illness she held the book, looking through it, with such a sweet smile on her face."

"Madame the Princess," looked down at the beautiful, refined face, at the fragile hands, the hands of a gentle-woman, then gently unclasped them and took the cumbersome volume, starting as she saw a coronet emblazoned on the cover. "She was of noble lineage" she queried turning to the doctor. "Yes, Madame, she was the Countess de' H—. Her friends objected to her marriage, therefore she parted from them forever. Her husband was of noble birth, but very poor, he had only his talent—but ah such talent!" he sighed as he spoke. "The child inherits his father's talent."

Suddenly "Madame the Princess" started once more. "Doctor, the dead woman spoke truly! This book is worth a fortune. See, it is full of stamps. I recognize many of value. Little Jaquot will indeed find good for—"

They were interested by the child who before now had stood as one transfixed, gazing at the figure, the figure of clay that had held the soul of his mother. "My mother! he cried passionately, "speak to me! See I kiss you, I your little Jaquot. She does not answer me" he said with his eyes full of anguish turning to Madame the Madame the Princess, 'Mon ami! Tell me, O tell me that she is not dead. "Little Jaquot, came the answer in sobbing voice, "Your mother is indeed dead to you for a little time, but only for a time she is with your Pere in Heaven. See the little Jesus has taken her upon his day," pointing to the streaks of gray that were visible

in the east. "But child," and her countenance took on a look almost of glory, "you will take the place of my little child, and I will care for you as well as an earthly mother can," drawing the child to her.

Did they dream or did they really hear a chorus of heavenly music, and youthful voices singing in unison "Kyrie eleison! Christe eleison Kyrie eleison".

"Madame," said Jacquot, "It is mamma and the little Jesus, they want me to be your little Jacquot. I know it!" and the child's face beamed with a slight not of this earth.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord, came from the doctor in solemn tones.

And the sequel Ah, dear readers there is no sequel. My simple tale is told. But to you who wish to know what of the collection, suffice it to say be said that Madame the Princess bought it added to it, until it became what it is today, the most magnificent and complete collection in the world. but the eyes of strangers never see the nucleus of the collection, that with the wondrous rarities. And little Jacquot! no longer "little Jacquot," a man grown now and a famous artist like his father he is known as the Count de H——. "Mother, my Princess, this is a wild night, a night like the Christmas eve —" "Years ago" she finished softly. Taking up the selfsame volume she looked at it reverently as the memory of that sweet chorus. "Kyrie eleison! Christe eleison" came over her. Surely she was dreaming! No there it was again, that selfsame melody of voices singing in harmony "Kyrie eleison! Christe eleison!" "Jacquot! Do you hear" she betathed softly. "Yes, my mother it is my own angel mother blessing us." In silence they listened to the grand melody, that bound them to the invisible world and then once more the man's voice broke the silence, "It is only a little while my own dear mother," he murmured with a face radiant with joy.

Notes for U. S. Collectors

By E. R. Aldrich

The maximum amount which may be sent to Cape Colony from the United States by money order has been raised to \$100 which removes the last barrier to uniformity in maximum amounts.

Not long since I added a Lowell precancelled on the one cent Trans-Mississippi issues. I believe this variety has not before been seen.

Among the new foreign exchange for money business added by the department last year was Nive and Penrhyn Island with whom business is done with the New Zealand postal department as intermediary.

But a few days ago I received a circular from Chicago, postage paid with permit No. 14 which evidently means that after a number is once signed to a firm, it is continued and not changed with different mailings.

In 1905 parcel post connections were concluded and service became oper-

ative between our country and Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Norway, Belgium and Great Britain.

Some idea of the extent of business done by the "Sea post offices" can be realized by the following data of those maintained on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Kaiser Wilhelm II, and Kronprinz Wilhelm of the North German line and the Deutschland of Hamburg line. Thirty eight trips were made out bound and during these 5231000 ordinary articles and 82419 registered pieces were handled, in addition to 8236 sacks of printed matter, on the thirty nine inbound trips 11166650 ordinary pieces, 139677 registered articles and 13685 sacks of printed matter handled.

A "surcharged" permit recently passed through my hands. It is permit No. 19 used by the Old Times Distillery Co., of Louisville, Ky., and was originally in a 2c value but has been changed by overprinting with a large, bold 1.

Most collectors will be pleased to learn that an issue of commemorative stamps will be issued by the Jamestown, Va., fair. Two values only, will be issued, a one and two. When "short sets" like this are issued there can be no cause of complaint and as every set usually starts new collections may really be commendable

In speaking of postal service with Brazil, Superintendent of Foreign Mails N. M. Brooks, said in his 1902 report:

By means of the Lamport and Holt, Sofan's Brazil, Norton, Knott's Prince, Red Cross, Booth, and Houston line, mails for Brazil and the River Plata countries have been dispatched 151 times by steamers sailing for those countries direct. Mails for northern ports of Brazil were dispatched 39 times by steamers sailing from New York for Para, Manaos, Maranham, Ceara, Pernambuco, and Bahia. Mails for Brazil generally and for La Plata countries were dispatched 59 times by steamers, sailing from New York for Rio de Janeiro or Santos, Brazil. Mails for La Plata countries were dispatched 53 times by steamers sailing from New York for Montevideo and Buenos Ayers. Correspondence for Brazil and the River Plata countries is not, however, held for dispatch by these steamers, but is forwarded via England when that course will expedite its delivery at destination

The Lodge Record for March contains a check list of precancelled stamps upon the Louisiana Purchase commemorative issue. Nearly a hundred varieties are listed.

Royal Stamp Exhibitors. It is proposed to hold an International Philatelic Exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Society's Hall in Westminster from May 23 to June 1. The prince of Wales, who has one of the finest collections of stamps in England has not only given his patronage to the exhibition, but will also show a portion of his treasures. An entry has also been received from Prince Edward of Wales, who shares his father's taste for philately.

The Stamps of Canada

By Narcissus

Do you know of any current issue of stamps more artistic and beautiful than the present issue of Canada. It is the only British Colony that has given the world a really good portrait of King Edward VII. The stamps of Canada as a whole are about as interesting a country to collect as any; and if we exclude the jubilee set and map issue, there are no glorification issues, and even these are not open to much complaint.

Of the early issues the 3d and 5c Beavers are fine works of art; while the portraits of the Queen, Prince Albert, and Cabot, are both interesting and beautiful. The large size Queens head issue of 1868 looks very pretty when grouped together in the nicely varied shade; while the smaller set of 1872 show many varieties of shades in the 2c, 3c, 6c and 10c, and are about as nice looking an ordinary set as any; the portrait of the Queen on this issue is especially good. The jubilee set with its dual portrait is extremely pretty and a triumph of the engravers art; and the complete set displayed on a page of one's album will about take the cake for beauty of design and colour. This particular issue has not become so valuable up to the present as many hoped and supposed it would. They are to be found advertised for sale at less than face value of the set; and some who have kept them till now are glad to sell them at a discount, instead of realizing a substantial profit. Any who acquired a stock of the ½c and 6c at face, have realized splendidly, making from five to thirty times their face value.

Of the later issues the Queen and Kings heads are about equal in artistic merit; and the only ones that are at all scarce are the 6 and 7c numerals Queen's head, and those who have any quantity of these may consider them well worth keeping. Taking the following issues: 1859, 1868, 1892 and 1897, we have four splendid portraits of good Queen Victoria at different periods of her eventful life which together make a small but interesting picture gallery. It is interesting to know the special purpose for which the different stamps were issued. The 6 pence 1851 was used for postage on letters to the United States, except Oregon and California. The 12 pence of the same issue, the rarest of the Canadian stamps, (only about 15,00 were issued) was used for postage on letters to Great Britain via Quebec and Halifax. The 10 pence 1855 was used for postage on letters to Gt. Britain via Cunard packet from New York and Boston. The 7½ penny, 1857, was also used for postage on letters to Gt. Britain, but via Canadian packet from Quebec.

The ½penny of same issue was used for postage on drop letters. The 5 cent Beaver was used for postage on ordinary provincial letters. The 10c 1859, was used for postage on letters to the United States, except California and Oregon. The 2 cent, 1860 was used on sailor's letters to Great Britain. The 12½ cent of the same year was used on letters to Gt. Britain via Canadian packet from Quebec. The 17 cent of the same issue was for letters to same place via New York and Boston. The 1868 12½ cent was also used for letters via Canadian packet to Gt. Britain. The 15c same issue was for same via Cunard packet.

Our Illustrations

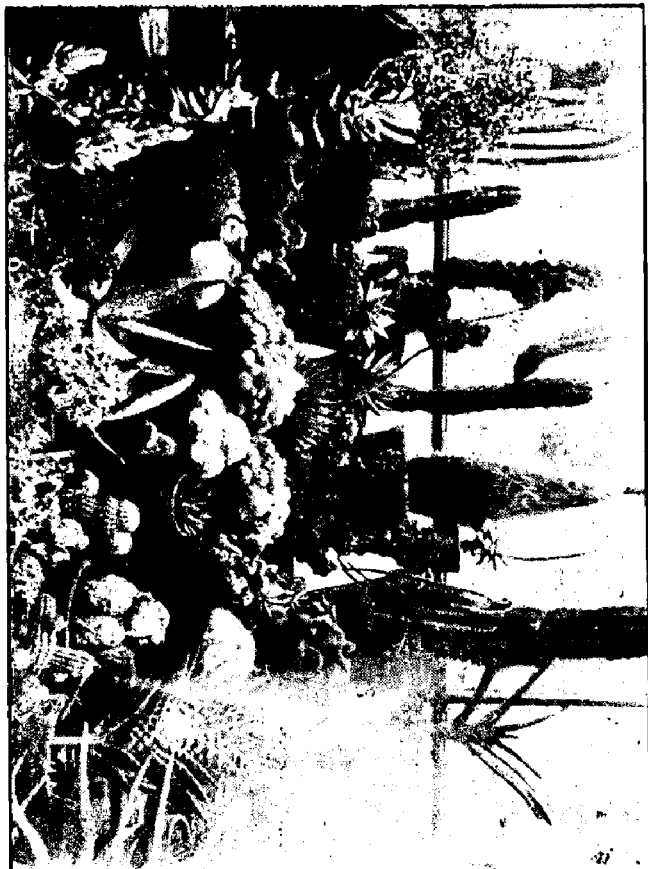
T. C. MANN, Secretary of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was born in St. Louis in 1884, and has been a stamp collector since the issue of the Columbian in 1893. While his collection does not rank in the Big Four, nor even the Four Hundred, of Philately, it is one in which he takes extreme interest and pleasure, and no little pride. He prides himself particularly in the mounting of his stamps, being carefully and studiously arranged in a bank, loose-leaf album of three volumes. He is one of the charter members of his local society and has been its secretary since the first of the year. Mr. Mann also collects coins in a small way and has a cabinet with a fair collection of curios. Having been stationed at the World's Fair grounds in a governmental capacity during and after the Exposition, he was able to obtain a goodly number of additions to his collections, especially the curio cabinet. He has been an uninterrupted subscriber to the WEST the past six years.

C. R. THAYER, Mgr. and controller of the Thayer Stamp Co. of Everett, Wash. was born at Wausau, Wis., in 1886, and received his elementary education in the graded schools of that city. He began active collecting of stamps in 1899, and by devoting much time and study, pleasure and a prosperous collection followed, so that in 1902, when he moved to Everett, Wash., he possessed a collection of 3,796 varieties of stamps, which he sold in the same year. He then began a small mail order stamp business, while attending High School, and by strict business methods, and careful reading of the stamp news of the day, he laid the foundation of a prosperous stamp business. He graduated from the Everett High School in June, 1905, and since then has devoted his attention to the rapidly growing stamp business, and is striving to make Everett the "Boston" or "Chicago" of the West, as far as stamps are concerned. He is especially interested in colored post cards, and will cheerfully exchange with all. See his ad in this and last issue.

