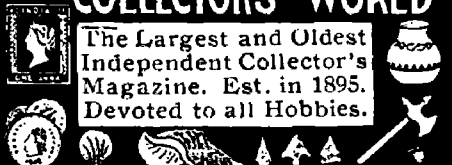


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The Largest and Oldest
Independent Collector's
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Devoted to all Hobbies.



NO. 1.



HELL GATE. Scene on Colorado Midland Railway.

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St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co ,

115 N. 17th St. St. Louis Mo.



Want to keep business good during the hot weather so make low prices as follows:

- Half of vegetable ivory nut from Brazil, 2½x2 in. on white surface, of which is human head finely carved, fine.....\$.75
- U. S. postal note for one cent 1894 fine..... .20
- Magnificent pair of elk horns; length of each side following curve, 49 in. Distance from tip to tip straight across, 41 in. Greatest dia. abt. 9 in. 6 prongs on one side, 5 prongs on other; 2 prongs on each side start out near base and are about 11 in. long and nearly equal in size. Piece of skull 9½x7 in. attached. Mounted on heart shaped walnut shield 15x11 in. and 1 in. thick. In absolutely perfect condition; finest and largest we have seen..... 35.00
- Very large pair of deer horns, 15 in. from tip to tip; length of each side, 20 in. following the curve; 7 prongs on one side, 4 on other. Attach to piece of skull and mounted on round walnut shield 8 in. across, 1 in. thick, perfect condition..... 3.75
- Very fine, large pair of black Texas steer horns, 33 in. across from point to point; length of each horn following curve about 20 in. Greatest dia. about 11 in. highly polished and nicely mounted with red plush 2.75
- Coyote half-head mount as a fur rug; 39x26 in. showing ears, eyes and upper half of head, fine, worth \$5, our price only 2.25
- Antique-heavy glass lamp for sperm oil, about 11 in. high, square bottom 3½ in. on each side, pear shaped bowl, brass burner with two prongs and wicks, very fine, rare..... 2.00
- Bottom part of eagle's foot, separated at joint, 4 in. up, 4 large black claws widely extended, greatest spread 6½ in. very fine, rare thus .. 1.10
- Good sized fragment of mastodon's tooth from Kimmswick, Mo., showing enamel etc.10
- Good sized piece of thick red clay pot, from same place.... .10
- Roper revolving breech loading shot gun, cal. .64, length 47 in., 4 shots uses peculiar steel cartridge. Pulling back hammer. to end of which is attached very long firing pin. resolves cylinder in which the cartridges are laid. Screwed onto muzzle is steel band ½ in. wide, narrowing at each side, said to be first contrivance used for chokebore. Marked on door of magazine, Roper Repeating Rifle Co., Amherst, Mass., Patented April 10, 1866, in fine condition, very strongly made rare 12.00

Miscellaneous Paper Money

- Set 9 varieties State Bank at New Brunswick, N. J , bills \$20,10,5,3,3,2,2, 1,\$1, brand new, crisp..... .90
- Set 3 different varieties Cuban First Republic bills, 50 centavos, 1 and 5 pesos, issued 1869, brand new crisp..... .30
- Set 4 varieties Broken Bank bills, Manufacturers' Bank, Macon, Ga. \$20 5,2,\$1, issued 1862, used but very good..... .20
- Set 7 diff very curious bills, issued in 1877 in Turkey to carry on the war with Russia, 100, 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 1 Piastres, used but fine..... .70
- U. S. \$1 greenback, 1878 series, Washington in center, new and crisp very cheap at..... 1.30
- Solid piece of black hematite ore 3x2x2 in. same of which the black hematite axes are made50
- Red hematite ore hammer stone, triangular shaped, 3x2¼ in. tapering to 1½ in and 1¼ in. thick, one deep depression on each side from North-east Alabama, fine, rare 2.50
- Ax, 4x3x1½ in. deep groove all around, of lightish colored stone. from Montgomery Co. Mo. fine..... .75
- Black and white granite celt, 4½x3x1½ in., Round head, oval shape, fine. From St. Charles Co., Mo..... .75

Send for our large free selling lists. (Best and Cheapest ever issued.)

to different foreign coins 12c. None badly worn, all nice ones. Old U. S. cent or half-cent, very good condition, dated 1809 or before, each 14c.

75% DISCOUNT

Some good stamps at above large reduction from Scott's prices. Others at 60 per cent. Some splendid stamps at the last mentioned discount. 5 var Philippines free to approval sheet applicants who give good reference and enclose stamy for reply.

Every One A Bargain

22 Mexico	.15	8 Costa Rica	.06
12 Guatemala	.10	15 Argentine	.10
20 "	.20	5 Straits Set	.08
15 Dutch Indies	.10	50 British Col	.15
15 Cuba	.10	30 " "	.10
15 Philippines	.10	20 Cen Amer	.20
7 Hong Kong	.05	30 South "	.15
10 Venezuela	.19	30 Asia	.15
10 Greece	.05	10 Chili	.05

Ten Cent Packets

Each packet contains 20 all different stamps, none cat less than two cents each. The six packets contain 120 all different stamps and will be sent postfree for fifty cents.

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contains stamps from Argentine, Corea Finland, New Foundland, and Straits Settlements.

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includes Bolivia, Costa Rica, Gold Coast, Persia and Tunis.

No. 3

includes British Guiana, Crete, Guatemala, Peru and Uruguay.

No. 4

includes Canada, Cuba, Hong Kong, Philippines and Venezuela.

No. 5

stamps from Ceylan, Dutch Indies, Japan, Porto Rico and Columbia.

No. 6

includes China, Malay Tigers, Mexico, Salvador and Greece.

Above line of packets have made us many friends and are exceptional value. We take your duplicates. A trial solicited.

Vernon P. Pierce & Co.

Manchester

Mich.

3 Guatemala cat 35c free to every applicant for my approval sheets. Don't wait. Write now. Address

W. M. OVERTON,
Geneva, Iowa.

Peru \$1.00 cat value for..... 20c

This is a fine mixture, 6 var. **14kt** gold fountain pen with **Free!** the fifth order we receive for the above packet.

3 GUATEMALA 1886

cat at 35c given to applicants for our approval sheets at 60 per cent discount.

BARGAINS!

20 Venezuela cat \$1.05 25c
6 N Borneo. pictures, cat 60c for 15c
4 Salvador unsd cat 32c for 08c
5 Servia uned cat 17c for..... 04c
Orders of 25c and over, post paid.

W. M. Overton,

Geneva. Iowa.

FREE!

Set of 4 unused Ecuador cat 22c to applicants for my high grade approval sheets at 50 per cent discount. General selections, only. Good ref necessary if I don't know you.

Special Bargains

Canada 1859 1 & 5c..... 08c
" 1868 ½, 1, 2, 3 & 6c... 60c
" 1897 \$2, Jubilee ... 60c

*Guatemala 1886 25, 60, 75 & 150c..... 10c

*Pauama 1906 ½ & 1c..... 03c
25 different Porto Rico..... 15c

Central American Postal Cards (Government Issue) unused, very attractive, 2c each or 15 all different ... 25c

*Means unused. Money back on anything not satisfactory. Postage extra on orders less than 25c.

Souvenir Card Collectors! Look up my other ad in this issue.

Henry Ernst,

Box A294, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Wholesale for Dealers.

A lot of filled approval sheets all in perfect order and all ready to send out. The sheets contain 50 stamps each, priced according to catalogue and running as high as 25c and over that. Here and there a 35c, 50c stamp. There are about from 30 to 40 sheets in the lot and contain large variety. Stamps both used and unused, no U S, no cut envelopes, no postal cards. A very fine lot for anyone doing an approval sheet business, as you can send them out the day you get them. Have never been folded nor soiled in any way. This lot of sheets price up to \$70 and they usually run a little over that but not below. Price \$10. You can give 50, 60, 75 or even 80 per cent discount and still more than double your money.

This is a great bargain and almost every order has been duplicated or trebled in a very short time. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Chicago Stamp Co.,

1730 Deming Place Chicago Ill.



SETS!

- Honduras 1903, 1, 2, 5, 6 & 10 set 08c
- Nicaragua 1905, 1, 2, 4, 5 & 10 " 09c
- Uruguay a fine set of the 7 stamps Nos. 151, 154, 160, 161, 162, 163, 170 set..... 10c
- Bolivia 1902, 1, 2, 5, 10 & 20c set 0c
- Belgium Postal Packet 6 var cat 19c, my price..... 05c
- Chile 1902, 1, 2, 5, 10 & 30c set 09c
- Chile 1904, 1, 2, 5 & 10c surcharged correos set 08c

HINGES

Remember those peelable hinges, 12x19 Millimeters in size for 08c per 1000. More orders for them than could fill last month.

August H. Hoffman,
810 Fox St., Denver, Colo.

THE WILLIAM STAMP CO.,		
120 Leadenhall St.,	London,	E. C., Eng.
		Each Per 12
* Br South Africa 1890 10s	\$1.50	
* " " " £1	2.50	
" " " £2	5.00	
* " " " 1902 £1	2.50	
Bavaria 1900 3 marks.....		1.50
" " 5 "		4.50
Austrian Levant 1900 10		
pies on 2 kr		1.20
" " 20 pies on 4 kr		3.00
Br Levant 1902, 4 piastres		2.50
Malta 1899 2 6.....		5.40
5s.....		9.30
Malay States 1901 50c....		1.50
" \$1 fine		1.75
" \$2 "		3.75
" \$5 "		9.70
Perak 1895 \$3 fine.....		9.00
* " \$25 "	4.25	
Oil River 1892 2 1/2 d unsd		.80
" 5d "		1.80
United States 1903 50c....		.35
" \$1		1.30
* " \$280	
* " \$5	1.00	

These stamps marked * not less than 3 of each supplied at price offered. Terms: Cash with order dealers unknown to us.

Wholesale Price List Post Free.

Here They Are

Just what you have been looking for.

1898 Revenues

Clean, healthy, uncut copies. \$1 & 2 gray & black, \$3 dark brown and \$5 red.

The four postpaid for 14c.
1c small 1r unused for 5c.

1st Issue Revenues

3c Proprietary green 6c.

All stamps guaranteed in perfect condition.

R. Van Benschoten

ESTABLISHED 1893

Box 519, Schenectady, N.Y.

A new firm will sell stamps 60c catalogued value for 8c to be introduced to you. Virginia Stamp Co., Box 615, Richmond, Va.

English Peelable Hinges

3000 post free for..... 25c

Bargain Stamp Co.,

850 N. Water St., Decatur, Ill.

COLLECTORS OF POSTAL CARDS LOOK

To the first one who answers this advertisement, I will give a United States local stamp, cat \$10, Scott's No. 2238, unused, free. To the other nine, I will give a stamp cat not less than 15c I will notify every one who answers this ad. who won the first prize. Thirty views of Boston and Concord for 50c. 10 views of Boston harbor and light-houses for 25c. Don't miss this. Order must be at 50c or more. 8 cards mailed from here for 25c. 30 cards not colored for 25c. Harold Perley, Arlington Heights., Mass.

Philippines on U.S.

are becoming very scarce.

A few at bargain prices.

1899 1c unused no gum..... 03c

" 2c " " " 05c

" 5c " " " 10c

Dues 1c " o.g..... 05c

" 2c " " 10c

Cuba on U.S. *o.g complete 7

var cat 98c..... 40c

Fine copies. Postage 2c.

Guaranteed Genuine Copies.

Wendover Neefus,

Hudson, New York.

Look Here Collectors

10 finely colored Finland post cards 25c
Odd Finnish stamps on approval cheap.
Emil E. Hurja, Crystal Falls, Mich.

Send for my approvals at 50 per cent L. Gruhn, 424 Panet St., Montreal Canada. 6-3

Stamps Free to Beginners

A large packet of stamps from all countries will be sent to each applicant for the names and addresses of three neighbors and two cents for postage. Write today to

F. O. Willus,

93 East 4th St., St. Paul, Minn.

SEND

for my approval books, for they are the best in the country.

You had better give them a trial.

ELMER BERGER,

5814 Bartmer Ave.,

St. Louis, Mo.

100 stamps for names of two collectors.

K. JONES,

355 Decatur St., Brooklyn, New York

U. S. REVENUES AT 1-3 CATALOG

1c Proprietary.....	cat price 05c
2c Bank check, blue & orange 1c each.....	02c
2c Express blue.....	06c
2c " orange.....	08c
2c Proprietary.....	10c
3c ".....	20c
4c ".....	20c
5c Agreement.....	04c
5c Certificate.....	01c
5c Express.....	08c
5c Foreign Exchange....	05c
5c Inland ".....	01c
10c Bill of Lading.....	08c
10c Certificate.....	01c
10c Contract.....	01c
10c Inland Exchange....	01c
10c Power of Attorney...	05c
15c Inland Exchange....	05c
25c Certificate.....	01c
25c Entry of Goods.....	12c
25c Insurance.....	03c
25c Power of Attorney...	03c

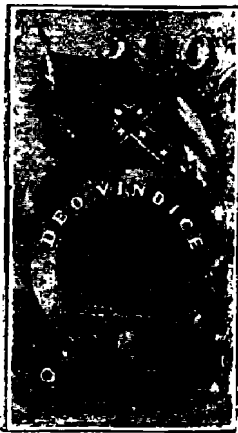
Any of above at 1/3 of list price.

Approvals for a good reference.

W. W. DAYTON,

Nashotah,

Wisconsin.



Byzantine

And Other

Ancient Coins

At Special Prices just to keep things moving during the hot weather. You will never buy any cheaper.

Byzantine, Justin, very large, fine	\$1.00	U S 3c silver	\$.12
" Tib Constantine	.65	" 3c nickel	.12
" Leo VI & brother Alexander seated A D 886, rare	2.00	Confederate Bills 50c to \$500	1.00
" John Zimices, bust of Christ	.65	" " \$5 to \$100	.30
" Justinian and Sophia	.65	\$1 Mo Def Bond crisp	.10
" Constans I, anno 1, A D 641	.80	1 Dubuque Iowa	.15
Morocco Brass 1284	.10	1 New Brunswick, N. J.	.15
Russian 1/4k new	.02	5 Detroit, Mich crisp	.15
Chenise Brass cash coin	.02	1 Marshall "	.12
California Gold 1/4 dol size	.40	5 Detroit " (red)	.20
" " 1/2 " "	.80	3 Marshall " "	.15
Roman Nero 56 A D	.50	10 " " "	.15
" Tacitus	.25	5 " " "	.15
" Augustus Caesar	.50	3 Detroit (red) "	.20
" Constantine the Great	.30	1, 2, 5, 10 Augusta, Ga, red	.35
" Victorinus	.25	1 Peso Col Republic	.10
" Licinus A D 325	.30	3 var Alabama new	.10
" Probus	.30	2 var Georgia new	.10
U S 1/2c 1804 rare	.35	U S 50c Omaha	.15
" 1/2c 1806	.25	" " orange	.05
		" \$1 black	.18

Benzine Cups, Dark amber glass, screw cover \$.25
 Impor'd English Hinges, Large Peelable, the 20c kind, 1000 postfree 12c, 10000 75c, 100000 \$6.

STAMPS COINS PAPER MONEY

not the largest, but one of the finest stocks in this country. All kinds of ancient coins in silver, copper, bronze and brass, English, Roman, Byzantine, Egyptian, Hebrew, Persian, Greek, etc.

Whether you want to buy, sell or exchange you cannot do any better than WRITE ME.

Samuel P. Hughes,

Sta. A., Omaha Nebr., U. S. A.

FREE! 7 varieties of unused Philippine stamps for the names and addresses of two active stamp collectors. Send 2c stamp for return postage. Edgewood Stamp Co., Dept H, Milford, Conn.

Stamps at Wholesale

Packets a specialty.
Buy from the importer and save money.

James D. Patterson,

Importer of Postage Stamps,

239 West 131st Street,
New York City

Stamps in Packets

10 different, all in good condition, none damaged, none heavily cancelled.

All Packages Contain diff Stamps.

No Duplicates

Ordered by ordering all packages at a time you will have a collection of 250 varieties.

No trash among them, only the better grade stamps.

Packet		Cat value	Price
1	12 diff stamps	\$.20	\$.03
2	18 " "	.40	.05
3	20 " "	.60	.08
4	25 " "	.80	.10
5	25 " "	1.00	.13
6	30 " "	1.60	.20
7	25 " "	2.00	.25
8	30 " "	3.00	.38
9	30 " "	4.00	.50
10	35 " "	6.00	.75

M. Tausig,

1603 Pacific Street,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

UNITED STATES REVENUES

Tell us what you are wanting in this line and we will quote you surprisingly low figures.

Hawaiian Islands

also at Rock Bottom prices.

Collection (general) 6000 varieties, for sale, collector having given U. S. most attention. Price on application.

Jefferson Stamp Co.,

2218 Jefferson St., Baltimore, Md.

\$1.00 CAT VALUE PER U

A fine mixture, 6 varieties, only 20c.

And Hold On!

I will give to the first and every tenth person sending for these stamps an Imperial Stamp Album absolutely FREE.

Apply for my app. sheets at the same time and I will include a Nicaragua 1869 2c, cat 15c, free. L. L. Dolson, Geneva, Iowa.

BARGAINS FOR BUYERS

Old Newspapers

The London Chronicle printed in London 1773 in finest condition	
10 copies, each	\$.25
Dunlaps American Daily Advertiser printed in Philadelphia 1793 in finest condition, 15 copies, each	.25
General Advertiser printed in Philadelphia 1807 in finest condition, 15 copies, each	.25
1 pound of mixed stamps	.28
1 pound of the Edna Brown stamps not looked over, just as bought, nearly all U. S.	.50
100 pounds of the same	30.00
1000 mixed U S, few foreign	.12
1000 all U S 14 var	.14
1000 all U S 85 var	.45
1000 all U S 110 var	.70
30c 1879 black	.10
30c 1888 orange brown	.20
30c 1893 black	.05
12c green 1869	.25
12c dull violet 1871-3	.25
1 set Columbian 1 to 10 used	.10
1 set Omaha 1 to 10 used	.15
1 set Pan American 1 to 10 used	.15
1 St. Louis 1 to 10 used	.15
10 different foreign coppers, good	.12
1 pound of poor and holed coins	.40
All postage paid. Jerome Taylor, North Sutton, N. H.	

One Cent Each

PORTUGAL

- 1857 25r rose
 1862 25r rose
 1867 25r rose
 1871 25r rose
 1880 25r rose
 25r gray
 25r red lilac
 1882 5r gray black
 10r green
 25r brown
 50r blue
 2r black
 1887 20r rose
 25r violet
 25r lilac rose
 1892 5r yellow
 10r redish violet
 25r dark green
 50r blue
 1895 2½r gray
 5r orange
 10r green
 20r violet
 25r green
 50r blue
 75r rose
 100r dark blue
 1898 2½p blue green
 5r red
 25r yellow green
 1899 65r slate blue
 15r gray green
 25r carmine rose
 1905 50r ultramarine
 NEWSPAPER STAMPS
 1876 2½ olive
 2½r bistre
 POSTAGE DUE
 1904 5r chocolate
 PORTUGUESE CONGO
 1898 2½ gray
 5r orange
 PORT INDIA
 1882 1½r black
 4½r olive bistre
 6r green
 2r blue
 1886 1½r black
 1895 1½r black

- 1898 ½r orange
 4½r light green
 1902 1r gray
 1½r slate
 2r orange
 POSTAGE DUE
 1904 2r gray green
 3r yellow green
 PRUSSIA
 1861 1sg rose
 2sg ultramarine
 3sg bistre
 OFFICIAL
 1903 2pf slate
 3pf bistre
 5pf green
 10pf carmine
 20pf blue
 25pf orange & black
 40pf lake and black
 50pf purple & black
 QUEENSLAND
 1891 1p red orange
 2p blue
 1895 ½p green
 1p orange
 2p blue
 1896 1p red
 1p red (4 numerals)
 2p blue
 1900 ½p blue green
 REUNION
 1892 1c black on lilac blue
 2c brown or buff
 4c claret
 5c green
 10c lavender
 15c blue
 25c rose on black
 1900 5c yellow green
 10c red
 15c gray
 1907 1c
 2c
 ROUMANIA
 1872 10b blue
 1876 10b blue
 1879 ½b black
 5b green
 10b rose

- 1880 15b brown
 25b blue
 1885 1½b black
 3b violet
 1887 5b green
 15b red brown
 1891 1½b lilac rose
 3b violet
 5b green
 10b pale red
 15b gray brown
 25b blue
 50b orange
 1893 1b pale brown
 1½b black
 3b brown
 5b blue
 10b green
 15b rose
 25b violet
 40b green
 50b orange
 1 l bistre & rose
 1899 5b green
 10b rose
 15b black
 25b indigo
 1900 1b pale brown
 3b brown
 5b green
 10b rose
 15b blue
 25b blue
 1901 1b brown
 15b lilac gray
 POSTAGE DUE
 1881 30b brown
 1897 2b green
 10b "
 30b "
 RUSSIA
 1868 1k yellow & black
 2k red and black
 3k green and black
 5k lilac and black
 7k gray and rose
 10k brown and blue
 8k gray and rose
 1882 1k orange
 2k blue green

Ararat Stamp Co.,

45 Beaver Street,

New York.

One Cent Each

RUSSIA

- 1882 3k carmine
- 5k violet
- 7k blue
- 14k blue and rose
- 1889 4k rose
- 10k blue
- 20k blue and rose
- 1890 1k orange
- 2k green
- 3k carmine
- 5k violet
- 7k blue
- 14k blue and rose
- 1902 1k orange
- 2k green
- 3k carmine
- 4k rose
- 5k violet
- 7k blue
- 10k blue
- 14k blue and rose
- 20k blue and rose

St. PIERRE AND MIGNALOA

- 1892 1c blue on lilac blue
- 2c brown on buff

St. THOMAS AND PRINCE

- 1898 2½r gray
- 5r orange yellow

POSTAGE DUE

- 1904 5r green

SALVADOR

- 1889 1c green
- 2c scarlet
- 1890 1c green
- 2c bistre brown
- 1891 1c vermilion
- 2c green
- 3c violet
- 1892 1c green
- 2c orange brown
- 1893 1c blue
- 2c brown red
- 1894 1c brown
- 2c blue
- 1895 1c olive and green
- 2c green and blue
- 1c olive
- 2c dark green
- 1896 1c blue

- 1896 2c dark brown
- 1c green
- 2c lake

- 1897 1c scarlet
- 2c green

- 1898 1c orange red
- 2c carmine

- 1899 1c bistre brown
- 2c gray green

- 1903 1c yellow green
- 2c carmine
- 5c blue

- 1906 1c green
- 2c carmine
- 5c blue

POSTAGE DUE

- 1895 1c olive
- 2c olive

- 1896 1c red
- 2c red

- 1897 1c blue
- 2c blue

- 1898 1c violet
- 2c violet

- 1899 1c orange
- 2c orange

OFFICIAL STAMPS

- 1896 1c blue
- 2c brown
- 1c green
- 2c lake

- 1897 1c scarlet
- 2c blue green

- 1899 1c bistre brown
- 2c gray green

SAN MARINO

- 1899 2c brown
- 1903 2c violet

OFFICIAL STAMPS

- 1896 1c blue
- 2c brown
- 1c green
- 2c lake

- 1897 1c scarlet
- 2c blue green

- 1899 1c bistre brown
- 2c gray green

SAN MARINO

- 1899 2c brown
- 1903 2c violet

SENEGAL

- 1892 1c black on lilac blue
- 2c brown buff
- 1906 1c gray and red
- 2c brown and red