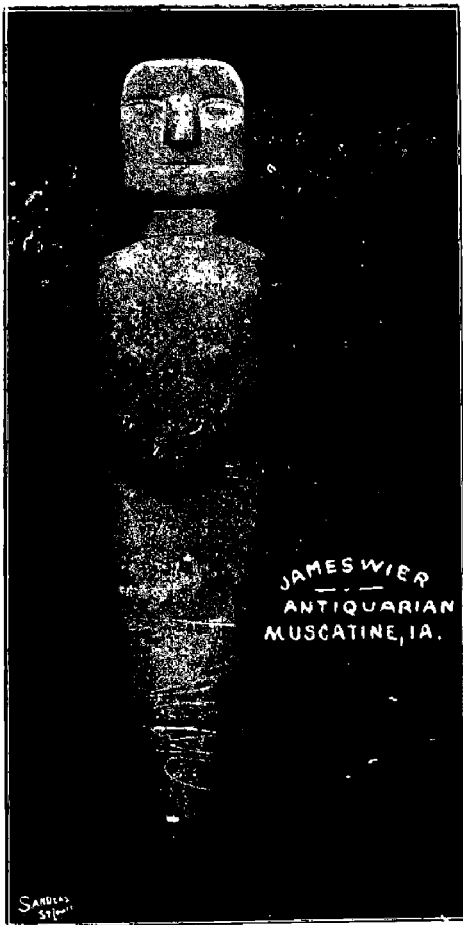
C. B. BOLLES, view artist and photo novelties, L. Box 351, Aberdeen, S. D., also state representative of the National Amateur Association of America. He won second prize in above association in 1905 for artistic and technical work also high praise for artistic and technical work in the American Amateur Photographer of New York. He thinks the WEST the best collectors' paper published and desires correspondence with photo exchangers and all amateurs.

N. W. NORTON in boyhood days collected stamps, coins, eggs and minerals, but disposed of everything later. Fifteen years afterwards or about three years ago he caught the stamp fever again from a collecting friend and collects foreign revenues and United States of all kinds. He has a collection of over 10,000. Being a pioneer in the collecting of stamps in this vicinity he has uncovered many good things. Correspondence promptly answered and exchange desired.

FRANK WILLIAM JOHNSON resides in the hustling little city of Fargo, in North Dakota where he was born in 1882 and grew up with the town. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of the Fargo High School Class of 1904. He is a "Loyal American" and an "Odd Fellow". Mr. Johnson has a good collection of stamps being a collector for over ten years. He is also inter-



Cactus Collection of Mrs. Geo. Baum, Patterson, N. J.



See Moorhead's Prehistoric Relics



N. W Norton, Limerock, Conn.



T. C. Mann, Sec'y St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society
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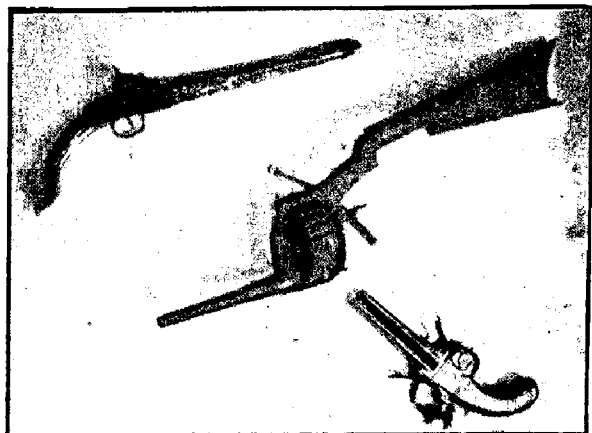
A. L. Shaver, Altoona, Pa. See Union Souvenir Card Exchange, for Write up in this Issue.



Frank William Johnson, Fargo, N. Dakota.



Japanese Government Souvenir Post Card
Courtesy of Weekly Stamp News.



Rare Old Pistols, owned by Allard, St. Louis, Mo

ested in the collecting of entire covers, envelops and postal cards and is especially interested in souvenir post cards and wants to exchange with everybody. He also sells cards, see his ad on another page.

C. F. ROTHFUCHS, who has been president of the Boston Philatelic Society the past two years, was born in 1851 in Witzzenhauser, a town more than one thousand years old on the banks of the Werra, Prussia, Germany. In 1859 with his parents he came to this country and located in Boston. In 1859 at a German and English private school he started collecting stamps and in 1863 issued his first price list on which he offered sets and packets. From 1866 to 1881 he took very little interest when he met Alfred Davidson and seeing his collection was the means of getting him started again. In 1882 he began to deal, and moved to Washington, D. C., where he was well known by his ads and the fine exhibit he had at the Chicago World's Fair. In 1897 he moved back to Boston where he still resides, and has made a strong leaning towards U.S. cut square envelopes. The future for them looks very bright. He also has made a specialty of U. S. department stamps and his block of \$5 State at the stamp exhibit at Chicago was one of the best lots seen, and came very near being stolen. Look up his page ad in this issue for he has some fine bargains, and was the first dealer we have seen to class his stamps perfect, damaged, etc., that we think is a good idea. He is a charter member of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society, American Philatelic Association, Collectors' Club of New York and a member of the Boston Philatelic Society, International Philatelisten Verein of Dresden, Germany, Oesterreichischer Philatelisten Club, Vindobona, Vienna, Austria and president of the National Stamp Committee.

We had expected to have cuts and a writeup of the Rice coin sale held at Chicago the first part of this month by the St. Louis Coin Co., but hope we can give same in the next issue, when we will give illustration of one lady who has one of the largest souvenir postal card collections in the U. S. whose collection of rare dishes we gave in the last issue, and will add some new departments to make it still more interesting and with more illustrations, and Combining the list of the Collectors' World in the next issue will make it so much larger and better that we expect we will have to raise the subscription price to \$1.00 before fall, so get in your subscription soon, on the old rates.

Almost everyone is familiar with the beautiful works of Nature, as shown in her various creations on land, but not one person in a thousand conceives of the beauties she hides in the sea shells. The gorgeous colors and delicate tints of summer, and the brown and yellow beauty of autumn have pleased our fancy and excited our imagination again and again. Yet Nature has made many things far more wonderful in color and beautiful in tints and shadings than even the "fairest flower that blows".—From Mrs. Mohr List.

Young Prince's Post Cards. What is undoubtedly the largest collection of picture post cards in the world is the property of the Prince of Wales' eldest son. The collection includes cards from every country in the world, and is growing almost too bulky for convenient handling, there being more than 100,000 cards.

✻ Errata. Notice ad of C. R. Smith & Co., of Chicago, the street should be 6239 Justine St. and not Justice St.



PHILOCARTY



POST CARD

P. C. Collectors
The World
Over.

By MISS ADELINE. KELLER

Some Cuba cards give us the right idea of the beautiful Queen of the Antilles, the land of luscious fruits, of spreading palms and useful cocoa, of dark skinned sons and daughters, of verdant hills, of sun-kissed valleys and fertile plains. Here is a grand view, the green hills in the far off distance with a glimpse of grim old Moro Castle, while on the right lay the City of Havana. Here is a city dating back almost two centuries. What memories of the once haughty Dons come to us as we gaze on it all. On one new card is seen the drive way "Pasio," an avenue of tropical trees and flowers, among them the graceful palm. This city is rich in historic relics. One card shows the cathedral where rest the remains of Columbus. Still another view shows La Fuerza, the oldest fort in the city, built in 1538 by De Soto. On top the fort is the statue of the Indian who it is said welcomed Columbus at his landing. The old church of San Francisco, dating from 1737, is another sight of interest.

Some one has described life in Manila as a succession of dreamy days and smiling, happy nights. The Philippine capital is fraught with sight-seeing. The quaint city with its surrounding country affords ample views of beauty and interest for new card reproductions. The contrast between things medieval and modern is at times extraordinary. Imagine scrambling off a draw-bridge into a slimy moat to escape an automobile, running with a scared Filipino! And again, of climbing an ancient city wall, and seeing there an advertisement of some "health food" or a choice beer. Yet it is the architecture of centuries ago which charms the eye mostly. The domed monasteries and buttressed churches, the walls which are yards thick to prevent them from shattering by waltzing earthquakes, are as grand as they are enduring. We notice that most dwellings in Manila are of the Spanish type, built flush with the streets, the upper story overhanging. The lower or ground floor is used for horses and dogs, the family living upstairs. No glass is used in windows, but instead an opaque seashell is used set in tiny frames, and are proof against typhoons, which would shatter the strongest plate glass. The streets in this walled city are narrow and not very interesting. On one pretty card we see the old Spanish Court Palace—the flagstones in the plaza are of gruesome origin. Some tombstones are seen embellished with skulls and cross-bones, dating back 200 years or more. An

antiquated horse car line has been about as modern a means of transportation as are throughout the Phillipines. Foreigners ride in two-wheeled "carromattas" driven by somnolent "cocheus." An electric railway system has been built of late.

Every evening under the brilliance of the tropic moon fashionable Manila takes its airing on the water front, as seen from a view of a crescent-shaped beach known as the Luneta. A card collector from Seattle received demands for exchange from Cuban boys and girls. A Cuban postcard received when translated literally from Spanish reads: Senorita: It would be grateful to me that you should send me a card for my collection "inticipation to you the thanks." S. S. S. (your true servant) C. Loreda.

Our Coin Column

The science of Numismatics is one which opens to the enquiring mind a field of study embracing a much wider field than any of its sister sciences. It is one of the most intellectual pursuits of the day. It develops a taste for art and stimulates research in nearly every branch of learning. It teaches us history and geography, inculcates in us habits of order, and while a very fascinating and instructive pastime it has also been the source of profit, for no one knows better than those who have collected in the past, as coin collections increase in value from year to year, thus providing at all time an excellent investment. Now coins are often the only historical record that we have of nations which have long passed away, and which would have been buried in oblivion but for the coins that bear the name of Kings and records of events relating to the countries whose money they once were.

With a coin in my hand I feel identified with the monarch and his times whose head it bears. Besides the head of the monarch we have his name, title, and in many instances the circumstances under which they were struck. I see before me, perhaps the head of one famous for his victories and achievements, his baseness and malignity, or his nobleness and generosity.

The image shows him to me in the exercise of his power as a soldier, usurper, or statesman. Every point in his history is brought clearly before me, and I see all his actions performed anew. I follow him through his undermining hatred and enmity, or his policy and benevolence. Can I not also watch the progress of civilization through its coinage. The advanced numismatist's cabinet will show specimens which bear witness to its barbarity or refinement, or rudeness or taste. A rude shapless coin speaks in itself of the low state of civilization in art, while a beautiful and well finished coin speaks convincingly of corresponding ideas and tastes.

This is a train of thought that naturally occurs to the student of coins, and it is hoped that this may be the incentive for the more careful study of coins by collectors in general for it is a true saying, there are plenty of Coin collectors, but few Numismatists; so study your pieces, find out what they are and you will be truly called "one of the happiest men alive."

The American quarter dollar must be looked upon with dread by the superstitious. Its peculiarity lies in its having many 13's, it contains 13 stars, 13 letters in the scroll, 13 feathers in the eagle's tail, 13 feathers in the eagles' wing, 13 parallel bars on the shield, 13 horizontal stripes, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 arrow heads, and there are 13 letters in Quarter Dollar.



St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

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The twenty-ninth regular meeting of the Society was held March 20th, thirteen members being present. Mr. P. M. Wolseiffer, Chicago, was admitted to membership. Discourses on stamps were held by Mr. Slack and Mr. Carl Lindenschmit, and one of particular merit by Ex-President Sisson, was, in his absence, read by the President. The evening was concluded with the usual auction sales.—Respectfully, T. C. Mann, Secy.