SENEGAMBIA AND NIGER

- 1903 1c black on lilac blue
- 2c brown on buff

1½te SENEGAL AND NIGER

- 1906 1c gray and red
- 2c brown and red

SERVIA

- 1872 2p black
- 1881 5p green
- 10p rose
- 20p orange
- 25p blue
- 50p brown
- 1890 5p green
- 10p red
- 1894 5p green
- 10p rose
- 15p violet
- 20p orange
- 25p blue
- 1898 1p dull red
- 5p green
- 1901 5p green
- 10p carmine
- 1903 5p green and black
- 10p red and black
- 1905 1p gray and black
- 5p green " "
- 10p red " "
- 15p lilac " "

SIAM

- 1900 1a gray green

SOMALI COAST

- 1903 1c violet and black
- 2c yellow brown & black

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- 1877 1p green
- 2p orange
- 1897 1p green
- 1900 ½p green
- 1p carmine
- 2p purple

OFFICIAL STAMPS

- 1900 1p rose
- 2p purple

SPAIN

- 1855 4c violet rose
- 1856 4c rose
- 1857 4c rose
- 1860 4c greenish orange
- 1862 4c reddish brown
- 1864 4c " "
- 1865 4c blue
- 1866 4c " "
- 1867 4c " "
- 50m bistre brown

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 10c red
 15c gray
 1907 1c
 2c
 ROUMANIA
 1872 10b blue
 1876 10b blue
 1879 ½b black
 5b green
 10b rose

- 1880 15b brown
 25b blue
 1885 1½b black
 3b violet
 1887 5b green
 15b red brown
 1891 1½b lilac rose
 3b violet
 5b green
 10b pale red
 15b gray brown
 25b blue
 50b orange
 1893 1b pale brown
 1½b black
 3b brown
 5b blue
 10b green
 15b rose
 25b violet
 40b green
 50b orange
 11 bistre & rose
 1899 5b green
 10b rose
 15b black
 25b indigo
 1900 1b pale brown
 3b brown
 5b green
 10b rose
 15b blue
 25b blue
 1901 1b brown
 15b lilac gray
 POSTAGE DUE
 1881 30b brown
 1897 2b green
 10b "
 30b "
 RUSSIA
 1868 1k yellow & black
 2k red and black
 3k green and black
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 7k gray and rose
 10k brown and blue
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10k blue
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1890 1k orange
2k green
3k carmine
5k violet
7k blue
14k blue and rose
1902 1k orange
2k green
3k carmine
4k rose
5k violet
7k blue
10k blue
14k blue and rose
20k blue and rose

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2c brown on buff

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE

- 1898 2½r gray
5r orange yellow

POSTAGE DUE

- 1904 5r green
SALVADOR

- 1889 1c green
2c scarlet
1890 1c green
2c bistre brown
1891 1c vermilion
2c green
3c violet
1892 1c green
2c orange brown
1893 1c blue
2c brown red
1894 1c brown
2c blue
1895 1c olive and green
2c green and blue
1c olive
2c dark green
1896 1c blue

- 1896 2c dark brown
1c green
2c lake
1897 1c scarlet
2c green
1898 1c orange red
2c carmine
1899 1c bistre brown
2c gray green
1903 1c yellow green
2c carmine
5c blue
1906 1c green
2c carmine
5c blue

POSTAGE DUE

- 1895 1c olive
2c olive
1896 1c red
2c red
1897 1c blue
2c blue
1898 1c violet
2c violet
1899 1c orange
2c orange

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- 1896 1c blue
2c brown
1c green
2c lake
1897 1c scarlet
2c blue green
1899 1c bistre brown
2c gray green

SAN MARINO

- 1899 2c brown
1903 2c violet

SENEGAL

- 1892 1c black on lilac blue
2c brown buff
1906 1c gray and red
2c brown and red

SENEGAMBIA AND NIGER

- 1903 1c black on lilac blue
2c brown on buff
1½te SENEGAL AND NIGER
1906 1c gray and red
2c brown and red

SERVIA

- 1872 2p black
1881 5p green
10p rose
20p orange
25p blue
50p brown
1890 5p green
10p red
1894 5p green
10p rose
15p violet
20p orange
25p blue
1898 1p dull red.
5p green.
1901 5p green
10p carmine
1903 5p green and black
10p red and black
1905 1p gray and black
5p green " "
10p red " "
15p lilac " "

SIAM

- 1900 1a gray green
SOMALI COAST
1903 1c violet and black
2c yellow brown & black
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- 1877 1p green
2p orange
1897 1p green
1900 ½p green
1p carmine
2p purple
OFFICIAL STAMPS

- 1900 1p rose
2p purple

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- 1855 4c violet rose
1856 4c rose
1857 4c rose
1860 4c greenish orange
1862 4c reddish brown
1864 4c " "
1865 4c blue
1866 4c " "
1867 4c " "
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19 - 8c red brown sur	1.25	.75
20 (12) 10c narrow bar	.35	
21 (19) 10c rose brown sur	2 50	2 00
22 - 10c carmine sur	.35	.35
24 - 10c dark red sur	.25	.25
25 (17) 2c rose, vermilion sur	.15	.15
26 (17a) 2c carmine sur	.50	.35
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28 (22) 1c on 20c, 1st printing	.08	.08
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30 (29) 1c on 20c, 3rd "	.05	.03
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32 (25) 2c on 1p, 2nd "	.13	.08
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1903 Official complete set, 8 var unused.....		.12		
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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

CHAS. A. KOCH was born in Golden, Colo., in 1877 and lived at that place until 19 years of age, after which he began traveling, taking up photography at first for amusement and after three years had mastered the art so he could afford to drop everything else and devote his entire time to the camera. He has made a special study of Stereoscopic view work, having made a great many negatives of mountain scenery in Colorado and New Mexico and also on the prehistoric ruins of the Cliff Dwellers as well as other western scenes including the Indians and their quaint dwellings, to be found along the Rio Grande and other western streams. His hobby has been the collecting of relics found in the ruins before mentioned. Some photos of his work are published in this issue.

THE PICTURE IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

To Julius Bitterlich, Manchester, N. H., belongs the credit of having completed "A Picture in Postage Stamps" that is a remarkable historical representation of the important epochs of our country.

The picture is 28 by 22 inches, and is made wholly from postage stamps, its making extending over seven years of labor during which time Mr. Bitterlich gave all of his spare hours to the creation of his masterpiece. There are over one hundred thousand pieces of stamps in the picture, the artistic effect being very beautiful — From Mekeel's Weekly News

Miss Mortensen whose photo was published in the March issue made one of these frames and had it on exhibition at the Omaha Exposition.

BY CORA I. DUNHAM.

I have just been reading in the WEST some descriptions of different places and tho't perhaps a description of some scenery around my mountain home would be interesting. I live in high steep mountains, thirty miles from a railroad and nine from the stage road. The last three miles is only a rough mountain trail, but we hope to have a road some day. Also there is a R. R surveyed to go in less than four miles of our place, but don't know when, if ever, it will be built. A cattle company formerly had all this country in here and have much of it now; but are, I believe, trying to sell out to settlers.

We are about 180 miles north of San Francisco, and too far off the coast to be in the redwoods. Those who like mountain scenery could not find more grand and beautiful anywhere than here. High mountain peaks, ridges, etc., deep canyons, bluffs, etc. Also plenty of land that can be cultivated, but it is not level.

If one enjoys hunting varmints, such as wild cats, raccoons, lynx, foxes, etc., or coyotes, they could find plenty of such sport here. They could also lay in a supply of rattle snake rattles and if they wanted to go to the trouble, could get some rattle snake oil. Anyone coming here should bring a good telescope, and a good camera. There are such beautiful rocks of so many kinds and colors. I love the beauties of nature, whether it be rocks, trees, flowers, mountains, or whatever it is just so it is pleasant to look at.

Our principal river, Eel, is less than four miles from where I live.

Perhaps I will write again and tell something of the Indians that used to live here.

If anyone wishes to ask any questions about this country I will answer if they enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope and tell me what they wish to know.

The Chronicles of the "Filatelic Four"

By Narcissus

(Continued)

Fred was somewhat of a higher critic, and would often advance his views on various subjects. The next time they met he was full of a new idea and said, "I have never been satisfied with the usual explanation given of the origin of the term "Philatelic," and I have now found out that the generally accepted meaning is all wrong!"

"Oh!" said Jack, "what grand thing have you found out this time?" "Well," continued Fred, "I have lately come into possession of a very old collection of stamps which was made in England in the early days of stamp issuing. There is nothing particularly valuable in the stamps themselves, but the collection as a whole, is beyond price as showing what one of the very first collectors thought of the hobby, and how he unconsciously made history by his meagre first collection."

"Now" said Bert, "we may look for a rare discovery!"

Unheeding Bert's interruption, Fred continued. "Inscribed in the book in which the collection is stuck down with flour paste, is the following, 'Steal not this book for fear of shame, for here you see the owner's name, Philip Telley'." "Now" resumed Fred, "It is quite clear to me that this same Philip (or as he would be generally known, Phil) Telley was the first in that neighborhood to collect stamps and put them in a book, and as the hobby became more generally known and followed it would be quite natural for it to be spoken of as the hobby or craze of Phil Telley, and so we see how this simple minded man unwittingly by his own name invented a word which now describes our glorious science of stamp collecting." So saying, Fred sat back in his chair and spread out the album on the table before him, while they gazed on him in wonder and astonishment, and also for the moment speechless. At last Jack broke the silence by asking if the Royal society had been made aware of the fact of the astonishing discovery; for said he, "they will surely grant you a good medal and life membership when they know of it!"

"Well," said Archie, "apart from all nonsense, it appears to me that there may be some thing in it, for it is as likely as many other things the 'higher critics' have discovered."

"It seems to me," said Bert, "that the same principle will explain many other things, and I should not wonder if that craze of picture post card collecting was not started by some fellow named "Phil Carter" and hence the name Philo carty."

"Many a more unlikely thing" said Fred.

It was decided that at the next meeting each would relate some experience that had happened to them in the course of their stamp collecting.

The "Australian Philatelist" declares that a standard philatelic catalogue is an impossibility.

Express and Railroad Stamps Again

By L. G. Dorpat

Dr. Homer Collins of Duluth, Minn., kindly sent me the following express stamps, mentioning that some time in the past stamps of this kind were offered in the stamp shops of New York, where possibly some may be found now.

American M. U. Express Co., Prepaid News-Matter Stamp, 5, 10, 15 and 25 cents, green lettering on blue moire, white paper, bearing the inscription "The charges on this package are prepaid over the Railroad and Steamboat lines occupied by this Company, subject to the following conditions:

1st This stamp is issued for the exclusive use of Dealers in the property covered by it, and is void for all other purposes

2d The contents of the package shall be Newspapers, Magazines, and Unbound Books, only, and valued not to exceed \$10.00, and the weight of any package shall not exceed Fifteen Pounds

3d In case these conditions and Schedule Rates named below are not complied with, the Company have the right to collect regular package rate to such points as the same may be destined

Jas. C. Fargo, Gen'l Supt.

Schedule of Rates: 1 lb. and under, 5 cents; over 1 lb. and under 3 lb. 10 cents; over 3 lb. and under 6 lb., 15 cents; over 6 lb. and under 10 lb., 25 cents; over 10 lb. and under 15 lb., 40 cents

From this schedule we may draw the conclusion that there must be a 40 cents stamp of the same series. The value of each stamp appears in large and bold white figures in the center of the stamp.

There are two American M. U. Express Co's. Prepaid Parcel Stamps, 5 cents and 15 cents, black point on buff moire, white paper, with the following inscription: "The charges on this package are prepaid over the railroad and Steamboat lines occupied by this Company, subject to the following conditions:

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3d The weight of any package shall not exceed Five Pounds, or in size, one foot long, and six inches thick and wide.