The thirtieth regular meeting of the Society was held April 3rd with fifteen members and one visitor in attendance. Messrs. C. E. Severn and F. N. Massoth of Chicago were admitted to membership by acclamation. The means of operation of the exchange circuit was the subject of some discussion and it was voted to return to the former method of distributing books among all members at each meeting instead of putting members on circuit to receive the entire lot circulating, each in turn. Mr. Hopkins was appointed Exchange Manager.

"Stamp Stories" were provided by Messrs. Hopkins and Lindenschmit, Sr., and the meeting concluded with the usual auction sale.—Respectfully, T. C. Mann, Secy., 1416 Hickory St.



The 27th regular meeting of the above named society was held in their rooms, 1123 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, April 6, with President G. W. Tracy presiding.

The following were elected to membership: Geo. H. Bryant, Adolph Hess Nachfolger, W. H. Mann, Wm. Osner, S. Valentine Saxby and Jas. Leedom.

The Executive Committee was authorized to renew the lease for the present quarters for the coming year ending April 30th, 1907.

The resignation of H. S. Williams, Cleveland, Ohio, a corresponding member, was received and accepted.

Books received since last meeting were Numismata Romanorum by Valiant; Coins of the Romans relating to Britain by Ackerman; Monnaies Imperiales by Cohen in 8 volumes; Coinage of the Isle of Man by Nelson; Copper Coinage of Ireland by Nelson; Masonic Medals by Marvin; and Historia Numorum by Head. Magazines received were The Philatelic West, The Numismatist and Numismatische Correspondenz for March, and Spink's Numismatic Circular and the Elder Monthly for April. An auction sale catalog was received from the St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., sale at Chicago, April 13th and 14th.

Mr. Brand exhibited a copy of the United States Assay Medal for 1906, a 5 mohur gold of India, some fine encased postage stamps and a number of Masonic Mark pennies in silver. Mr. Bryant showed a large collection of Colonial and Continental bills.

The cabinet was increased by the present of eight Chicago cards and two ancient coins. Those present were given minor sets of Austrian coins at cost, and one set was placed in the cabinet.

The treasurer's report showed a substantial balance and all bills paid.

Adjourned to meet May 4th, 1906.—Ben G. Green, Secretary.

The Collectors Debt to the Museum

Museum curators consider that the answering of numerous letters from collectors of archaeological specimens is a part of their duties. Naturally from his position, the curator has access to material both literary and scientific that is denied the average collector. And so long as the requests made by many correspondents are within the bounds of reason, the curator is glad to furnish such assistance as may be within his power. However, I often wonder if the collector realizes that he is indebted in any way to the museum man.

One can best argue from one's, own experience, and I trust that readers will pardon personal references. There are few curators who have a larger correspondence or acquaintance with collectors than have I. This is said in no boastful or bombastic spirit. It is simply a statement of fact. For twenty years I have spent a considerable portion of my time answering letters from collectors. I few of these men have presented collections to the various institutions with which I have been connected. Several hundred have purchased my books or our reports. Many of them have sent us duplicate or have exchanged material with us. But by far the greater majority have asked for information, advice, etc., all of which has been freely given.

It seems to me that if the man in charge of a museum gives his time and knowledge (without compensation) to the collector, that that person would be willing, in all justice, to do something for the museum. He could not be expected to present the institution with a large and valuable collection, but he certainly might have sent it a few of his duplicates. Therefore, since this journal will fall into the hands of some thousands of collectors, I make bold to suggest that the Department of Archaeology of Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., is ready and willing to pass opinion upon specimens of collections provided that postage or express charges are prepaid. On our exchanges, we pay charges ourselves, but on specimens which are sent with request that they be returned, it is no more than right that the owners prepay charges. The department is also glad to have drawings or photographs of rare and interesting things, descriptions of sites and other archaeological information.

If the department is willing to take the trouble to investigate specimens—a work requiring as much trouble as the assay of ores—the owners should be equally willing to do something for us. So, I would like to remind collectors that there are in their cabinets a class of specimens which they, the collectors usually care little about. These are not pretty, are usually rude and have no value. I refer to the unfinished tubes, ornaments, ceremonials and banner stones. The department is making a study of such forms and needs the rougher, unfinished ones in order to trace their manufacture from the crude block of slate or granite to the completed form. If collectors will only co-operate with us they will render science a service. The removal of two or three of these unfinished and rough forms will not hurt collections in the slightest degree.

I have never been quite able to understand why collectors do not particularly care for material from some especially famous site. Yet it is a fact that the average collector will prefer an ordinary pipe to a selection from an exploration that proved the antiquity of man. I do not mean by this that

collectors would be expected to fill their cabinets with materials from excavations to the exclusion of highly artistic objects. But they certainly ought to have in their cases some of the results of exploration of very primitive sites. As an illustration, consider Jacob's Cavern in the Ozark mountains near the edge of Arkansas, in southwestern Missouri, which was explored by us two years ago. We found the remains of man and numerous implements, pottery, etc., under a limestone floor (and under stalagmites) formed by the slow drop of water carrying lime, during an unknown period of time. The discovery was of the greatest importance. With a view of exchanging some of the material, we secured duplicates.

In the Delaware Valley Mr. Volk, a very patient and thorough worker, has dug in gravel terraces and among the ancient hearths for twenty years. Year after year he has sunk trench upon trench. There is no man in the United States who has done more to prove the antiquity of man than Mr. Volk. The specimens he found were sent to Cambridge and Chicago, and the duplicates given us. Now, these two sites are of the utmost importance to all intelligent persons, and I should think that collectors would be glad to have a few specimens from each in their cabinets.

There is yet another place, not so old but much better known—Fort Ancient, in Ohio. It is the largest earthwork in the world. We made quite a collection from inside and outside of the walls. The place has been bought and preserved by the state of Ohio, and a book and several pamphlets have been published describing it.

Briefly, these places named are known throughout the scientific world. They have a direct bearing upon great questions—the age of man upon the American continent. I should think that any intelligent person would desire to possess a few of the specimens found in or near these sites. To be sure, the specimens are not very pretty, but their scientific value is in excess of any surface found polished object now in the possession of a collector. And since illustrated prints on Jacobs and Bushey Cavern go with the lots we send out, they are rendered intelligent even to beginners.

If a man—or a woman either, and there are many women who collect—confines his cabinets to the highly polished slate objects exclusively, collecting becomes a fad merey and is of no real value, aid or education to the person concerned. The department at Phillips desires to further serious study rather than idle and ignorant accumulations of objects that have no history. And to that end we are willing to send any person who is seriously interested our report of the exploration of Jacob's Cavern, and also a few objects from the front of the cave, a small Fort Ancient and a Delaware Valley (Volk) collection. We ask some of the unfinished objects previously mentioned in return. This is a liberal proposition and we trust that readers will take advantage of it.

W. K. MOOREHEAD

Quartor of the Museum, Andover, Mass.

Next to traveling, nothing is so interesting as a collection of Picture Post Cards. Travellers and tourists well know their value. Instead of writing long letters of places visited, they mail cards to their friends, illustrating thereby what they wish to write—the cards tell the story better than a long letter and save a lot of time by so doing.



WOMAN COLLECTORS' DEPARTMENT



BY VERA WESTON HANVAT

Old Manuscripts

Curiosity is ceded to be an essentially feminine attribute. To those of whom the poet wrote

"Curiosity! who hath not felt
Its spirit and before its alter knelt,"

the collecting of old manuscripts offers a truly agreeable field for the exercising of this, as Byron says, "low vice. Curiosity."

Almost anything written with a pen may be included under this heading. Autographs, letters and papers of famous persons, and autographs, letters and papers of persons who are not famous. The manuscript need not be endowed with the privilege of having come in contact with one of the earth's great to be collectable, or an object of delight and veneration. Far from it. The interest lies in the manuscript itself. If John Smith's letter, poem, novel, story, tragedy, legal paper, et cetera, be of more interest than that of the aforesaid great, then John Smith's manuscript is more of a treasure.

A story or poem need not have been printed, remarked on, or criticized to be of interest. Some of the most witty, most interesting and most clever things written have never appeared in print.

They are valuable because they possess human interest, human joy, human pathos or tragedy.

A collection of old manuscripts brings to light the history of many uncanonized saints. For instance here is the diary of a little woman, written on a lonely ranch in the early pioneer days. It tells us the story of a saint-like life. The life of one who day after day wrestled with an incurable disease, yet day after day fulfilled pitifully the duties of the family drudge, loving and caring for her children with a love and pride rivalling that of the mother of the Gracchi.

And here is a letter written many years ago by one dying in a strange country, among a strange people.

And so the human interest, the vital interest is apparent in each separate manuscript. Whether it be the verses of some would be knight or lady fair or the master pieces of a Browning. The first is human, the latter artificially human. The first is unknown to the world, but engraved upon

the heart of the lady. The latter has delighted the minds of the million—the heart of none.

This sermon written a hundred and odd years ago by a long forgotten minister of the gospel, priest to the people, possesses this interest. It was wrung from the sincere heart of a brave good man, fragrant with the virile sympathy of a pure soul. It did not emanate from a mind cut and polished until it took upon itself the brilliancy of a diamond of the first waters. It was not composed in the midst of rare etchings, beautifully bound books. It was not delivered with a cultivated and oratorical emphasis. It was not listened to by a people versed in the Addisonian school of literature.

It was a sermon preached to the crude and virile pioneers to whom we owe our country. Preached to the people by one of the people, in the language of the people, in a meeting place of the people—a log school house. And it came from the soul of the priest and entered the souls of the worshippers. The collection is enriched a hundred fold by its presence.

And again one cannot but feel a strong sympathy for the fate of one "John Wesson scapegrace," who received, as a very formal looking document informs us, a public whipping for laziness! Decidedly those were Spartan days at Plymouth colony some three hundred years ago!

From several score of novels, in manuscript form, I select one whose title is sufficiently startling to warrant it a place in this ruminating discourse "The Romance of a Bustle!" Ye gods! Marie Correlli, Emil Galorien, Robert Hitchens, immortal originator of Sherlock Holmes, Wilkie Collins, Anna Katherine Green, Edgar Allen Poe, dear Dumas, or ye master sweet Will Shakespeare, could you devise, oh masters of the literary craft! a more soul convincing theme than this?^a

Even in this day of startling titles never was a title originated to compare with this. Allan Dale could not crush its existence as a popular play. 'Tis said that all is not Shaw that Bernards. but er—er—pardon me.

However many collections are formed for other purposes than amusement. The collection of old manuscripts offers a rich and varied field for scientific, literary, religious, or historical research. A person with such motives will happen upon many a bit of valuable information that will cast a new light upon subjects enveloped in obscurity. The undercurrent, the power behind the throne, the real directors of past dynasties and events are thus revealed.

The valuable papers are found in various ways. Through the sale of letters and papers; in the musty archives of old libraries, monasteries, convents. or ruins; among the traditions of old families.

Some of the most valuable writings are preserved only in the original manuscript form. The Roman Catholic Church is largely responsible for this. For centuries the church has been instrumental in the destruction and condemnation of the most valuable works on science, literature and religion. A glance at the Index Expurgatories will reveal the names of most of the greater works containing scientific truths. It is true that many great writings have been condemned because they conflicted with the doctrines of the church aetheistical thoughts and tendencies. But this poor excuse is in reality no excuse. No human being, or body of human beings, has a right to say what another shall do, or what he shall not do. Those who love the church and are devoted to its continued well being are anxious for the abolition of this "Blind Man's Ruff" policy.

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. C. R. Winn of Butte, Mont., a prominent collector of minerals, says that there exists on the North Boulder River about 55 miles southeast of Butte, a formation that is known as petrified water-cress. It is not exactly a petrification, but seems to be a lime formation that has replaced the original substance. When Mr. Winn was last there, he found water-cress growing in the water at the head of the stream, which has a warm spring for its source.

About 24 miles southeast of Butte is a bed of smoky quartz crystals, containing tourmaline, which gives them a greenish tinge. Amethysts are also found in the same bed, generally on the sides of the quartz crystals.