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Schedule of Rates: 12 oz. and under 5 cents; over 12 oz. to 16 oz., 5 cents; over 1 lb. to 2 lb, 10 cents; over 2 lb to 3 lb, 15 cents; over 3 lb. to 4 lb., 20 cents; over 4 lb. to 5 lb, 25 cents. Large white figure of value in center of stamp.

From this schedule we may draw the conclusion that there are 4 stamps more to this series, namely the values 8, 10, 20 and 25 cents.

That there is an American M. U. Express Co's. Prepaid Bound Book Stamp, value 10 cents, black print on rose moire, white paper, with an inscription similar to the inscriptions quoted above with the necessary difference that the stamp is good for "Bound Books only," and that the size and form of the package is not limited. The weight is limited to Five Pounds. The rates are higher for the same weights as mentioned in the parcel schedule, to wit: 10, 15, 25, 35 and 45 cents respectively, and it is probable that stamps of all these values may be found. The figures of value stand out in large bold white design.

Dr. Collins also sent an American Express Co's Prepaid Newspaper Parcel Stamp, value 5 cents, black print on green lithographed ground, white paper, agreeing except for value and color with the one I mentioned in my previous article (10c. pink and black on white).

I have myself found an American Express Co's. Prepaid Newspaper Stamp, 10 lb., grey and black on white, otherwise identical with the 2 lb. green and black on white described in my previous article.

From Dr. Collins I have a United States Express Company Stamp "For Package not over 20 lbs.", brown on white and signed P. C. Platt, president. In the center there is the winged money-chest within a horseshoe, and under the stamp there is in small thin letters the imprint of "The Kendall Bank Note Co., New York." The whole stamp reminds one of the 5c black on yellow surfaced paper mentioned before in the March No. of the WEST.

Finally by the kindness of Dr. Collins I can describe a 10 cents Brinks C. C. Express Co's. prepaid Parcel Stamp, black on white with larger figure 10 in red and a serial number in purple red. On the right downward there is a picture of an express wagon with horse and driver. A little above the center there is a tablet with "C. C. Express Co." and above this "Brinks" in fancy large letters. Above "Brinks" in small capitals we find "Prepaid Parcel Stamp" and on either side the figures 10 with "cents" under them. Under the table we read "88 Washington Str., Chicago, Ill., Storage Ware house and office 132, 134, 136 and 138 W. Monroe. W. B. Myne, Supt. A. P. Brink, Gen'l. Manager."

From the publisher of the WEST I have an Adams Ex. stamp, blue on white with serial number in vermilion. Above there is a tablet with "Adams Express Company". Below this on a background of blue diverging wavy lines we read "Pass Package not exceeding 20 pounds No 11809 addressed (with pen and ink) Mr. L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr. Counter-signed by H. P. Brown L. A. Weir, R. I., Ill. President.

These two signatures are on a closely lined background of straight lines. The stamp looks almost as if it was a complimentary stamp.

Another stamp I got from Mr. Brodstone is a Wells Fargo & Co. Express-Atlantic Department, 1 ct. prepaid stamp for charges on Newspapers and Magazines, signed E. A. Steadman, Manager.

In the left lower corner we read: "If the package contains other matter or is not fully prepaid, agents at destination will charge full rates in addition to the stamp." It is printed black and red (pink-red) on white, the initials "W. F. Co. Ex." in white in the center

We have to thank the kindness of Mr. A. E. Geldhof, editor and manager of *The Spartan*, a monthly devoted to amateur journalism and the interests of Boys, of Grand Rapids, Mich., for a whole lot of express labels, 5 of the American Ex. Co., 6 of the U. S. Ex. Co. and 3 of the Adams Ex. Co., and 7 without any name of any company. The latter simply say in bold letters "Billed through" or "Billed to Chicago, Ill." or some other city. The former are of the same nature, as the ones previously mentioned and cannot be counted among the prepaid stamps, although they may be the words "Paid" or "Express" on their face. They are not sold to the public like postage stamps, and have no prepaying or franking power in case they be affixed to any parcel by an unauthorized person. They are merely blanks for memoranda to be made by the companies' officials.

In regard to the clause "return this label as expense" Mr. Geldhof says: "This simply means that if the package was marked "collect" (that is, charges to be collected at the other end) the office to which the package was billed was to return the label with the receipted bill, etc., and the shippers' and addressee's names, as "expense." The word expense is used mostly by Ex. companies when a package is to be transferred to some other company. The receiving company pastes their "expense" label on the package and sends a bill for the package to the company from which it received the package. As used on the labels it means much the same as "price" or "charges." The label is pasted on the package in the shipping city, but the line after "paid" is not filled in till the label is returned."

There is also a C. O. D. label in the lot. Even this is not a stamp in the sense that we speak of postage stamps. It is merely a memorandum blank with directoins for the express agent, resembling in its functions the way-bills that go with freight on the railway freight trains, with the only difference that besides the payment of freight rates they call for the payment of other sums, namely the price of the article forwarded and in some cases also a special collection fee, and return charges.

I shall be glad to hear from others and to see other stamps and labels.

Denver the Queen City of the Plains

By H. E. Munger

Denver, whose motto is FORWARD, is the Convention seat of the American Philatelic Association for 1907. The Denver Stamp Club has made elaborate preparations for the coming of the delegates. Every member of the A. P. A. who comes to the Convention will be given a trip up Pikes Peak 14,258 feet high. The trip up this peak is well worth coming to see as the scenery is the grandest in the world. A meeting will be held on the top of this peak, which will be the highest point ever reached by Philately.

It has many nicknames such as The City of Sunshine, The City of Light and The Tourists Mecca. It is a Convention city as you may know by the conventions that come here every year. The Albany Hotel, which has been chosen as the convention seat is one of the foremost hotels of the city. It is situated in the heart of the city and the way they accommodate their visitors cannot be excelled by any hotel in the world.

It claims 315 days of sunshine out of a year and the mean temperature is 50 degrees. One of the largest of Uncle Sam's mints is situated here in

Denver. The famous Cherrelyn Car, the only one of its kind in the world, is the greatest curiosity, and should not be missed. It is one mile long and the only car that carries its own horse. The horse pulls the car to the top of the hill and being a gravity railroad takes the horse aboard and runs to the bottom. This Railroad is owned by a woman.

It has a large number of amusement places among which Elitches Gardens, Manhattan Beach and the Tulleries are the foremost. These places contain the latest of amusements that the country affords. It has one of the best electric car systems in the United States, operating over 150 miles of track. The area is about 50 square miles. It has one of the famous Carnegie Libraries and when completed will be the best in the United States. The population is over 200,000.

The scenery that is seen from the tops of Colorado Peaks cannot be excelled anywhere in the United States. The scenery and the beauty of the mountains make the tourist call the mountains of Colorado the Switzerland Trail of America.

The Junior Stamp Club of Denver is now past the half century mark. This club is made up of mostly Junior Philatelists who are endeavoring to reach the height that the older Philatelists have reached. Anyone wishing to join this club should write to the Secretary, H. E. Munger, 202 W. 32 A ve., Denver, Colo., and receive informatoin and application blank. This club if it keeps the pot a boiling will soon outstrip the large societies and all the talk will be of joining the Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colo.

22nd Annual Convention A. P. A. Program

MONDAY, July 29th, 1907.

8:00 p. m.—Reception to the Visiting Delegates by the Denver Stamp Club, in the Albany Hotel Parlors.

9:30 p. m.—Complimentary Ball given by the Albany Hotel Management.

TUESDAY, July 30th.

8:00 a. m.—Leave for Manitou and Pikes Peak.

1:00 p. m.—Ascend Pikes Peak by cog-wheel road.

3:30 p. m.—Convention Called to Order—Summit Pikes Peak. Altitude 14,147 feet above sea level.

5:30 p. m.—Leave Manitou—Arriving in Denver 8:30.

WEDNESDAY, July 31st. Morning and Afternoon Session Convention.

3:00 p. m.—“Seeing Denver.”

5:00 p. m.—Convention Photograph, State Capitol Building.

8:30 p. m.—Banquet: Albany Hotel.

THURSDAY, August 1st. Morning and Afternoon Session Convention.

4:00 p. m.—Through the courtesy of Walter Clark Bellows and Mrs. Elitch-Long, the visiting delegates will be the guests of Elitch's Gardens Denver's Popular Summer Theatre, including all the attractions and admission to the theatrical performance in the evening.

As there is no extra charge for tickets reading “To Colorado Springs and Return, via Denver,” it is suggested that members, when they purchase tickets, see that they read as above.

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H. A. Davis, Sec'y Arrangement Com.

Notes From Europe

By J. C. Auf Der Heide, S. H. D.

The 9 different sets of Roumania stamps, which have been published in a year, are good selling stuff. People like those little engravings!

It is reported that there soon will be a new set of dutch postage stamps, design as those already in use in our colonies.

The Dutch yearly philatelic day will be held, for the second time, on August 2 and 3 next. The Hague, the town of the Peace Conference, will see the philatelists in their streets.

The XIX Deutsche Philatelisten will be held in Hamburg on the 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27th of August. There will also be a steamer trip to Heligoland where all philatelists will pity the fact that old Heligoland are no more to be had at the postoffice! !

Soon after the first edition of the "De Reuyter" stamps was sold out, new editions have been printed and were supplied to the post office. How much of these stamps were printed? I do not know, but I think 24 millions. Every school boy in Holland has now for 4 cts (Dutch 1 3-5 cent American) a stamp collection of 3 stamps with a hero of the post. I think these stamps make many more collectors, not only among the boys, but also among the grown up people.

Coin collecting is advancing in this country. There has always been a great number of wealthy collectors, which did not care but for the rarer pieces, but now a great many boys are starting a collection. Very interesting are the "duits" of the "Vereenigde PostIndische Caomagnie", with the different coat of arms of the Dutch provinces, as there are Holland, Friesland, Utrecht, Gelderland etc., etc. All three are to be had for a few cents, and a collection of the different years, is very instructive, as there are different designs and transcriptions.

Interesting medals in copper, bronze or lead, can be bought here for a trifle, and sometimes very rare pieces are found.

Fiscal collecting will not develop. There are a few collectors, but the number does not grow. I think one of the first reasons that the dutch fiscal stamps from the first edition up to the present are so ugly, that they do not attract attention of the collector, which of course, likes to begin with the collection of the stamps of their own country.

A new paper from Germany is entitled "Internationales Priefmarken. Centralblatt' offerknblatt fur Handler Eund Saaunnler." Town of publishing is Herford. It brings only advertisements both of dealers and collectors.

I have also received a new paper from Belgium "Le Courier Philatellique Universale," which contains put little of interest to us.

I just read in Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, that the firm of Stanley Gibbons has closed their City Branch in Grace church street and has secured premises at 389 Strand. The article is closed with the following communication: "The total accommodation at our head office, 389, 390 and 391 Strand is therefore the shop, large back office, large basement, and NINETEEN rooms." And still some people say stamps are going to the devil : !

Notes From Kansas City

By Arthur L. Nelson

The Kansas City Stamp Club is now comfortably installed in its new club room in the Jenkins Building, Grand Avenue and Thirteenth. Its location at the junction of half a dozen car lines makes it easily accessible to all members and being in the heart of the business district is also an advantage in that members "down town" and having some leisure moments may step into the club room where they may read most of the current philatelic papers both American and Foreign or consult any of the books or catalogues of which there is are some fifty in the society's library. Pens, ink and stationery, easy chairs and games have been provided for members use or amusement between meetings. Every member visiting the club room between meetings is required to sign his name to a register provided for the purpose. A black board or bulletin board has been fitted and contains latest bulletins, philatelic news and notices of applications for membership.