Mr. Winn has several pounds of sapphires, which he procured himself from their natural abode. He had to haul the dirt many miles, to complete the process.

A geological phenomenon exists about a mile east of the Yellowstone river near Newton, Mont. The formation in question is a large vein of lignite coal, which is tilted at an angle of about forty degrees. The highest point wheret the vein terminates is probably forty feet above the level, while the lower extremity of the vein extends below the surface of a large slough.

At some time in the remote past, when this section was still actively volcanic, some great cataclysm of nature evidently tilted the entire series of strata to their present position. As all coal was originally formed under water, we have absolute proof that these strata were once in a horizontal, instead of an oblique position. The great cataclysm which caused the strata to bend, probably corresponded to our earthquakes of today, except that the action was comparatively more violent. This entire country is filled with abundant evidence of colossal natural formations. Many of the former plants of the coal age, which helped to form the lignite beds, are extinct at the present time, and have been for many thousands of years.

While the following is not in the mineralogical line, we append it for the reason that the University of Illinois is an institution where we attended school quite a few years ago.

"Dr. Hopkins of the University of Illinois, is doing work that when turned into bushels of wheat, will pay a great many times over, the expense of the State Agricultural College. He has increased the yield of wheat from nine bushels on untreated soil, to twenty-nine on treated. This is the experience of 1905. Dr. Hopkins' methods include rotation of crops, planting legumes, and the application of lime and phosphorus. The lime is to correct acid soils and the rock phosphate to supply the deficiency of an element, highly necessary to production of big crops."

Correspondence on address side of Souvenir cards is allowed in the following countries: Canada, Chili, Costa Rica, Peru, Paraguay, Brazil, Great Britain, Italy, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Portugal, Roumania, Mexico, Greece, Russia, Sweden and Bulgaria.

Missouri Defense Bonds

By *Whittemore*

A Short History of the Defense Bonds.

No financial scheme ever had a more infirm basis, nor was so short as that which gave forth what are known as the Missouri Defense Bonds. The act under which they were issued was one of the few passed by what is known as C. F. Jackson's Senate.

Pursuant to a proclamation issued on September 26, 1861 by Claiborne F. Jackson, then Governor of the state of Missouri, the Senate convened at Neosho, Newton, county, Missouri, on the 21st day of October, 1861.

The proclamation stated that a State of War existed between Missouri and the Federal government and that the purpose of convening the General Assembly was to give the representatives of the people of Missouri an opportunity of determining whether or not they desired to dissolve the constitutional bond which bound them to the Government of the United States.

The session was a short one despite the wishes of the government and those legislators who desired to see the name of Missouri on the confederate roll; the strong Union sentiment of the people saved the State to the Union cause. The act referred to was entitled "An Act to Provide for the Defense of the State of Missouri," and its first section read as follows: "The sum of ten million dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, or which may hereafter be paid into the treasury for the purpose of repelling invasion and sustaining the state in her efforts to maintain her sovereignty."

Very few of the bonds were put into circulation, and these few had scarcely any value as investment—they are known by most paper money collectors, and should be in all collections, but do not look for them signed as you cannot get them in this way, each bill will be fully described in the next issue of the WEST. They were issued in the following plan by the sheet: \$1. 1. 1. 3., \$4. 4. 4½. 4½., \$20. 20. 20. 20., \$50. 50. 50. 100. 100., the \$20 50. 100. are green backs all signed bonds are frauds.

An illustration of \$4.50 Missouri bill was in the last number.

A Rare Coin. When Louisiana seceded, Jan. 26, 1861, the new government seized the United States mint at New Orleans and struck \$254,820 in double eagles and \$1,101,316.50 in silver half dollars, using the United States dies for 1861. The bullion was exhausted in May, 1861, when the coinage ceased and the United States dies were destroyed. A Confederate States die was then made, to be used for silver half dollars, but it was not fit for use in coining press, the relief being too high. Four half dollars were struck with it on a screw press, and these comprise the entire coinage of the Confederate States.

Denver Mint. The press of the new Denver mint was put into operation the first of the month, and in the presence of the governor and of State and mint officials a souvenir coin was struck off. The coinage was on brass and bears the imprint of the \$20 gold piece die.

Some Noted Collectors

By Geo. J. Remsburg

Hon. M. G. Bulkely, United States Senator and former Governor of Connecticut, is an enthusiastic curio collector and his home at Hartford, is a veritable museum of rare and curious objects.

Adrian H. Joline, a prominent New York lawyer, is an autograph collector and has published a book entitled, "The Meditation of an Autograph Collector". John J. Johnson, a well known Philadelphia lawyer, is a leading connoisseur of paintings, antique and curios.

John D. Crimmins possesses a valuable collection of autograph letters.

Count Paul Durrein has a splendid collection of French stamps.

Richard Mansfield is a collector of letters and manuscripts, and has a passion for securing fugitive documents and scraps of notable writing.

Premier Seddon, of New Zealand, is a stamp collector.

Dr. Ferrari, of Paris, is one of the most enthusiastic stamp collectors in the world. He has spent \$500,000 for stamps, and has over 100,000 specimens. He employs six secretaries to handle his stamps.

The Emperor of Morocco collects billiard tables from different countries and has a large assortment.

Lord Ranfurly, of New Zealand, is an ardent ornithologist and has made valuable collections of birds.

John Lewis Childs, the noted New York florist, is the owner of the finest collection of birds eggs in the U. S. The collection cost him \$25,000. James Richmond Scoville, another well known florist, is an authority on philately and is, or was, president of a philatelic society.

The Duke of York is an enthusiastic stamp collector.

The late Mr. Leland Stanford was much attached to antiquities and collected many rare objects along this line.

Major J. M. T. Paratello, of the U. S. Army, is a philatelic collector and writer.

Princess Marie, of Roumania, has a unique collection consisting of perfumery bottles. Her grandmother, the late Empress of Russia, left a similar collection, valued at \$25 000.

The King of England's hobby is numismatics, and he has one of the finest collections of coins in the world, though confined to coins of his own country.

The Prince of Wales is an authority on philately, as is also the Earl of Crawford, who has one of the most complete collections of United States stamps in the world. They exhibited their collections at the London Philatelic exhibition. The Prince recently paid \$7,400 for a single stamp.

J. Pierpont Morgan has a collection of stamps valued at many thousands of dollars. He has also valuable collections of paintings, manuscripts, books, etc.

Jacques Lebandy, the self-styled "Emperor of Sahara" is a stamp fiend.

The German Emperor has a very curious hobby. He is fond of collecting neckties and scarfs of all ages and of all countries and is said to have no fewer than 18,000, some of a very glaring description.

The Grand Duke Nicholas, of Russia, has one of the finest butterfly

collection in the world.

H. F. C. Todt, paymaster clerk in the United States Navy, has a collection of curios gathered on a trip around the world.

Tapling, late member of Parliament, made a valuable collection of stamps, which is now in the British Museum. It is valued at one-half million dollars.

Bishop Hartzell, of Africa, is making a collection of stamps of all countries in the continent of which he has missionary supervision.

The King of Italy has a valuable collection of coins and the Queen is an ardent stamp collector.

Marchioness Oyama, wife of the Japanese Napoleon, is an enthusiastic student of natural history subjects, and has made valuable collections of entomological, botanical and other specimen. She is a noted woman along many lines in her country.

The late Bishop Hurst was a collector of old books, almanacs and autograph letters.

The late Lady Dilke was a collector of old books.

Hon. Gerard Ponsonby has an extensive collection of tradesmen's cards. J. E. Hodgkin, F. S. A., has a similar collection.

The late Joseph Jefferson was much interested in curio collecting. Miss Helen Gould is considerably attached to the same hobby.

Charles F. Guenther, of Chicago, one of the best known confectioners in the United States, has extensive collection of general curios and relics. He has one of the best collections of Washington and Lincoln relics in the country.

Mrs. Bertie Delafield, prominent in New York social circles, has a large collection of eyeglasses, each one of which has a history.

Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant has made one of the finest collections of war relics and patriotic souvenirs in the United States.

The Cigar Band Craze

By Herman J. Funk

About a month ago it was a very hard task to procure cigar bands in Chicago. But today you can buy them single or by the hundred and thousand in most every cigar and stationery store in the city. It is most surprising to note how many a beautiful and useful article can be made with these small pieces of colored paper. All the leading cigar stores are giving demonstrations of making different useful articles, such as ash trays, plates, card receivers, and many other articles too numerous to mention. You can buy the complete trays, or any part of them and arrange them according to you taste. A very original tray can be made by using your friends photo as a center piece, they make very attractive souvenirs.

The cigar bands can be bought at 50 for 15c or 100 for 25c. The glass trays can be bought for 25c to \$1.00. Anyone wishing to buy cigar bands can apply to the author for information.

A souvenir post card, from a true friend says the Montpelier, Vt., Watchman, carries more good feeling with it than a check for a hundred dollars from the fellow for whom you do not care a continental.

Hints to Buyers of Oriental Antiquities

By C. W. Anderson-Neary

(Continued.)

Saitic Empire—29th Dynasty B. C., 721, 715 years; 25th Dynasty B. C., 715, 666 years; 26th Dynasty B. C., 666, 525 years; 27th Dynasty B. C., 525, 408 years; 28th Dynasty B. C., 408, 359 years; 29th Dynasty B. C., 399, 378 years; 30th Dynasty B. C., 378, 340 years.

There is an uncertainty either way which amounts to several centuries in all above dates to the beginning of the 18th Dynasty, after this the variation is 25 to 50 years and from the 25th Dynasty onwards it can only be a few years. The Ptolemies and Roman Emperors are not reckoned as forming dynasties. After the 30th Dynasty came the Persian invasion of Artaxerxes III who with Arses and Darius III reigned for 8 years, then Alexander the Great founded Alexandria and held sway some ten years so that we have a Macedonian period in the list. The Ptolemaic era began with Alexander's death when Soter, the first Ptolemy became king and he was succeeded by 16 rulers of the Ptolemaic age; then Egypt became a Roman province B. C. 30 and continued until the reign of Theodosius 1st, 380 A. D. The Byzantine era commences with Arcadius, 395 A. D. and ended with Heraclius who expelled the Persians 629 A. D. and we then came to the Mahometan invasion through the Pelusian fields in A. D. 640. We are now able to date interesting pieces with more certainty, provided we know to what general period they belong. Where there is nothing to date an object by except its appearance, recourse must be had to an expert who is familiar with such things. For instance, the Coins of the Ptolemes are perhaps the most difficult to classify for they don't bear the name of the different rulers who issued them, but once having attributed a certain lot to a King it is generally found that the poorest work is the earliest and the very best is found to be later in date. This holds good in other objects beside coins, but of course one has to see a collection consisting of many pieces of the same class to obtain definite and useful results in classification. It is often said that experts are often deceived but this is only occasionally true and in these few instances the majority of errors are in pronouncing really antique pieces to be false, in these cases one is reminded that there is a great difference between love and antiquities for "It is not better to have bought and erred than never to have bought at all". An antiquarian who values his collection solely for its historical interest must feel rather put out when told that the majority of buyers use scarabs as scarf pins, as fobs, mounted in bracelets, necklaces and hat pins, and that very beautiful necklaces are made up from "Keys of the Nile," and that small stones which were cut and used by the ancients as jewels are still used in the same manner. Rings are worn just as they are taken from the mummy, or the good mountings supplied, being copied from the old style. Vases of considerable value, become useful as lampholders, the high ones for the piano, in the corner of a room and the low symmetrical shapes may be used for reading lamps. Exquisite center-pieces for table decoration may be made from the small glass bottles and cups of the Arabic periods. A disc of wood should be prepared in walnut or other heavy wood and a smaller disc placed upon it, then the glasses are

cemented to the base and when filled with flowers are very effective. A sip of champagne drunk from glasses 2500 years old would be a novelty and could easily be arranged for by a resident of Egypt. A cotillion could be arranged with the favors consisting of antiquities mounted on cards and would be far more unique and servicable than some of the flimsy articles at present in use. Fine old Roman bronzes are often of a shape and size suitable for door's knockers. To those artistically inclined, most interesting little gifts may be prepared with cards covered with mummy cloth and decorated with an Egyptian scene in monotone. Umbrella handles may be made of ushatti figures and would be most servicable and odd. There is no limit to the uses to which antiquities may be put to by those who do not care for them as curiosities alone and these few hints should open up a vast field for ingenious collectors. It is also important to set off a collection well when placed in a cabinet, and the question of mounting is one that requires study. For large pieces, a block of alabaster seems to be most effective. For medium size pieces a base of walnut is elegant and does not detract from the antiquity itself. The smallest objects look best on mounts of ebony. In arranging a collection each case should contain several important pieces surrounded by smaller but effective additions. Avoid overcrowding by giving as much space as possible to each. Black velvet is perhaps the best material for background as before it the object stands out well in relief and almost any color looks well upon it and the eye never rests upon blank as if colours are used. Brown dental wax is most suitable for fastening the pieces on the mounts, but if not obtainable then ordinary bees' wax melted with some grains of mastic makes a solid substance for securing the various species to their pedestals. Flat pieces look best in thin boards covered with velvet, for brown wood or procelain pieces dark green velvet; for blue antiques black velvet and for green objects a dull gray velvet ought to be used. Bronze statuettes are best in front of strong red velvet backing. An interesting collection could be made of the Tel-el-Amarus pieces which are in most exquisite colours and unique shapes, they are easily grouped into sprays of flowers and when mounted on velvet plaques the long petals in green and white, petals of poppies, thistles and daisies, the fruit of the persea tree, bunches of grapes and other pretty pieces are possibly unequalled in their way. Necklaces of the dwarf ancient banjo players and various pendants separated with gold beads also make beautiful ornaments. Occasionally an antiquity is picked up which is especially interesting, such as the small stela of Horus on the crocodiles, these specimens are numbered amongst the few pieces which we get from the houses of the lord Egyptians and are distinct from those which come from the tombs—they represent Horus standing upon the backs of two crocodiles, grasping in his hands the Typhonic reptiles and animals which are emblems of the forces of light and of the powers of evil. He wears the side-lock of youth and above is the head of the old god Bes who here symbolizes the sun-god at eventide. The sides and back of the stela are usually inscribed with a selection from the Book of the Dead. Two long serpents form a canopy under which Horus stands. These stones were supposed to prevent the entrance of scorpions, snakes, crocodiles and venomous creatures which are pictured on the stone or mentioned in the text.

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Archaeology of Southwest Missouri

By E. J. Palmer, A S of C C 224

Archaeology—the acquisition and study of prehistoric relics is one of the most popular branches of collecting. There is a peculiar attraction about these weapons and implements of a vanished race, especially when collected personally in the field, coming to us as it were direct from the hands of the savage makers, they form a visible link of connection with the past. To a person of imagination this sentimental value, distinct from the scientific interests, form no small part of the pleasure of collecting. The little bits of flint speak eloquently to him of the wild free life of primitive man, of the excitement of battle and the chase, of the grandeur and mystery of the unbroken wilderness and the solemn stillness of the primeval forest.

I had lived several years in my present neighborhood and having found no trace of prehistoric relics had concluded that none were to be found in this locality. But one day, a few summer ago, when out botanizing in crossing a field I noticed some flint flakes that looked 'suspicious.'

A careful search was soon rewarded by the discovery of a rough arrow point and a fine spear. The corn was then too high to make searching easy but on returning later I found other specimens.

The following spring, while walking along the railroad about half a mile above this place I noticed a field in the creek valley over which the water had washed in flood time. The locality looked promising, and on climbing down the bank and crossing a deep ditch I soon made an interesting discovery. The field seemed to have been the sight of an Indian camp or perhaps a temporary village. The land laid in a loop or bend of the creek and the high water seemed to have begun the excavation of a cut off for a new channel. In places the alluvial soil had been carried off to a depth of two feet or more. In this channel and in the surrounding field flint flakes were very abundant and on this and subsequent occasions I found several dozen arrow and spear points, a number of rough hatchet stones, several good knives and some odd shaped chipped stones of which the use was uncertain. While there is nothing particularly striking about these relics to distinguish them from others found throughout this part of the country a description is given merely to show the possibilities of even a poor locality for collecting when carefully studied. An odd circumstance was the finding of about two inches of a slender, carefully wrought knife of pink flint. More than a year later the upper half was found washed out near the same spot, and on taking it home, it was found to fit perfectly and the cementing can scarcely be detected. The implement is between four and five inches in length.

To the collector who has also some knowledge of geology an interesting study is afforded in the different materials in the manufacture of these ancient weapons. Many of the rougher specimens are made from the white or bluish chert found in abundance in the lower Carboniferous rocks in this locality.

This was but an indifferent material for the purpose and was doubtless obtained along the neighboring bluffs or from the creek bed. When found on the surface it is frequently partly decomposed, porous and stained with oxide of iron. In a few cases this was employed. Some of the fine ones are

of a white or gray vitreous flint probably obtained from the Silurian rocks to the south and east. Several knives and spears are fashioned from a fine pink or mottled variety of flint found in the Upper Carboniferous rocks about Ft. Scott, Kansas, and vicinity. This is easily identified by the presence of a peculiar little fossil, *Fusulina cylindrical*, fine sections of which are exhibited in some of the relics.

Some of the arrows and knives are slender and finely wrought but the workmanship in most of them is poor. Several of the small knives (?) have one side perfectly plain while the opposite one is chipped and beveled all round the margin. A fragment of rough pottery and a quartzite pestle were also found.

While the collecting of Indian relics has not been a specialty with me I have found much pleasure in getting together a little nucleus for a local collection. I have since found odd arrow points at various places up and down the rivers and creeks and further search will probably disclose other interesting localities.

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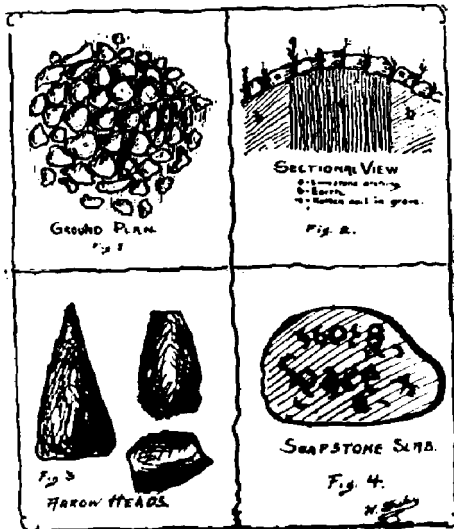
A Prehistoric Burial Site

By W. Straley

Once day last summer, accompanied by my wife,⁷ and my brother, and her brother, I spent a day among what is supposed to be the burial place of some prehistoric race.

The site is situated some six miles southwest of Comanche, Texas, on what is known as Willow Branch, a tributary of Mercer's Creek. The burial places cover quite an area of the hill-side, and a few are on the level ground across the branch.

Mr. Nabus, who owns the property, met us with pick and shovel, prepared to excavated one of the graves.



A few years ago a son of Mr. Nabus excavated one of the graves in which he found a partly decayed skeleton, which was in a sitting posture, with the chin between the knees. The skeleton was only a few feet below the surface. The graves are covered with an arching of burnt limestone, which show above the surface of the ground. The arched limestone is found in a circle some ten or fifteen feet in diameter. (Figs. 1 and 2). The most peculiar part is, that the limestone had to be carried quite a distance, as there is none in the immediate vicinity—not in several miles.

We opened one grave, but found nothing but rotten soil therein.

We found one true triangular arrow-head and several pieces of a different variety. (Fig. 3). Do not know whether they belonged to the grave period or to the tribes of Indians who at one time occupied this section. I understand that the locality was the camping place of the Indians in some of their last raids through these parts. (Mr. Nabus recently presented me with quite a number of arrow-heads of assorted sizes and shapes that he has since found on this site.)

The same day Mr. Nabus showed us a ledge of soap-stone in the banks of Willow Branch, which was some 35 or 40 feet long by the inches to one foot wide and one and a half inches thick; and was about four or five feet from the top of the bank. The bank above was composed of black or blue-black earth; then followed the layer of soap stone, which was followed by a layer of white or ye lowish tinged clay an inch or so in thickness. The clay was resting on a strata of sandstone. We dug out the soap-stone layer, and found the same about an even thickness all the way. The top and bottom of each slab was covered with circular and crescent shaped characters of various sizes. (Fig. 4.) Question: Was the circles, crescents, figure eights, etc., caused by insects, or were they carved thereon?

Odds and Ends of Interest to Various Branches of Collecting

LOST ART FOUND IS LOST AGAIN.

Berlin, Mich.—Ernest Baugman, a boy who rediscovered the art of making arrowheads as the Indians did, is dead, aged 17, of appendicitis. He had succeeded in turning out arrowheads of flint and other substances. He made no secret of his method, his only tool being a small stick sharpened to a point, but no one else was able to acquire the knack of manipulating the stick against the stone as he did, though it was apparently simple.—Detroit News.

BUY INDIAN COLLECTION.

Acting President Collie, of Beloit, Wis., college, visited Milwaukee and purchased the great collection of Indian stone battle axes, of W. H. Ellsworth, for the institution. F. G. Logan of Chicago, donor of the Logan museum provided the money for the purchase of the axes. It is said that this is the finest collection in existence and a large number of them were found in this state. It was Mr. Ellsworth's determination that the collection should be kept in the state and he accepted a much smaller sum for them than he has been offered by parties outside.

NEW YORK ART MUSEUM COLLECTS MEDIEVAL KEYS.

One hundred keys of ornate design ancient and medieval, have been purchased by the Metropolitan Museum of Art and are being added to the collection of those articles which have been already gathered. With this addition the exhibit of keys now in the museum is one of the best in the world. The latest acquisition was originally gathered after nearly 50 years of effort by M. De La Noix of Paris, and is from old castles and from excavations made on the sites of ancient cities.

ANDERSEN MUSEUM.

The city of Odense, where Hans Christian Andersen was born April 2, 1805, has purchased his home for the purpose of transforming it into an Andersen house, in which may be preserved objects associated with Denmark's best known writer.

The Natural History Museum at South Kensington, England, has among its collection nearly 100,000 specimens of birds' eggs.

A Cartophilic Alphabet. Something of the mission of the picture post card to act as a ready vehicle of infantile instruction and harmless caricature is realized by the series brought out in England containing twenty-six coloured pictures on white back grounds, each illustrating a line from a rhyme running "A was an artist who never grew fat; B was a butcher who wore a silk hat;" and so on throughout the alphabet. Each card has its proper letter printed in red in the left hand top corner.

Souvenir Post Cards

By Madeline Keller

A Mr. Thatcher, from 3960 Drexel Bouvd. will start on a trip around the world, and suggests to mail various new cards from European and Asiatic Ports. He sends a map showing the route and a list of more than 100 points from which he will mail postal views. He will mail 9 cards from 9 cities for \$1.00; 20 cities for \$2.00, etc. He will also take Camera pictures, since about 5,000 miles will be made thro' England, France and Germany in a motor car. He will take such views as strike his fancy and on his return the post card friends can obtain sets of these views at a trifle over his actual out'ay. All subscriptions should be sent in promptly as he will not be able to add names after starting as lists will be closed when he leaves Chicago on June 1st. Mr. F. J. Thatcher, 3960 Drexel Blvd., care of American Legation. It is necessary to send subscriptions promptly in order to arrange his list so that you will not miss receiving one card.

The Steinman Co., or Scuv. Card publishers have issued some fine new leather postals, both comic and otherwise. Those sent to me for inspection were finely done on soft leather, touched with water colors and others in burnt work. One shows a long legged man running with two satchels along a R. R. track and the words "You can expect me". Another shows a goat's head and the conundrum "What goes round a button"? Still another shows an owl on a branch, with these words "For 'owl' times sake I send you this". Another shows a bomb, some matches and a can of kerosine:-- "There'll be fun when we get together". Another shows a stork holding a babe in h's bill and the words "May your troubles be little ones". You will find the ad of these cards in the WEST, look for it and send for some of these at once, they are well worth the getting.