Among other pictures which adorn the walls are those of several of the members, Mr. L. T. Brodstone, our congenial fellow member and publisher of the WEST, our official organ, being one. In time it is hoped to have this photo collection complete. A plate showing the photos of the editorial staff of the WEST as it appeared in a supplement in January 1902 and half tones of as many of the leading philatelists of the United States as we have so far been able to obtain are also in this collection. Several frames which contain postage stamps of unusual appearance or beauty are also conspicuous on the walls. On a long reading table at one end of the room is to be found all the current American philatelic papers and a majority of the English papers as well; also the latest catalogues and hand books and several volumes of magazines. Needless to say, the Philatelic West is given a conspicuous place on this table. All readers of the WEST when in Kansas City are cordially invited to attend any of our meetings or call on any of the officers who will be pleased to show them Room 442 K. C. collectors headquarters.

The one cent and two cent denominations of the new Jamestown Commemorative Issue were not received by the Kansas City postoffice until May 1st. They were placed on sale to the public about 10 a. m. and the whole supply was exhausted shortly after noon. A second and much larger consignment was received on June 14th which included the five cent value also. It has been noted that the second consignment is much better centered than the first.

Posies Bloom in Postage Stamps

Sent by E. J. Casserly

Several weeks ago, after I had dug up my garden to find out why the nasturtiums and zinnias and the lettuce and lima beans had not sprung up, one of my friends undertook to taunt me on the inferiority of my garden to his, and then invited me to turn my attention to his stamp collection, pointing out a most interesting and surprising array of postage stamps that bore pictures of flower and vegetables from every corner of the globe.

Chinese stamps of 1894 all show flowers. Among them is found the peony, emblem of illustriousness; hydrangea leaves, the flowers of which is highly regarded by the Chinese and the Chinese immortelle.

Also represented is the boletus, a woody fungus akin to the mushroom, and said to be emblematic of long life; likewise an illustration of a dwarf peach tree.

The stamps of Japan illustrate a number of flowers, notably the chrysanthemum, the emblem of the Emperor and of the Empire. On the 30 sen stamp of 1872 the chrysanthemum—as well as the paulownia, the flower emblem of the Empress, is shown.

A special stamp printed in 1894 in commemoration of the Mikado's wedding anniversary was adorned with the chrysanthemum, and with the cherry blossom and fruit, the cherry blossom being the national flower of the people, as distinguished from the official flower of the imperial family. While we cultivate the cherry for its fruit, the Japanese hold it in higher regard for its ornamentative uses, and their cultivation of it has been almost solely confined to a desire for its blossoms. When the Crown Prince was married in 1900 a special stamp was issued by the Japanese Government with a border composed of sprays of wisteria, the official flower of the Princess Sadoko.

Several of the centennial anniversary stamps of New South Wales are decorated with specimens of the flora of that land, one of them—that of 20 shilling denomination—showing the pretty flowers known as "Christmas Bells."

A New Zealand stamp of 1898 is bordered by branches of the tartaramon, a species of climbing bramble, as common in the forests of that country as poison ivy is here. The natives give it the name of "the bush lawyer."

All the stamps of the first issue of Newfoundland in 1857 bore pictures of flowers, the favorite group being the rose, shamrock and thistle, the national emblems of England, Ireland and Scotland, respectively, and their use on these stamps was evidently intended as a compliment to the home Government.

A similarly designed stamp of Nova Scotia had preceded the Newfoundland issue by several years. This Nova Scotian showed the rose, shamrock and thistle, together with the mayflower, the floral emblem of Nova Scotia.

Obeck, a little French colony of the African shore of the Red Sea, has that old Egyptian ornament, the conventionalized lotus flower, in the angles of its triangular stamps.

The familiar cat-'o-nine-tails of the common swamp are pictured on a stamp of Western Australia, while another stamp of that country shows the hibiscus flowers and branches. The 1905 stamps of Guadeloupe are bordered

with an interesting array of the fruit and vegetable products of that land. The sugar bush, or Cape honeysuckle, is portrayed on a stamp of the Cape of Good Hope. This possesses not only the properties of beauty and fragrance, but the natives concoct from its juices a sweet liquor which is used for the relief of coughs. Cacti of various species are shown on stamps of the Republic of Mexico.

Stampdom revels in products of the soil that yield fruit, and likewise it is replete with the loftier growths that are most useful for their ornamental or shade-giving qualities.

The first stamp of Abyssinia shows branches of the coffee tree and cotton plants. That country is the mother land of coffee, from where it was introduced to other parts of the world, notably to Arabia. Pineapples are shown on the stamps of the Bahama islands. The Cape of Good Hope on one of its stamps has the grape. Wahu, China, has stamps portraying an entire rice field. An anniversary stamp of Corea shows the plum. This fruit and its flowers more particularly are the emblem of the imperial Korean family, whose name — Yi — means plum-tree.

On a stamp of New Zealand is shown the New Zealand flax plant.

A fine orange tree is shown on stamps of the Orange River colony; spears of wheat, on certain stamps of Roumania.

Samoa issued a stamp in 1887 showing a cocoanut palm laden with its fruit. The fig tree is on a stamp of the Barbadoes; "the tree of life," which has a place in old Norse mythology, is presented on a stamp issued by Sweden. Bread fruit is pictured on an issue of Tonga.

"The travelers' tree" occupies a place on a stamp of Madagascar.

There are several specimens of palms in the postal forest. North Borneo has the sago palm; the Congo Free State, the oil palm, and Cuba presents a whole grove of pretty palm trees. Stamps of Belgium are decorated with sprays of laurel and oak, and several Canadian issues have maple leaves arranged on their corners. The stamps of the trans-Mississippi Exposition issue of the United States had in its borders fine looking ears of corn and spears of wheat. Oak and laurel leaves formed a part of the ornamentation of some of the stamps of the issue of 1902-03. Cacti and palms were shown on the one-cent stamp of the Louisiana Exposition. The Jamestown stamps portray stalks of corn and tobacco.

The lover of flowers, the gardener, the student of nature, the botanist, may find much to interest in the postage stamp world. It is said there is a woman in this city devoted to flowers, whose limited apartments do not permit her to indulge in the cultivation of her favorites, and who has made a specialty of gathering those stamps that picture flowers and fruits. Those she has arranged in a little book which she calls her "rainy day garden," and from which she derives a great deal of entertainment and satisfaction.

We have reports of the formation of The American Envelope Society for the collection, study and exchange of U. S. and foreign entire and cut square envelopes, wrappers, and letter sheets. Secretary Henry S. Linnemann, 9 Sewell Ave., Brookline, Mass. First meeting May 8th, 1907 at room 448, Old South Bldg., Boston, Mass. Who says envelopes are no more collected?



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.

532. Mr. F. A. Brown of East Peru, Iowa, proposes the formation of Fical Stamped Paper Club. If there be any who are of the same mind and if they will send me their addresses for the purpose, I shall have them printed in the next issue of the West. I have a number of addresses now of collectors interested in stamped papers, but I do not like to give them, unless they permit me to do so. If there are others from whom I have not yet heard, I should be much pleased to hear from them in regard to Mr. Brown's proposition and in regard to any papers they may have in their possession. I have a few to exchange.

Since writing the list of stamped checks in the last issue of the WEST I received the following list from Mr. Wm. Simpson of Atchison, Kansas, to whom I wish to express thanks for his kindness:

Thames National Bank, Norwich, Conn. (issued Jewett City)	1872	First Design
Union Banking Co., Philadelphia, Pa.	1872	"
Lloyd Hamilton & Co., Renovo, Pa.	187-	"
Center County Banking Co., Bellefonte, Pa.	1873	"
Banking office John Geis & Co., Salina, Kansas	1873	"
" " Ira B. McVey & Co., Pittsburg, Pa.	1873	"
Manhattan Bank, Manhattan, Kansas	1872	"
Lloyd Caldwell & Co, Tyrone, Pa.	187-	"
Powell & Co., Williamsport, Pa.	1873	"
Wm. M. Lloyd, Altoona, Pa.	1873	"
First National Bankk, Altoona, Pa	1873	"
Dan Head & Co, Kenosha, Wis., (surcharged in red "stamp redeemed")	188-	3rd design
First National Bank, Kenosha, Wis., (3 diff. papers)	1878 to 1883	"
Farmers and Drovers National Bk. Somerset, N. Y., (issued at Katonah, N. Y.)	1877	"
Thames Nat. Bank, Norwich, Conn., (issued at Jewett City)	1869	5th design
Rurd McClure & Co., Mercer, Pa.	1873	6th design
Philipsburg Bkng. Co, Philipsburg, Pa.	1872	"
Baning office of Johu Geis & Co., Salina, Kansas	1871	"
Citizens Bank of Sidney, Ohio	187-	8th design
Commercial State Bank, Renssler, Ind.	1901	4th design

(Mr. Simpson mentions also two Pere Marquette Parlor Car Tickets, 1 ct. green on lemon paper 1901-02 and 1902-03).

From Mr. W. Lee Fergus of Topeka, Kansas, whose kindness I wish to publicly acknowledge, I have received the following:

Citizens Bank of North Topeka, Kansas	1882	3rd design
Bk. of St. Marys, Kansas, (used by Topeka Bnk.)	1802	"
Topeka Bank, Topeka, Kansas	1882	"
" " " " (another form)	1882	"
First National Bank of Topeka, Kansas	1901	4th design
Bank of Topeka, Topeka, Kansas (safety paper)	1889	"

The designs were described in the February and April numbers of the WEST. This numbering of designs is only eliminary and will have to be modified in a final resume.

Since writing the above, I have received a draft of the Strong's Bank of Green Bay, Wis., 1881, (moire in blue on face), 3d design.

Mr. Sam Hyman, 621 Cent. Ave., Fort Dodge, Iowa, sent three Special Tax \$50 00 stamps "Business of Broker" 1898 1899 and 1901. The stamp itself is 6½x7½ inches and resembles somewhat the form of a saloon license To it are attached coupons for 12 months beginning with July of the year in which the stamp was issued and running until June of the following year. From the general appearance I should judge that the stamp was framed and hung up like a picture or doctor's diploma. The text of the whole stamp is as follows:

"United States Stamp for Special Tax Internal Revenue series of 1901 (1898 or 1899) Received from — Investment Co. the sum of Fifty Dollars for Special Tax on the business of Broker at Fort Dodge, State of Iowa for the period represented by the Coupon or Coupons hereto attached. Dated at Dubuque, Iowa, June 17, 1901. Collector J. W. Patterson, 3d Dist. State of Iowa. Severe penalties are imposed for neglect or refusal to place and keep this stamp conspicuously in your establishment or place of Business." The legend "Act of June 13, 1898" is found in the stamps of 1898 and 1899 under the words "Internal Revenue" near the top, in the stamp of 1901 at the left near the bottom. On the former two we also find "\$50.00 per year" in the left lower corner, and in the latter in both lower corners. The year of issue appears in large colored figures on the face. The paper has the letters U. S. I. R. repeated as watermark.