How many have noticed the new Canadian Card Ex. Club It is now in its prime since the WEST has become its official organ. Join one and all is my motto.

Southern Philatelic Society

OFFICERS.

President--Charles Roemer.....	San Antonio, Tex.
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Sales Superintendent--Chas. Warning.....	Knoxville, Tenn.
Trustees--H. A. Hezog, and H. G. Askew, of.....	Austin, Texas.
Official Organ, The WEST.	

SECY-TREASURER'S REPORT--New Members: 311 R. L. Doak, Fresno Ohio. W. P. Kelly, Secy. Treas. 3222 Perry Ave. Kansas City Mo.

The secretary of this society is sick with typhoid fever.

A Profitable Craze. The souvenir post card craze is enriching Uncle Sam and doubling the sale of one-cent stamps several times over. The craze extends all over the country, and enterprising Postmasters of Fourth-Class Offices are increasing their own remuneration by buying cards in lots and selling them at a good profit and then selling the stamps to forward them.-- Postmaster Advocate.

THE KANSAS CITY STAMP CLUB

The only stamp society in Kansas City. Regular meetings second and fourth Fridays of each month at 7:45 P. M. in Room 37, Jenkins Building, Thirteenth and Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

Officers for 1906

President—Fred Goldstandt	2500 E. Fourteenth street
Secretary—Arthur L. Nelson	1823 W. Prospect Place
Treasurer—Wm. Fishman	820 Penn Avenue
Librarian—Arthur L. Nelson	1823 W. Prospect Place
Sargent—Graham Jarboe	1311 Tracy Avenue

Official Organ—The WEST

Treasurer's Report.	March 1, 1906 on hand	\$1.88
	Received for dues	2.48
	Total	\$4.36
Disbursements.	To Secretary	\$2.07
	Miscellaneous	.85
	Total	\$2.92

April 1st, 1906 on hand..... \$1.44

Secretary's Report, April 21, 1906. Mr. Robert Murray, 1118 Forest Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., was admitted to the club at the meeting of March 30, 1906. In the recent competition of designs appropriate for a philatelic badge for the Kansas City Stamp Club, the design submitted by Mr. Jarboe was adjudged the first prize. This design will therefore be used for the club's badge which are now being made. It is to be hoped that every member of the club will obtain one of these badges and thus show his loyalty.

Librarian's Report. Since my previous report a number of contributions for our library have come to hand. The publishers of "The Exchange" "The Lodge Record" and "The Juvenile Philatelist" have each donated a years subscription to their respective papers. From Mr. Small I have received a number of old copies of philatelic literature. The following additional philatelic periodicals have recently been subscribed for out of the library fund: The Philatelic Inter-Ocean, The Columbus Philatelist, The Collector's World, The Collector's Advertiser and The Nederlandsche Philatelist. We are now receiving 16 periodicals regularly. Further contributions of books and magazines relating to philately are earnestly solicited—Yours respectfully, Arthur C. Nelson.

April 17th, 1906.

The Columbus Numismatic Society met in regular session April 4th at the home of the President, Robt. T. King. New members: G. W. Giebelhouse, Washington Court House, Ohio and Thos. L. Elder, 32 E. 23rd St., New York City.

Books received the "Numismatist," "Elder's Monthly," "Bulletin," "WEST," and catalogues of the various sales. Mr. Wm. Poillon, New York donates two Masonic Medals to the Cabinet.

After the business was over, Mr. King read a short paper on "Coin Collecting" and displayed his entire collection for the enjoyment of those present.

It was voted to hold the next meeting (May 2) at Delaware, Ohio, the home of two of our members, Messrs. Buck and Ziegler. This will be a social meeting as each member is invited to bring their wife (or some other fellow's sister). Messrs. Buck and Ziegler have planned to entertain the Society for the afternoon and evening.—J. M. Henderson, Sec'ty.



Union Souvenir Card Exchange



America's Largest Card Collectors' Club. Organized April, 1904

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President—Earle K. Bryan, 225 Cottage Lane, Dallas, Texas
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 1/2 Fr. 3Mk. 4 Lire. 1 1/2 Yen; To PHILATELIC WEST subscribers everywhere 25 cents.
 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.

April 1906.

OUR EASTERN REPRESENTATIVE.

We beg to call the attention of all members to the illustrated section of this magazine in which is printed the photograph of Mr. Arthur L. Shaver, Eastern Representative, of THE UNION SOUVENIR CARD EXCHANGE. Mr. Shaver is an enthusiastic card collector, but of late he has been obliged to travel about a great deal, he being on the field corps of the Pennsylvania Telephone Company, and his exchange has been somewhat interrupted at times.

Mr. Shaver holds the record for securing new members and were we in a position to give medals to our members for their loyalty to THE UNION, Mr. Shaver would be first to wear the golden star.

APRIL ROLL OF HONOR.

222. Geo. H. Chandler. 259. Ralph B. Platt. 362. M. A. H. Spencer.
 401. E. E. Moyer. 431. C. F. Taylor. 442. Miss E. E. Cassidy. 447. J.
 A. Blair. 495. Miss Olive M. Nicholson. 521. O. E. Gilliland.

JAPAN.

Mr. C. T. Mayes, Box 152, Yokohama, Japan, announces that he will be pleased to furnish to all members of THE UNION beautiful color-type cards of Japan at 1 cent each sent under cover, of 2 cents each mailed separately and stamped on view side. These are special prices to UNION members only and it is absolutely necessary to give your UNION number when ordering.

NEW MEMBERS.

480. LaVerne Mapes, Indiana Harbor, Ind. 481. Miss Daisy M. Cassidy, 20 Simonds Street, St. John, N. B., Canada. 482. J. O. Bergman, Jr., Argyle, Wash. (No comics). 483. Jean Lyons, 737 Johnson Street, Portland, Oregon. 484. Louis Novotny, Station D, Milwaukee, Wisc. 485. Daniel L. Stetson, 29 School Street, Auburn, Maine. 486. Dr. W. P. Taylor, Monongahela, Pa. (No comics.) 487. Mrs. E. J. Linson, 11 Fair Street, Kingston, N. Y. 488. Henry Manchester, Moravia, N. Y. 489. Geo. J. Goldsborough, 1018 McCulloh Street, Baltimore, Md. 490. Miss Rosie Roberts, 217 President Street, Baltimore, Md. 491. Miss Bessie D.

Soule, 28 Clinton Street, Cambridge, Mass. 492. G. L. Truckmiller, Stonington, Ill. 493. E. S. Sprague, 42 Main Street, Sidney, N. Y. 494. Miss Anna V. King 220 Davis Street, Findlay, Ohio. 495 Miss Olive M. Nicholson, 5443 Magnolia Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. 496. Jacob H. Sechrist, Box 61, Glenrock, Pa. 497. S. C. Fluegel, 343 Sabela Avenue, Pekin, Ill. 498. J. A. Herman, Milligan, Nebr. 499. Herman J. Funk, 171 East 25th Place, Chicago, Ill. (No exchange at present.) 500. Andrie Perlet, 50 Rue Mollitor, Paris XVI, France. 501. Thos. R. Davis, South Beachleham, Pa. 502. H. W. Roe, 960 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. 503. Miss Anna B. Dainstatter, 66 Birch Street, Cleveland, Ohio. 504. Miss Julia Conlyn, Box 486, Warwick, N. Y. 505. Floyd A. Green, Haigler, Nebr. 506. E. A. Hempstead, 456 Vincent Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. 507. Joseph Z. Lafleur, Lepret, Sask., Canada. 508. Samuel C. Bushnell, Box 104, St. Louis, Mo. 509. Mrs. E. E. Silvernail, 8 Burnet Street, Newark, N. J. 510. Miss Lillian E. Benish, 1943 Congress St., St. Louis, Mo. 511. Miss Helen Cavanah, Gen'l Delivery, Station B, Kansas City, Mo. 512. Miss Anna C. Smercina, 1435 South 9th Street, St. Louis, Mo. 513. Mrs. C. E. Carr, 252 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 514. Miss Nan Harriman, Loggieville, N. B. Canada. 515. F. B. Wilson, Kirksville, Mo. 516. Miss Florence Mulbery, 315 Russell Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 517. F. J. Thatcher, 145 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill. 518. G. Thornton Doelle, 1059 Sixth St., Las Vegas, N. M. 519. Benj. F. Solomon, 107 Main St., East Greenwich, R. I. 520. Miss Edith L. Chapin, Paonia, Colo. 521. O. E. Gilliland, Box 1261, Oklahoma City, Okla. (No comics). 522. Miss Lola Lawrence, 432 Boston Block, Minneapolis, Minn. 523. Miss Mary E. Burt, 142 June St., Fall River, Mass. 524. Mrs H. E. Ashbury, 1256 Park Ave., Baltimore, Md. 525. J. P. Reynolds, 1010 Broadway, Kansas City, Mo. 526. H. R. Nichaus, Taylor, Iowa. 527. V. E. Fahlman, Pontiac R. I. 528. R. W. Ferguson, Box 23, Hilton, N. Y. 529. William Faraday, 902 3rd Avenue, Altoona, Pa. 530. Miss Louise Gardner, 2209 Devisadero St., San Francisco, Cal. 531. John C. Morgan, Box 662, New Kensington, Pa. 532. Walter L. Miller, 306 Purcell Ave., Price Hill, Cincinnati, O. 533. A. H. Volkmann, Rockport, Mo. 534. W. D. Hamilton, 22 Acushnet Ave., Springfield, Mass. 535. Mr. Mason T. Haines, Middleburgh, N. Y. 56. Clarence McMaster, Plattsburg, N. Y. 537. R. Mac Alexander, L. B. 7, Milroy, Pa. (No comics). 358. Robt. A. Parman, 326 Reno Avenue, Oklahoma City, Okla. 539 Alden Hiern, 620 Jackson Avenue, New Orleans.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

226. Morris Welsh, from Clito, Va., to Galax, Va. 447. Joseph A. Blair, from Lebret, Sask., to Edmonton, Alta., Canada. ——. A party in St John, N. B., Canada, sends a request that his address be changed to 190 Waterloo Street, St. John. This card contains neither name, former address or UNION number. We cannot make the desired change until we receive some further information from the sender.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE ONLY.

423. Dean Donaldson, P. O. Box 706, Lincoln, Nebraska, desires hereafter exchange with foreign members only.

THIS PARTY RECEIVED TOO MANY CARDS.

329. W. H. Roberts, Jr., Box 34, Grovania, Ga., requests me to say that he received so many cards from the various members that his supply for

exchange purposes became exhausted before he could answer them all and considerable delay was caused by being obliged to send away for a fresh supply. He respectfully asks that the members whose cards he could not answer promptly will excuse him this once on a promise that no delays in answering will occur hereafter.

MR CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE!

I am in receipt of a communication reading: "The Canadian members of The Union Souvenir Card Exchange, would like to see the photograph of their Representative, Mr. Donald Stuart, in an early issue of the The Philatelic West." Will Mr. Stuart kindly send his photo to the publisher of The Philatelic West for reproduction.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, and 165. Memberships 1 to 165, inclusive and 231 to 249, inclusive, have now expired. You should not send cards for exchange to any of these members as they have either given up collecting or renewed their memberships. In the latter case you will find their name under a new number and their old number should be discarded and the new one recognized.

COMPLAINTS.

349 against 186, 191, 300 and 326.

352 against 256, 263, 264, 293, 327, 336, 339, 340 and 391.

374 against 122, 130, 143, 144, 153, 154, 175, 194, 198, 220, 255, 291 and 399.

380 against 158, 220 and 300.

391 against 351, 369, and 372.

443 against 250 and 280.

403 against 137, 192, 210, 275, 277, 333 and 417

RESIGNED

293. Miss Margaret Biggs, 12 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

350. Wilh. Wieser, Altstetten, Zurich, Switzerland.

When a member resigns it is usually because he receives more cards than he can handle or is unable financially to continue the exchange or, sometimes sickness is the cause. Therefore, when a resignation is announced it means that all members should immediately stop sending the party cards for exchange.

EXPELLED.

The following members are hereby expelled from The Union for their failure to answer cards addressed to them and the numbers of the members who entered the complaints are given in each case:

175. R. E. Bullard, 141 Lincoln Street, Holyoke, Mass., expelled on complaints of 299, 349 and 394.

186. Frank D. Griffin, Box 99, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on complaints of 299, 394 and 349.

220. T. D. Eilers, Lock Drawer No. 2, George, Iowa, on complaints of 225, 374 and 380.

250. Miss Ethel O. Miller, Box 488, Tallahassee, Florida, on complaints of 394, 423 and 443.

300. Fredrick A. Boese, Nox 825, Des Moines, Iowa, on complaints of 348, 349 and 380.

369. Clarence Thompson, Box 98, Rome, N. Y., on complaints of 394, 423 and 391.

The management regrets indeed that it is necessary to take such action, but we must and will have only honest, straightforward collectors in the ranks of The Union.

We hope that this is the first and last list of its kind we will ever be obliged to publish.

Nebraska Philatelic Society *Nebraska's Pride*

ORGANIZED 1892. LARGEST STATE SOCIETY EXTANT.

President—E. H. Wilkinson.....	Omaha, St
Vice-President—F. B. Woodson.....	Omaha Registry Dept.
Secretary-Treasurer—L. P. Brodstone.....	Superior, Neb.
Sales Superintendent—H. Ketchum.....	Chester
Attorney—H. Whipple.....	Omaha, N. Y. Life Bldg.
Auction Manager—H. Whipple.....	Omaha, Neb.
Trustees—W. Hendricks, Paxton Hotel; Hopson and Brown.....	Omaha, Neb.

April, 4th, 1906.

Fellow Members:—I hereby resign my position as Sales Superintendent. All books have been returned and statements have been rendered. All business of the department is finished so far as I know. This decision will not in any way interfere with my affiliation with stamp matters. Will always be pleased to hear from all and wish you an abundance of success in your various walks of life.—Respectfully, H. V. Ketchum.

New Members. F. S. Payton, Calloway; H. Jennings, Rushville; J. Anderzen, Loomis; E. Rector, Lincoln, 2845 Randolph St.

Applications. L. H. Lederer, Norfolk; J. T. Nelson, Tilden; E. C. Nyrop, Elgin.

Wish to see more members and hope auction department will be going by next month so it can help out any who have stamps for sale.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 1898 AS THE LEAGUE OF CANADIAN PHILATELISTS

OFFICERS FOR 1905

President—O. W. Barwick	17 Tara Hall Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada
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Secretary-Treasurer—F. B. ARCHER	995 St. Urbain St. Montreal, Canada
Sales Superintendent—H. SMITH	42 Dudley St. Medford, Mass.
Auction Manager—G. P. LEGRAND	Paspebiac West P. Q. Canada
Librarian—H. A. CHAPMAN	Box 72 Rocky Hill, Conn
Attorney—G. F. DOWNS, Drawer G.	Strathcona, Alberta, N. W. T.
Purchasing Agent—E. W. STANTON, In care Guarantee Co. of N. A.	Montreal, Canada
Executive Committee—GEO. VAN GUILDER, J. E. WARRINGTON, Montreal 1	
Official Organ—The WEST	

Sec'y-Treas. Report.

Applications for Membership. 390 Friedrich Ockenfels, Solingen Rhein-proving, Germany, Ref. Leopold Greenberg, and Ed Howard, San Francisco.

Change of Address. 282 Geo. W. Brown, Tiburon, Marin Co., Cal.
363 Rev. E. F. Vokes, The Pines, Chandlers Ford, Southampton, Eng.

Members who have not yet remitted their dues for 1906 and who have been notified, would kindly do so as soon as possible.—Yours Respectfully,
F. B. Archer, Sec'y-Treas., 995 St. Urbain St., Montreal, Que.

UNIVERSAL PHILATELIC UNION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1906.

President—Steve Clement 18 Cicero Court, Chicago, Ill.
Vice President—H. C. Elliott..... 2392 Wilcox Ave., Chicago, Ill.
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Librarian—Elmer Nasby..... 416 LeMayone, Chicago, Ill.
Curator—Kenneth Murphy Calif. and Monroe Sts., Chicago, Ill.
Supt. Sales Dept.—George Clement 2141 Gladys Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Sargent—Wallace Bosley..... 918 N. Whipple St., Chicago, Ill.

President's Notice. I hereby appoint Wallace Bosley, 918 N. Whipple St., of Chicago, Ill., Sargent at Arms to succeed Carl Webber of 889 S. Sawyer Ave., who has been forced to resign on account of business. Prizes for May are \$1.00 Columbian Exposition stamp to member bringing in largest number of corresponding members and to the member securing the most local members gets a Jamaica Telegraph stamp.—Respectfully, Steve Clement, Pres.

Secretary's Report. The 19th meeting of this society was held April 7th, 1906. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p. m. at the Hull House with a lot of members in attendance. In the absence of the president and the sickness of the vice president the secretary was called upon to fill the chair. The business for the evening was then discussed, it being proposed that the club should issue a pamphlet describing the benefits to be derived from stamp collecting. The motion passed but it was agreed to lay it aside until next meeting. A proposal to hold a reception May 5th was accepted and it is hoped that a large number of local collectors will attend. The meeting was then adjourned at 9:15 p. m., after which a lecture on Japan and Buddhism was delivered by Mr. George Wm. Clement.—Respectfully submitted, Geo. Clement, Secy.

Since the last meeting I have received the application of F. B. Wilson of Kirksville, Mo.

Curator's Report. The stamps of Japan will be on exhibition April 21st on the third floor of the Hull House. The prizes are: No. 1, a set of 5 Japanese war revenues; No. 2, a set of 3 Japanese tea revenues; No. 3, a set of 2 Japanese Dept. of Agriculture. All members present will receive a Japanese fiscal whether they obtain prizes or not. The stamps of Dutch East Indies will be on exhibition at the Hull House, May 19th. Prizes are: No. 1, 10 diff. Dutch E. Indies; No. 2, 7 diff. Dutch E. Indies; No. 3, 4 diff. Dutch E. Indies; No. 4, Dutch E. India Postage Due. All members should attend the meeting of May 19 as Mr. Geo. W. Clement will deliver a fine lecture on Dutch and Portuguese E Indies.—Respectfully yours, Kenneth Murphy, Cur.

Supt. Sales Dept. Get in line for my 18th auction, May 19th. Members are requested to send none but fine specimens as it is almost impossible to dispose of the cheap varieties you have been ringing in on me. No collections of more than 500 will be sold hereafter. I should like to hear from all members on the following proposition. It is proposed to strengthen our Sales and Exchange Depts. by having our Sales and Exchange columns in the various philatelic magazines. Members would thus be able to put in their sales and exchanges at a very moderate sum.—Respectfully, Geo. Clement, Supt.

Librarian. I have received the information that the "Kansas City Stamp Club" desires to dispose of their duplicate library. In running over their list I find many magazines in the lot are not in our library and as the sale price is very low I wish to have the club vote so that they may obtain it. New magazines subscribed to is "The Exchange" published in Kirksville, Mo.—Respectfully submitted, Elmer Nasby, Librarian.

LARGEST STAMP SOCIETY IN AMERICA

Stamp Collector's Protective Association of America

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 3, 1899.

President—E. Chandler	Roanoke, Va.
Vice-President—W. P. Kelley	Kansas City Mo.
Secretary-Treasurer—L. Brodstone	Superior, Neb.
Sales Superintendent—W. A. Imbler	Compton, Calif.
Auc. Manager—H. DuBose	Huguenot, Ga.
Attorney—H. Swenson	Minneapolis, Minn.
Trustees—Wilkinson, Brown, Hopson	Omaha
Official Organ. The WEST.	

Having been appointed Sales Superintendent of the S. C. P. A. of A. I shall use my very best efforts to make the department a success and a credit to the society. To do this I must have your support.

If you are selling or have any duplicates let me sell them for you. A commission of 10 per cent is charged on sales and one per cent on value of books which is held in trust as an Insurance Fund against possible losses. Blank approval books 3c each; 30c per dozen.

If you are buying let me put you on a circuit.—W. A. Imbler, Compton, Cal.

W. A. Imbler of Compton, Calif., has been appointed sales manager in place of Spinony who has resigned. Write him for books or to be placed on dept., he can help you sell, buy and exchange. Send him a selection at once

New Members. T. P. Reynolds, Kansas City, Mo., 1010 Broadway; Will H. Mackie, 309 Armory Palce, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; L. H. Lederer, Norfolk, Nebr; J. Layman, New Orleans, La., 1447 Assuncation St.; R. McFarren, Diller, Nebr.; R. Ramsey, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 57 Market St.; R. C. Miller, Des Moines, Ia., Box 126; M. P. Stamm, Albuquerque, New Mexico; E. R. Bradley, Marion, Ohio, 722 Park St.; J. McLandon, Victory Mills, N. Y., Box 55; Rev. W. H. Matthes, Milwaukee, Wis.; S. M. Edwards, Argusville, N. Dak; Ernest C. Nyrop, Elgin, Nebr., R. F. D. 1; W. C. Schroder, Dubuque, Iowa, Columbia Flats 17 & Clay Sts.; Paul M. Snyder, Bloomfield, N. J., 91 Essex St.; John S. Bright, Paducah, Ky., R. F. D. 4; C. I. Altman, DesMoines, Ia., 2nd & Court St.; J. H. Dunlap, Lockport, N. Y, 1272 West Ave.; Ellen I. Parker, Newport, N. H., Box 270; F. E. Bloomfield, Decorah, Iowa; W. R. Southworth, Cooperstown, N. Y; T. W. Charlesworth, Bunyan, Ont., Can.

One complaint of Deitrick of Virginia on O. Nicholson, Orlando, Fla. Any others.

The First Entry. The first entry has already been made for the 1906 London Philatelic Exhibition, and Prince Edward of Wales claims the honour and credit of having made it. He is a sharp and enthusiastic young collector, and he has the courage of his philatelic choice, for he has entered his collection of French Colonials. Fancy a young collector tackling French Colonials! But he is a philatelic son of a philatelic father, and that makes all the difference.—Stamp Collector.

The Canadian Post Card Exchange Club *For Collectors of Pictorial Postcards*

President--Miss Madeline Keller
 Chief Sec. Treas.--Mr. C. A. Hives, Juneau, Wisconsin, U. S. A.
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 New Zealand Secretary--Miss A. R. Brown, Bush Rd, Mosgeiel Otago New Zealand
 Other Secretaries will be appointed in England and U. S. A.
 President's Motto: "The Postcard is a hobby both pleasurably and practically. Join one and all."

OBJECTS

1. To encourage the collection of Pictorial Postcards.
2. To publish a monthly list of Members and wants.
3. To prevent unfair exchanging between collectors.
4. To enroll members from all parts of the world.
5. To obtain 1000 members.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Members shall answer any cards within ten days.
 2. Members should always give club number and full address.
 3. Report all grievances to the chief secretary.
 4. Every member other than a secretary who gets 3 yearly subscribers will receive 5 views of Winnipeg.
 5. When writing to the secretaries for information always enclose postage for reply. The secretary can supply post cards cheap. Prices on application.
 6. Any member not desirous of renewing their membership will please notify the chief secretary.
 7. All members will receive official organ monthly.
- Club subscription 35c per year, 20c for 6 months, or its equivalent in other countries. All collectors are requested to send subscriptions to nearest local secretaries at once, or to Mr. C. A. Hives, 297 Spence St. Winnipeg, Canada to whom all letters of inquiry should be sent.