352. Here is another addition to our list of bank papers with stamps printed on their face:

First Nat. Bank, Green Bay, Wis., Draft on Milwaukee	1886	7th design
" " " "	1868	"
" " " "	1870	"
" " " " Chicago	1869	"
" " " " New York	1869	"
" " " "	1870	"
Fifth Nat. Bank Chicago, Ills., Check	1872	"
National B. of Neenah, Wis., Exchange	1871	"
First Nat. B., Green Bay, Wis., Draft on Milwaukee (2 var.)	1871	6th design
" " " " Chicago (2 var.)	1871	"
" " " " New York	1871	"
National B. of Neenah, Wis., Exchange	1871-2	"
Appleton B., D Smith & Co., Bankers, Appleton, Wis., Check	1870	"
First Nat. B., Green Bay, Wis., Draft on Milwaukee (2 var)	1872-5	1st design
" " " " Chicago (2 var)	1872-5	"
" " " " New York (3 var)	1872-5	"
First Nat. Bank, Milwaukee, Wis, Check	1874	"
" Green Bay, Wis., Draft on Milwaukee	1876	2nd design
" " " " Chicago	1876	"
" " " " New York	1876	"
" " " " Milwaukee	1877	3rd design
" " " " Chicago	1877	"
" " " " New York	1877	"

Kellogg Nat. Bank, Green Bay, Wis., Check	1882	3rd design
First Nat. Bank, Milwaukee, Wis., Check, (blue paper)	1882	"
Banking House of H. R. Jones, DePere, Wis., Check, (blue paper)	1881	"
First Nat. Bank, Green Bay, Wis., surcharged Strong's Bank		
Draft on Milwaukee	1878	"
First Nat. Bank, Green Bay, Wis., surcharged Strong's Bank		
Draft on Chicago	1878	"
Strong's B., Green Bay, Wis., Succ. to First Nat. B., Draft		
on Milwaukee	1879	"
Same		
Draft on Chicago	1879	"
" Milwaukee	1881	"
" Chicago (2 var)	1881-2	"
" New York (2 var)	1881-2	"
" blank	1883	"
" Check (5 var)	1881-2	"
" "	1882	"
Manufacturers Nat. B., Appleton, Wis., Exch.	1872	8th design
National B. of Nenasha, Wis., Exch.	1872	"

I have a number of these in duplicate and shall gladly exchange or sell them, 3 varieties for 5 cents and postage, 50 varieties \$2.00 cash; in exchange, variety for variety, that means for 3 varieties I shall give 3, and for 50 varieties I shall give 50. Of 2 varieties I can give a dozen each, at 10 cents a dozen and postage. As far as I have seen, they are usually priced 5 to 50 cents each, if priced at all, but I think that is too high, and I would rather see others get a start in collecting than hold the few I have, until they reach the higher figures. The pleasure of seeing a hobby run is worth something too.

374. Are the reprints of Portugal and its Colonies made about a year ago dangerous to the average collector? No. They would be, if there were greater number of each stamp. Though reprints of most of the stamps, both of the mother country and of all the colonies were made, there are but 168 copies of each stamp (all perf. $13\frac{1}{2}$) and the government reserves them to be used in exchange with other governments or as presents to sovereigns. The Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung, which gives a detailed list of the whole edition, remarks in its No. 17 that in order to obtain any of these reprints one must become a minister of state or marry a princess. So, unless you do one of these things, or attempt it, these reprints will hardly be dangerous for you. There are two other editions of reprints which may be more dangerous, one of 1864, the other of 1886. quantities of which were stolen from the Portuguese Mint and sold to collectors, some even with forged postmarks. The reprints of 1864 have white clear gum and are rare. The reprints of 1886 have thick white paper and are not gummed (the paper of the originals is greyish or yellowish); these are not so rare as those of 1864, but still rare enough not to be very dangerous. See the above quoted B. B. Z. No. 18 for a history of their manipulation.

The Jamestown stamps are obtainable at a limited number of post offices only. This is due to the respective post masters, who neglected to order them, and may result in a wholesale burning of remainders as was the case with the beautiful Pan-American or Buffalo issue.

On the Use of the \$5 Stamp

By X. Y. Z.

If you should come into possession of a five-dollar stamp what would you do with it? The five-dollar stamp is the highest denomination issued by our government, and are on sale at all first class postoffices.

Mr. H—, the treasurer was exhibiting a bundle of them which had recently been received. "Very pretty", said the visitor, "but what are they used for?"

"Why postage, of course—er—no—wait a minute."

Mr. H— pondered.

"The weight limit on first class postage, which is the most costly, is four pounds," he said. "At the established rate of two cents an ounce a four pound package would require only \$1.28 in stamps." Couldn't use the five-dollar stamp there could you?

"It might be used as third class matter where the rate is one cent for each two ounces. The limit of weight on this class is four pounds except it be in the case of a single book."

Mr. H— did some figuring and ascertained that the book would have to weigh something like 65 pounds in order to use the five-dollar stamp here.

"But, of course, anybody would send the book by express for 50c," he reflected. "Darned if I know what they use 'em for. Ask Riley—".

"M. Riley, assistant was puzzled and he checked the question up to the P. M. He wouldn't even hazard a guess, except that they were used in the postoffice when the regulations called for a large cancellation of postage to cover matter sent out under the second class rates.

A five dollar stamp, he admitted, couldn't be exchanged for cash or stamps of a smaller denomination. Then he summoned the chief clerk of the stamp division.

"We sell about 100 of them each year for use as postage on first class matter mailed to foreign countries," said the chief clerk. "The foreign rate is double that applying to domestic matter. The stamps are purchased principally by corporations having stock holders abroad. Reports printed in book form are mailed as first class matter to these stockholders."

The American Bank Note company of New York have printed an "officially sealed" stamp for Newfoundland. The stamp taken as a whole has a most pleasing appearance. The design consists of the head of King Edward, which is printed in black on a blue background

Why Some Countries Issue Postage Stamps. St. Helena paid a large part of its debts at one time through the sale of a lot of postage stamps that had been left on their hands after a new set had been issued. In recent years Commemorative issues have been used to advertise certain National events, and it also makes an easy way to bring in more revenue. Canada cleared up over \$100,000.00 on the Jubilee set. Brazil and Roumania have tried it. while Newfoundland put out an issue to the honor of the Cabots. Trinidad issued a stamp to commemorate the 400th anniversary of its discovery by Columbus. Montenegro in hunting for something to commemorate, decided upon the fourth century of the invention of the printing press.

Local Stamp Clubs

By C. O. Engel

The largest cities such as New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburg, St. Louis, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City, Omaha, Denver and Milwaukee, have a local stamp society. Why not our smaller cities? When we ask this question, some collectors will readily answer: "We have not enough collectors in our city." Ah! we find what is in him when he says it in this manner. This is no excuse whatever. If there are not enough collectors, why don't you make some: give the young boys some stamps that you have no use for; tell them the advantages of stamp collecting; tell them all the pleasure that you have derived from it, not forgetting to mention their value.

If you will start all your friends collecting stamps in your home city, you will then surely have enough collectors to organize a large local stamp club. Don't let the larger cities get ahead of you; show them that the smaller cities can give the stamp collector the same opportunities.

What is a stamp club good for? Many may ask this question. Local stamps clubs are to enable the collector to advance his collection and to get more good out of it in many ways. The clubs meet about twice a month; hold auctions, and in this way dispose of the collector's duplicates. They send out stamps on approval; they study certain countries' stamps at their meetings; they give stamps as prizes to their winners in their stamp contests; they have a philatelic library for the use of their members, and really everything else that goes to make up philately, are the benefits of the collector who belongs to a local stamp club.

The large cities generally have two clubs; one for juniors, and one for seniors. This is a good idea, as it enables both club's members to advance more rapidly, inasmuch as senior clubs' members possess large collections, while the junior members are merely beginning their collection.

You can see from the above that it pays to organize a local stamp club. I am glad to see so many of our smaller cities getting their collectors together and organizing local clubs to help their philatelists. Of course, vacation time has reached us now, and most of our collectors are resting for the summer months, but remember, it would pay you to organize your local clubs at once, in order that you will have a large, lively club for next winter when, you will appreciate it all the more.

The writer who is a lively philatelist, is intending to organize a club in his home city, and also one in his sister city, inasmuch as I want to see philately grow, and also see that every collector will derive more pleasure from his collection.

In closing let me say, all stamp collectors in your city no matter how small your city may be, should get together and organize a local club, and in this way derive more pleasure from your hobby. After you have succeeded in so doing, you will thank me for my advice. Now It's up to YOU. Let me see you work.

The Publisher is pleased to hear from local societies and clubs and wishes any reports from these meetings.

Mexican Fiscals

By F. A. Brown

(Continued from last number.)

Issue 1893-94. 48x32 mm. Talon to left. Perf. 12.

105-1c brown	111-1p greenish blue
106-2c ultramarine	112-1p dark green
107-5c brown red	113-10p dark blue
108-10c vermilion	114-25p lilac
109-25c orange	115-50p carmine
110-50c olive bistre	116-100p violet

1894-95. 45x25 mm. Talon to left, stamp and talon same size. Perf. 8x12.

117-1c vermilion	123-1p carmine
118-2c yellow brown	124-5p orange
119-5c brown violet	125-10p emerald
120-10c dark green	126-25p blue green
121-25c red violet	127-50p violet
122-50c pale blue	128-150p slate.

1895-96. Female figure in center, talon below. Perf. 12.

129-1c orange	135-1p yellow green
130-2c ultramarine	136-5p violet
131-5c green	137-10p red brown
132-10c ultramarine	138-25p dark red
133-25c yellow brown	139-50p carmine
134-50c blue	140-100p carmine

1896-97. Seated female figure with wreath in each outstretched hand.

Size 43x23 mm. Perf. 12.

141-1c yellow brown	146-50c red
142-2c ultramarine	147-1p violet
143-5c orange	148-5p emerald
144-10c brown	149-10p sky blue
145-25c green	150-50p rose
	151-100p rose and lilac.

1897-98 23x43 mm. Perf. 12.

152-1c orange	157-50c emerald
153-2c rose	158-1p dark blue
154-5c yellow brown	159-5p carmine
155-10c ultramarine	160-10p violet
156-25c olive	161-50p red
	162-100p violet and black

1898-99. 43x23 mm. Perf. 12.

163-1c yellow brown	168-50c red
164-2c ultramarine	169-1p lilac
165-5c orange	170-5p greenish
166-10c violet brown	171-10p green
167-25c blue	172-50p green

173-100p green

(To be continued.)

A Few Philatelic Notes

By An Old Boy

The busy summer season is coming and the holidays will soon be here; but don't put your stamps away and forget them. Keep in touch with affairs Philatelic and look out for the summer bargains, for this is the time when many may be met with both in the ordinary dealer's stock and in auction sale. If you are going to a new place to spend your holiday, try and find out any philatelists you can while there. It is very nice to have a few correspondents in various parts of the country. One of the most pleasant things my collecting has brought to me is the acquaintance of some most interesting people, who have become known to me through stamp exchange.

Speaking of exchanging; although it may be more satisfactory in the long run to sell your duplicates through one of the society's sale agencies, and then buy what you want through the same medium; yet I keep up the personal exchange plan with just a few reliable ones whom I have found out to be straight, and I would not miss the pleasant correspondence which this has encouraged for a great deal

I had one man write me on a postal lately that he was prepared to allow me 80 per cent for good Bt. N. A's. and would send a general selection in each!! Only to think! The assurance of some people, even philatelists.

I have often thought it would be a good thing if one of our large stamp houses or societies, or friend Brodstone of the WEST would establish a kind of guarantee society, in which a person for a reasonable fee could establish his bona fides and then give the name of said society as a reference, or use a ticket issued by the agency as his reference whenever he wished to have dealing with a new house. I think all preliminary inquiries could be made for a fee of say 50c and tickets issued yearly for an annual fee of 25c and it would save a lot of trouble and bother.

If we go on increasing in the new commemorative issues all over the world, I pity the collector in the next 10 or 25 years who sets out to collect 20th century stamp.

Of course it goes without saying that the new Jamestown set is a very pretty one. With their past large experience to guide them the U. S. can surely lick all creation in getting out new stamps.

Nicaragua "Destace". We have had some inquiry as to the overprint "Destace", which is found on certain stamps of Nicaragua, some of which may, perhaps, have been used for postage, although such use is not authorized. The surcharged word appears both printed from a press and hand stamped, and we have seen specimens on both postage, official and telegraph stamps. The word "destace" comes from the Spanish verb "detazar", meaning to slaughter an animal, and the stamps are revenues used in payment of fees required from butchers.

Foreign Revenue Notes

By Oscar C. Hartman

(Austria Hunagry, Part IV concluded).

Lombardy—Venetia. The stamps approach the design of Austria very closely of the respective year of issue of the same dates from 1850, 1858, 1860 and 1866.

The 1850 issue is in centesimi and lire black and green color on white paper, from 15 cent up to 60 lire. Lithographed or typograph. The 5 (green and brick red) and 10 centesimi green and carmine) come typographed only. All values above 18 lire are good stamps to have in your collection. The 1858 issue, diff. perforations) is rose and black on white paper. $\frac{1}{2}$ Kr. 20 florins, lithographed. The value of the $\frac{1}{2}$. 2, 4, 5, 7, 12, 25, and 60 kr. come also typographed.