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DEAR MEMBES:—I have to ask for all of you to pardon me for not issuing any list last month, owing to negotiations being carried on for the use of this paper as Official Organ. However, I promise all a monthly list of new members in this paper, and hope all will be able to respond immediately to their fellow-members. I want the kind help of every member in making known the Club and securing new members in every possible way. For everyone who sends in three new members for one year I will send them free a fine Photo Postcard of "The King of Spain" and "The Future Queen of Spain." "The Leopold Series" are very fine Photos and well worth a space in every member's album. I require a few Secretaries for the U. S. A. yet, and hope every member desirous of becoming one will write me.—Yours very truly, C. A. Hives.

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..Camera News..

Editor—F. J. Clute, San Francisco

Mounting

By Harry M. Scott, Chicago, Ills.



The proper mounting and trimming of a print has a very important part to play in a finished photograph. We may have made a very beautiful landscape or portrait, and if we do not mount it properly the whole effect is spoiled. Don't be afraid to trim your prints. It is much better to have a pretty little $3\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ than to have a $6\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ containing so much that there is nothing of interest because there is no one portion to make it so. How often we see exhibited by well known artistic photographers little were pictures, and I believe we are as much interested, and more in this than we were in some of the much larger pictures shown.

We have all seen some very pretty prints mounted on very contrasty cards or papers, but this is very dangerous ground and must be studied in order to learn the proper contrasts that will be acceptable. This is also true of double mounting, which consists of mounting a print, and this in turn being mounted on a card of different color or shade, but be careful, as many a good thing has been ruined by this contrasty style of mounting. The use of white mounting papers is often advisable if your print is not too hard.

In mounting prints it is, in my opinion better to mount them wet, unless, of course, in the case of squeegee prints, and these are better unmounted—or in the case of very heavy thick papers, such as Rotox—and heavy platinum papers it is only necessary to apply a little good photo paste to each corner and using strong pressure at once.

For mounting a number of regular weight prints place them in clean water until thoroughly moistened through, then place them face down on a clean sheet of glass irregularly so that each print will project beyond the other at some corner and then squeegee the excess of water from the batch and apply to the top one with a flat bristle brush a coating of a good photo paste well rubbed in is better than a larger amount spread over unevenly. then with a pin or knife blade lift up the corner of the first print and lay one side on your mount which has been marked with a pin to show just where the print is to go; rub this edge gently with the fingers so as to make it adhere to the mount and follow it down through the middle, rubbing lightly toward the edges. When the entire print is down on the mount place over it a piece of clean blotter and rub over it with the hands or print roll. This is to dispel any air bubbles that may have formed under the print. When mounted, the prints should be placed between blotters and put under pressure. If the prints are to be framed it is only necessary to "tack" to corners with paste, as the pressure of the glass will keep them smooth.



A N S W E R S

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C. R. T.—The Size of the Stop: If you remove one combination of your lens, be it either front or back, the size of the stop assumes a new value depending upon the new focal length. With a complete lens of eight inch focus a stop one inch in diameter will be f-8. One of the combinations being removed, resulting in a focal length of sixteen inches the stop one inch in diameter at once becomes f-1. Not only this, but while the stop, giving but little added depth of focus with its decrease in value, owing to the shorter focal length, the exposure required will be just four times that demanded with the same stop used with full the combination.

H. A. C.—Using Old Developing Paper:—You can secure good results from such paper by increasing the exposure and developing with a well strained developer. As an addition of bromide sufficient to counteract the over exposure will possibly result in green tones it will be best to use a 10 per cent solution of cyanide of potassium as well. Add an equal amount of both the cyanide of potassium solution and the bromide solution to the developer, say five minims of each to the ounce of developer. Immerse a strip of the unexposed paper in the developer and if the emulsion shows signs of greying in thirty seconds, add more. When you have added enough to keep the paper clear for thirty seconds you can expose your paper long enough to suit the restrained developer and you will have thirty seconds in which to develop the print without fear of the papers showing the markings of which you complain.

F. M. G.—When your toning bath turns purple and throws down a precipitate it will no longer serve its purpose. The black sediment is metallic gold and should be saved and a new bath compounded.

W. H. McE.—Converging Lines: The converging lines formed by the side of the building are in no way the fault of your lens. The best lens made will so render these lines if the camera is used with the back, or, rather, the plate, in other than a perpendicular position. If the bed of the camera is at all out of the horizontal the swing back should be used to bring the back of the camera perpendicular. Many of the English cameras are supplied with a plumb on the back to facilitate this being done.

G. B. M.—Varnish for Transparencies:—The following is a formula used by a good worker of my acquaintance:

Gum mastic	¼ ounce
Canada balsam	4 ounces
Benzine	12 ounces

Of course this is quite a quantity. Mix up the amount desired, preserving these proportions. Dissolve the mastic in the benzine. Bake the balsam in an oven until brittle, taking care that it does not catch fire, and then add to the other ingredients. This varnish may be used cold.

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DARK DAY PHOTOGRAPHY.

By Wm. Judd Wood.

It is remarkable how people cling to their old prejudice against dark days for photography. Many of these are themselves camera workers who should have learned the advantages as well as the disadvantages of dark weather for their work. True it often is, in studio work the sunshiny day that proves the whole cloth of which we may use as much as desired. The cloudy day is the "remnant" which we must use wisely, to use at all. But we will speak here more particularly of out-of-door work. In this class of work, cloudy weather is often of the greatest advantage. For all subjects in which the sunlight would cast a shade, such as under porches, deep recesses and the like, select at time when little or no strong light is falling on the view to render these recesses greatly intensified in shadows. And by all means learn the advantage of photographing persons in a moderate and well distributed light. A nice light for general viewing in summer time is when the "white-caps" are floating on a bright day. Get ready for the exposure and make it as one of the large white clouds protects you from the strong sunlight. By watching his time the viewman may be said to use head-screens as well as his brother worker in the studio. Do not dispute an old viewman if he should tell you that he secured a good picture during a fall of rain, for he may be telling you the truth. One of the most beautiful out-of-door pictures the writer ever made was taken in the evening of a bright day in September, after sun down and just before dusk. It was a long exposure to be sure, as the subject was under a heavy canopy of trees and foliage, but every detail came out to perfection, on a Seed 27, G. E. plate 11x14, using a Dallmeyer rapid rectilinear lens. If your equipment is suitable for the work at hand, do not be afraid of a little dark weather for subjects that will admit of time-exposures.

No one has a better right to be proud of his profession than the true artist who has all nature for his study; a study that is filled with beauty, which is life itself, which fills the artist's soul with happiness and which causes him to dream of even greater beauty than he can hope to portray.



EDITOR SAYS

Selecting a Subject



The average camera user has one great falling when it come to selecting a subject. Place one on the seashore and he finds nothing worthy of a plate unless the breakers be at their best. Take him to a forest and only the deepest and most crowded situation is worthy of his effort. Give him a city street and it must be the most crowded portion of the busiest thoroughfare. And so on through the list. Let us talk the matter over a moment. The best and most telling picture I can remember as having impressed me most as a seashore picture was one in which the only effect of wave or breaker was a long irregular line of white which led away in a field of tone that represented the water as hardly rippled. Picking up a British magazine which shows several fine portrayals of woodland scenes, all of them show more or less open space, and the most pleasing one of the lot shows but a single small tree nearer than the middle distance. Street scenes are much the same. How our recollection turns to several that were almost deserted. We remember Eickmeyer's "Fifth Avenue," another containing but a few figures that was considered as the best in the 1903 Photograms of the Year, and a few others. A crowded one we cannot remember as having impressed either ourselves or the critics.

BLACK BORDERS ON PRINTS.

By Henry L. Dillon.

I have often seen the inquiry in photographic publications as to how to give a print the narrow black border that some workers produce but do not remember as having seen it answered. For this reason I will give my method. I use a series of kits in my holders, these kits being the ordinary kind with a rabbet all around the edge of the opening made to receive the plate. The plate is placed in the kit with the film side against the rabbet and, of course, the same side facing out of the holder. Expose and develop and the plate has a strip of clear glass all around the edge where it has been protected from the light by this rabbeted edge of the kit. The plate should be fixed in an acid fixing bath to prevent frilling of the edge. In printing, this clear glass edge will print black and in trimming, one has but to trim this to the desired width. This plan is not practicable when using plates the full size of the holders, but in case one wishes to use such plates, they might cut a narrow mask out of black paper and attach it to the plate with a touch of paste here and there before placing it in the holder. Such a mask would have the same effect as the narrow rabbet of the kit.

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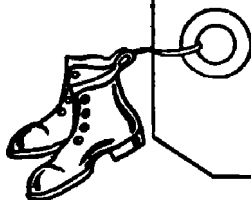
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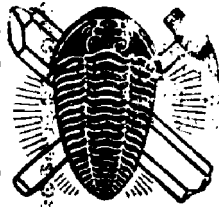
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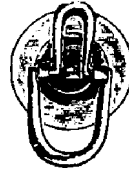
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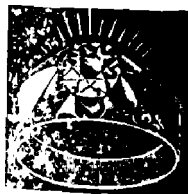
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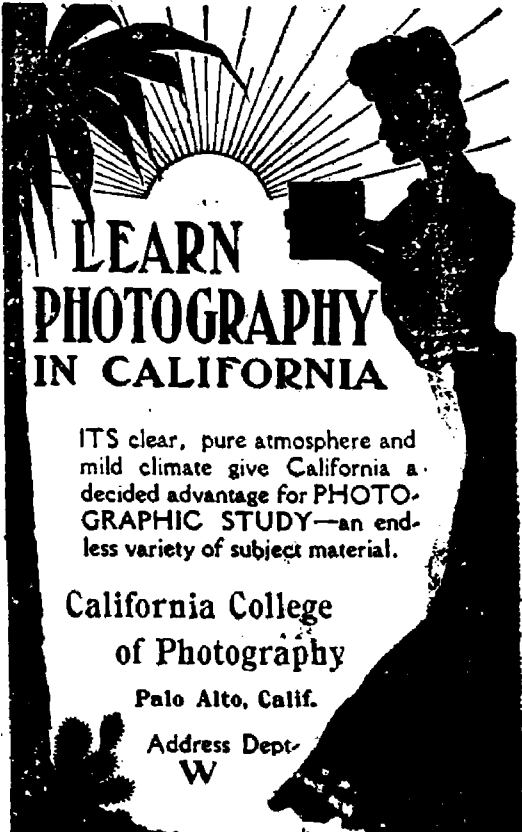
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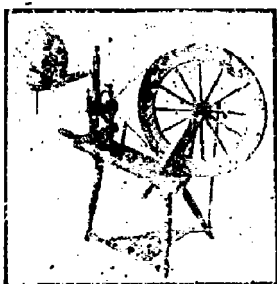
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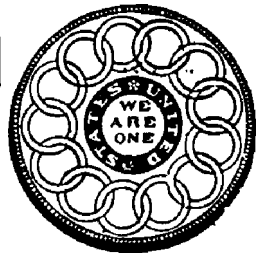
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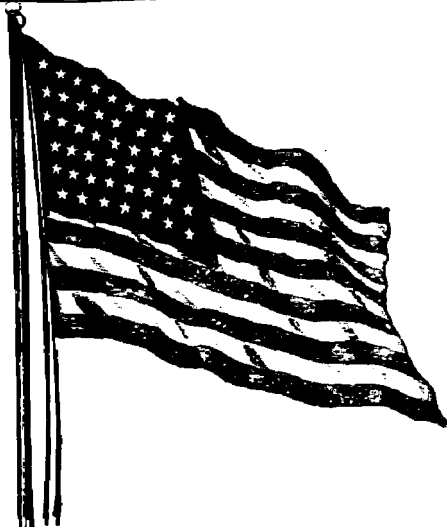
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