Same series in 1860 on blued paper lithographed. The values of $\frac{1}{2}$ kr. to 3 fl, come also on dark blued paper. $\frac{1}{2}$, 7, 72 kr. come on dark blued paper typographed.

The same series of $\frac{1}{2}$ kr. to 20 florin, engraved, rose and black on rose tinted paper. 1863. The value on bottom of stamp spelled out similar to the issue of Austria 1866 $\frac{1}{2}$ kr. to 90 kr., black and rose on rose tinted paper.

Ankündigung (report)

1850. Inscription: Bollo per gli annunci. Perf. 14 to 15, 3 centesimi, vermilion, green and black lithographed. 3 centime, red, green and black, typographed. 5 centime blue green and black typographed

1858 Similar. Perf. 14. 1 kreuser blue and black, 2 kreuser blue and black, both very rare.

Almanacks (Calendars). 1850. Inscription: Bollo per gli almanahsi 15 centesimi rose and black 1858. 6 kreuser blue and black.

No issue after 1866. Lombardy belongs to Italy now.

Bosnia and Herzogovina.

July 1 1879. 2 nov., red on yellow underprint on white paper. The rest of series red on green underprint. A scarce series. All values above 83 nov. are exceedingly rare. Of some of the florin values only one or two copies were sold to the public.

Sept. 10. 1879. Same design, but all underprint, is in same color of stamp. Outside of 2, 4, 8, nov., the values are all different and even, while of first series they are all odd.

1866. New design. 1 to 30 nov. brown. 40, 50, 60 nov. blue. 80 to 90 nov. rose. 1 fl. to 25 fl. green. 1898 on pelure paper. Spoil if soaked off paper when used. Monetary value changed to heller and kroner. Printed in two colors. 2 heller to 50 kronen (30 values in all).

Since the special act of June 1906, the Pure Food and Drug law there has been a flood of labels issued by the different medicine companies and while there is time, those with a rubber stamp applied may be good things in the future. By looking around, they can be pushed up without much trouble. I believe the entire or at least the price indicating the kind should be kept with the label. Some of the meat inspection etc., are interesting.

Local Stamp Club Movement Finds Favor

By Chester C. Wells

I want to devote part of my space this month to a review of the almost national movement in philatelic circles for the organization of stamp clubs, purely local in their character, by which collectors of one city may get together periodically and conferring together, hear good talks or addresses on philately, get rid of some of their "exchangers," get others' ideas on the great hobby, and have a general social good time. There is an enormous following of the Goddess Philatelia in this great country of ours, and we certainly ought to be able to enjoy some of the pleasures of social intercourse with our our fellow collectors.

The writer has been a member, and (laying aside what little modesty newspaper writers have) also president of a local stamp collectors club, and can say with absolute certainty, gained from experience, that the local stamp club, if rightly and energetically pushed and conducted, has a great future before it. In our meetings we generally had one or two good discussions on subjects of general philatelic interests. General discussion on any subjects pertaining to the club followed. If possible, we ended the meeting in a social, and one social gathering of the members was arranged for at least every month. In the summer, picnic or exploring parties replaced the socials, and proved equally as enjoyable.

In all meetings of the society, members, although they might not have been gifted enough to make a speech, or sing a song, as a rule had some new treasure to exhibit, some question to propound for the views of others, or some interesting bit of gossip to relate. Collectors generally brought along a number of "exchangers" and very seldom any member returned to his or her home after meeting without a few new, easily obtained, specimens.

The benefits enjoyed in the organization were by no means limited to those with limited collections, but we had a number of members with collections which might be called large. And they managed to exchange for new specimens just as frequently as the others. Again, we had collectors who were just starting, and who eagerly absorbed all the knowledge of the subject obtainable and put it to good use. I know of many collectors now fairly along in their collections, who would have quit entirely and lost all interest had it not been for our society. They never cease being glad.

By far the greatest benefit, from the writers' standpoint, however, is the personal social relations into which the club brings those collectors it reaches. There are so many collectors in the land, and so many in every city, no matter how small it is, that it seems just and proper that a stamp club, inviting all philatelists to membership, should be organized and carried on. Once it gets a foothold, its death need never be feared, as the interest aroused will be sure to carry it through. The few advantages above enumerated are sufficient to show what a broad field lies before the local stamp organization and what a power it may become.

The local club will in no way interfere with the "mail order" collector's associations, so many of which have for their official organ the WEST. These are splendid in their place, and could and should work hand in hand with the city organizations.

In a local association, as has been repeatedly demonstrated to the writer, a personal discussion of the services rendered by different stamp dispensaries, of the best bargains of various kinds to be had, of the advantages of club purchases in large amounts, thus reducing the cost to the individual members, of the discovery and exposure of frauds, be they dealers or collectors, and various other matters, have proved of great advantage. These are possible to only local organizations.

As stated above, there is quite a movement launched in different parts of the country toward the organization of local societies. It should certainly be elaborately endorsed by all collectors, publishers, dealers, and general philatelic societies. It is the hope of the writer that a large number of stamp clubs may be organized in the near future, on the purely local basis, and I shall appreciate a letter directed to Freeport, Ill., notifying me of all such. I wish you all the best of success in the venture.

"THAT HORRID BACKSTAMP"

We still occasionally hear that expression when recipients of postal cards find them ruined by the backstamp which is expressly against the orders from the Postmaster General. Since my previous article on this subject in the WEST, there has been much agitation, and many daily newspapers take up the subject occasionally. A postal clerk recently stated that those cards which get through cancelled on the picture side, and thereby ruined, are not the fault of the city offices, but rather of the railway offices, where the mail clerks put up letters and postals in packages. The postals in packages are supposed to be so turned that when run through the cancelling machine the backstamp on the letters will be printed on the address side of the card. It is because the railway clerks do not attend to this matter properly that some cards are backstamped on the picture side in the local offices, where the clerks claim they have not got time to go over every package and turn the postals. It must be said, however, to the WEST'S credit, that the agitation started along this line has done much to do away with the gross mispractice of clerks in general along this line.

A Lucky Find--I Guess Not

By L. L. Dolson

The stamp dealer sat in his well worn chair, gloomily looking out of the window and wondering where his next meal was to come from, for he had only ten cents and that he must use to buy stamps with.

His reverie was interrupted by the opening and shutting of his office door. On looking up the dealer saw a small boy walking importantly up to his desk, in one grimy hand holding a bundle of papers and in the other a soiled envelope.

He handed the envelope to the dealer with a "what will you give me look" and then sat down and waited for the dealer to look at it. The dealer looked at it and then chuckled gleefully to himself—for the engine was upside down. "Here kid, I'll give you a dime for this," said the dealer patronizingly.

The boy's eyes sparkled and grasping the coin, hastily departed. The dealer seeing the bad condition of the envelope soaked the stamp off and lo!—the neatly patched engine came off too.

"Soaked again" muttered the dealer, then he sat down and meditated.

Philatelic Matters Occupy Many Cabinet Sessions

By Chester C. Wells

**Netherlands has Good Plan—New Issues of
- United States Stamped Envelopes.**

The postal authorities of the Netherlands are inaugurating an innovation that it is not unlikely will be adopted by other countries in the postal union, to wit; carrying in stock the stamps of other countries of the value of five cents, the denominations of the stamp required to frank letters from one country to another. There is a great need of universal postage stamps to the value of five cents. At present a citizen of the United States cannot write to a person in England and enclose reply postage because the five cent United States stamp would not be available for postage in England. Thus far it has been impossible to arrange for this universal stamp because of the slight difference in monetary standards of various countries. This may be worked out later, but the Dutch government is going a long way toward solving the problem by carrying in stock the five cent stamps of the United States, the 2½ penny stamps of Great Britain, the 20 pfennig stamps of Germany, the 25 centimes stamps of France, etc. Thus a person in Netherlands writing to a man in this country will be able to enclose a five cent stamp to frank the reply desired. Following this plan, the United States would carry on sale at its leading offices the stamps of England, Germany, France, Netherlands, etc., of the value corresponding to our five cent stamp. It is probable the matter will be brought to the attention of the United States postal authorities, and a small appropriation may be set aside for the purchase of stamps for this purpose. Once made, the appropriation would never have to be renewed, as the revenue from the sale of these stamps would always buy additional supplies. The opportunity thus afforded philatelists to secure in an easy manner unused foreign stamps of this denomination might prove quite convenient at times.

GRAB SPECIAL DELIVERIES.

No special delivery postage stamps will be needed after the first of next July to insure the immediate delivery of a letter. Pursuant to an act of the last session of congress Postmaster General Meyer has issued an order that on and after July 1st, next, if there is attached to any letter or package of mail matter ten cents' worth of stamps of any denomination, with the words "special delivery" written or printed on the envelope or covering, in addition to the postage required for ordinary delivery, the article will be handled as if it bore a regulation special delivery stamp. The special deliveries will probably become scarce in a short time, and collectors will be wise to get hold of as many as possible of them now. It will save buying them in the future, and they will soon make good traders. Of course the stamp will still be issued, but its use will dwindle greatly.

NEW PHILLIPINE STAMPS.

Good news to philatelists is contained in the following dispatch from Washington: The Phillipine government has recently adopted for the use of postal service a distinctive series of stamps, prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The values and colors of these stamps correspond

to those in the United States Postal service, and there are the same number of stamps in the series, but the denominations are expressed in pesos and centavos, to conform to the new currency system of the Islands. The designs are also different.

CITY NAMES ON STAMPS.

The recent story regarding the placing of city names on stamps, which, although unfounded, went the rounds of the press, is causing Postmaster General Meyer to be besieged with inquiries and suggestions as to devising a plan for placing on postage stamps the name of the city or town in which they are sold, owing to the necessary delay and expense involved, and does not harmonize with the ideas of the Postmaster general, who desires to simplify the designs of postage stamps so that they will have as little on them as possible, thus making the denominations clear and distinct.

THE COMING ISSUE.

Postmaster General Meyer stated recently that the stamped envelopes which will be issued under the new contract beginning July 1st, next, will contain the bust of either Washington or Franklin in simple bas-relief, Washington having been the first president, and Franklin practically the first Postmaster General, and the father of the post office system. There will be no printing on the stamps except the words "United States" and the denominations, and also in raised letters. The effect will resemble somewhat the stamped envelope when it first came in use in the earlier day.

The issue will consist of four denominations, two cent and five cent (Washington) and one cent and four cent. (Franklin), the colors being green, red, blue and black.

Some Portraits

If Uncle Sam was not so particular about his Tax Paid stamps we collectors could get quite a picture gallery. Here are a few from his revenue stamps:

Hydrometer Stamps give us C. Delano, Alfred Pleasanton and Geo. Washington.

The Beer Stamp series of 1878 has Benton on the 25c and Jefferson on the 50c. The 1902 issue has Washington 12½c Jefferson 50c, Johnson \$1.

Cigars gives Jackson on export Cigar Stamps 1878; also Henry Clay on the Pkgs. of cigars for domestic use 1898 and 1901 issues.

The Tobacco stamps on packages of plug and twist tobacco give us Lincoln on the ½ lb., and 4 lb., and Fessenden on the 5, 10 and 20 lb. The packets of small size 1 oz. to 16 oz. give us John Q. Adams on the present issue. The series of 1875 4 oz 'has S. P' Chase. Cigarettes give us DeWitt Clinton.

The Distillery ware house issue of 1878 shows Taylor.

Snuff introduces a number of portraits.

1870 2 oz. Lincoln.

1872 ½ oz. Madison, 1 oz. Washington, 2 oz. Hancock.

1875 ½ oz. Sherman and 1 oz. Dawes.

½ oz. Monroe, 1 oz. Madison.

From 1878 they show only Seward.

The Commemorative Issues of the United States

In January 1848 a workman employed in digging a mill race for a Swiss emigrant named Sutter discovered what he thought to be gold. While he and Sutter were holding a consultation a laborer discovered their find and in a few months people came flowing into California from all parts of the United States. They had a choice of three ways of going. One was by sailing around Cape Horn or by passing through the Gulf of Mexico, crossing the Isthmus of Panama and thence up the west coast. The third and most perilous way was to cross the continent which required between three and four months. Railroads were still in their infancy but as early as 1850 Senator Benton of Missouri suggested that a railroad be built to the Pacific coast with gaps where it was impossible to cross the mountains. Between 1850 and 1862 Congress appropriated \$240,000 for the building of a transcontinental railroad, which climaxed in the passage in 1862 of the U. P. railroad bill and a gift of one million acres of land. In the meanwhile the people crossed the praries in stage coaches, and were sent their mail by the post riders who changed horses every 25 miles and were themselves relieved every 75 miles. In this way they covered the 2,000 miles in 10 days. In 1867 actual work began under the direction of two railroads, the Central Pacific at the western end and the Union Pacific at Omaha. Work progressed at the rate of two miles per day until the forces met at Promontory Point, Utah some little distance over 1,000 miles from Omaha. This was May 10, 1869. The event was celebrated by the first Commemorative issue of stamps of the United States. The series consisted of 10 stamps the lower denominations representing the progress of postal communication and the higher values historical pictures. Unlike the former issues they were square in shape and were printed by the National Bank Note Co., who held the patent rights on the grille process. In no other series had such disapproval been shown, the gum being of such a poor quality that the people were obliged to use additional glue to make the stamps stick. The one cent ochre bore a profile of Benj. Franklin the first postmaster. The 2c brown represents a post rider facing westward. The 3c blue is a reproduction of the U. P. engine, although the N. Y. Herald said it was the way congress made money. The 6c blue which took the place of a five cent in this issue shows a picture of Washington facing to the left. The 10c orange bears an eagle perched on the U. S. shield. The 12c green pictures an ocean steamer. The 15c brown was printed in two types, in one a frame surrounds the picture in the other it is omitted. The landing of Columbus represented in the picture was taken from the White House. The 24c purple and green is the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The 30c carmine and olive is similar to the 10c except that the shield is supported by two American flags. The 90c carmine and black was taken from a photograph of Lincoln. The 15c, 24c, and 30c were printed with inverted centres. In 1875 the entire issue reappeared on white paper without the grille.

A period of eight years elapsed before another commemorative issue appeared. In 1876 the Centennial issue a series of envelope stamps made their appearance. They consisted of a three cent printed in two colors green and red. This design also represented the evolution of the carrying of the mails.

Seventeen years passed before the appearance of the Columbian Issue, issued in commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America. The design of the stamps was very much larger in size and the denominations higher than any previous issues. They were very expensive but it was thought that the difference would be made up by collectors purchasing large quantities of them. Their expectations were in a great measure correct, but the sales fell several million short of expectations. The scenes are all relative to the discovery of America by Columbus. The lower denominations consisted of a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30, and 50c with which we are too familiar to need mention again. The dollar values against which collectors complained bitterly are as follows:

- \$1.00 Isabella pledging her jewels.
- \$.20 Columbus in chains.
- \$.30 Columbus describing his 3rd voyage.
- \$.40 Portrait of Isabella and Columbus.
- \$.50 Portrait of Columbus.

The Columbian series was followed in 1898 by the Trans-Mississippi Exposition series. The government trick of forcing upon philatelists these special issues was still remembered by philatelists and many meetings were held and resolutions sent to congress. They did not accomplish their purpose as the issue appeared soon afterwards. The issue was meant to advertise the western country, all of the cuts representing scenes west of the Mississippi.

The next issue was the Pan American in honor of the Buffalo Exposition. The series ran from 1c to 10c and represented 20th century improvements. The 5c bore a picture of the Niagara Falls bridge, the longest single span bridge in the world. In the back ground Niagara Falls is shown.

The World's Fair in St. Louis was the cause of the next commemorative issue. Livingston, Jefferson, Monroe and McKinley are pictured on the 1, 2, 3, and 5c. The 10c shows a map of the U. S. with the Louisiana Purchase blocked out.

The Jamestown issue recently placed on sale represent scenes and pictures typical to the founding of Jamestown. The 1c and 5c show pictures of John Smith and Pocahontas. The 2c represents the founding of Jamestown.

Stamp Collecting. "My favorite hobby is stamp collecting. I started about two years ago owing to the pleasure I received in looking through and the many English and Continental stamps I then had in my possession. I experience great difficulty in arranging the stamps of some countries in my album, not knowing their date of issue, and also in identifying a few of them. There are two methods of making a collection of stamps—namely, of collecting the issues of the world in general, and of taking special interest in the British Empire, or a certain few countries. The latter, however, is only suitable for advanced collectors. The stamps combine instruction with beauty, for from them one can, in some cases, obtain pictures of the country's prettiest scenery, and most important buildings, or of its chief wild animals. In others, the ruler, or other celebrities, form the design, whilst in a few cases, important historical events are shown."

Ecuador

By Rev. L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue.)

Ecuador belonging to the "Seebeckized" countries, has been for the last six or eight years much neglected if not boycotted by a great number of collectors. Consequently we find comparatively little about this country's stamps in philatelic literature of these years except depredations and admonitions to leave Ecuador alone. This is going too far, and it is time that the search lights should be thrown on any facts that may present themselves. How much or what one shall buy and collect of the stamps of this country is another question that can never be decided by one for all. One thing is certain: Ecuador stamps are as cheap presently as any, and that means a good chance to pick up fine things now that may prove rare and valuable later on.

By Major Evans the first issue is assigned to January 1865, and he states that the stamps were lithographed. Both of these assumptions may be mistakes. President Carrion having entered office in May 1865, it is more likely that the stamps were issued after that month, and not in January. In regard to the mode of production of the first issue in Ecuador Major Evans corrects himself, as we may see from an article in Stanley Gibbons' monthly Journal, March 1893, reprinted in the Philatelic Journal of America, vol. IX, p 103. Major Evans says: "The $\frac{1}{2}$ real are in sheets of 84 stamps, seven horizontal rows of 12, surrounded by a frame resembling what the English call the "Jubilee line. It is quite evident that these stamps were printed from 84 electrotypes, or stereotypes, somewhat irregularly arranged within the frame, and we find evidence of at least two settings." He then goes on to describe the two settings, which differ in the arrangement of the blocks and in the frames, and winds up saying: "We find evidence, that the blocks were separate and were probably simply wedged up in a frame, and that they were not attached together in any way, so as to form a solid plate. Examining the stamps themselves we find them to be all of the same type, differing only to such an extent as might be due to roughly made casts or electrotypes, or to imperfect printing—the blue ink being very thick and apt to spread (it is liable to come off on the fingers even now)." Senf calls the ink "water color" and says that it may easily be rubbed off, which means: Do not soak them.

Of the "Un Real" Major Evans says, they show an arrangement in sheets of ninety stamps, ten horizontal rows of nine stamps each, more evenly arranged than in the case of the one half real and also surrounded by a border. There were these two values only, but there must have been several printings, as there are quite a number of shades and different kinds of paper. The one half real is enumerated in blue, gray blue and ultramarine, the 1r. in shades of green and yellow. The green stamps are said to have been for use in the interior, while the yellow stamps were used on international mail matters. The common paper was white and wove, and this only is mentioned in connection with the $\frac{1}{2}$ r., while for the 1 real we find white wove, laid, quadrille and bluish paper (the latter is assigned to the year 1872). In 1890 these stamps were reprinted, it is not clear by whom, but not from the original plates, as Major Evans shows in his paper quoted

before. These "reprints" come in sheets of one hundred each and were sold as such. There are various characteristics named by which they may be known, for instance "glossy ink" of the 1r. yellow," "a little larger size $19\frac{1}{2} \times 23\frac{1}{2}$ mm. for the $\frac{1}{2}$ r. instead of 19×23 mm. of the original," "type differences" and "blue ruled paper!" but I would advise the Beginner to get the services of some older collector in any case of doubt and to be very careful in regard to who he buys his stamps from. To decide in single specimens is often a very difficult matter and can be done by an expert only, and even then not always with absolute certainty. Cheap as the originals are they are not very common.

In 1866 another value of 4 reales was added. The catalogues give two or more type varieties and partly contradict each other, some (as Scott) quoting a type with "arms in circle," others (as Kohl) denying the existence of this stamp with arms in circle. The fact is, according to Mr. Thiele's Notes in the Adhesive, that "the original die was made of wood; from this moulds of paper-mache were taken and from these again stereotypes were taken for printing. The moulds did not all contract equally in drying, hence the variations in size" and, we may add, the variations in type. This way of making paper moulds can be seen in any large newspaper printery where they use cylinder rotary presses. The stamps came in sheets of one hundred and four. At about the same time that the $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1r. were reprinted, and it is believed counterfeits were produced. In Vol. IV. of the "Philatelic Journal of America" these are treated in five places, page 100, 204, 218, 241 and 255. The lamentable fact seems to appear from these notes that officials of the post had their hand in the production and disposing of these wares. In the last note the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs of Ecuador, gives the following information: The genuine stamp is the one that collectors are familiar with. The reprint is the same type, but brighter and clearer impressions, more of a brick red color, on yellowish paper. The counterfeit is the stamp with eagles' head to right. This latter stamp has deceived many before it was exposed.

The next president after Carrion was Xavier Espinosa (Jan. 1868). Then came Carvajal and in 1870 Dr. Gabriel Garcia Moreno, professor of chemistry and the leader of the conservative (clerical) party at Quito. It was under his administration that the second issue of stamps was made in 1872. There are three values, $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 real and 1 peso, the $\frac{1}{2}$ r., and 1p. are of the same design (but not from the same plate, as there are minute differences), but the 1r. reminds one very much of the first issue of Costa Rica. Major Evans in the Philatelic Catalogue states that these stamps were lithographed; that may be right, but I fail to find any notes as to where they were made, how many stamps there were in a sheet or anything else of interest. They were perforated 11, and any stamps of this issue that have any other perforation are to be looked at with great doubt. The $\frac{1}{2}$ r. is found both with and without period after "Medio".

(To be continued.)

The 5 cts. value Jamestown Exposition stamps are here. They have been seen on mail from Washington, D. C. The design bears a portrait of Pocahontas the Indian Princess, who saved Capt. John Smith's life.

Notes for U. S. Collectors

By E. R. Aldrich

Minneapolis Permit No. 5 recently came in the shape of a rubber stamp design impressed on a linen envelope, being used by the John Leslie Paper Co. This is the first rubber stamp impression I have seen.

I have seen permit No. 36 of Baltimore, Md., both in the large size and in the small, and the latter on both white and bluish card board. It being used by an insurance Co. of that city on large advertising cards.

Wyman, Partridge & Co., the wholesale dry goods house of Minneapolis recently sent out a bulletin in envelopes originally prepared for use without stamps, bearing permit No. 2, but with a precancelled one cent on top of it.

The first of the Jamestown stamps I saw was a one cent cancelled at Columbus, O., while the next mail brought a two cent from New Orleans.

Not long since I added to my precancelled collection a cover from the Regal Shoe Co. of East Whitman, Mass. A two cent precancelled had been placed over the printed permit No. 1 and this in turn has been cancelled with the ordinary office hand stamp, the postmark showing Sept. 24, 1906, 4 p. m.

Mr. James L. Matheson of Rochester, Minn., informs me that Permit No. 1 of that city was first used on June 1, 1905, nearly two years earlier than noted by me two months ago. He also gave the following complete list of permits of that office with date of issue.

1. Shuster Brewing Co., June 1, '05.
 2. The Boston, Aug. 4, '05.
 3. A. W. Blakely, Sept. 27, '05.
 4. E. A. Knowlton & Co., Jan. 13, '06.
 5. Stevenson & Melone, Feb. 14., '06.
 6. E. L. Lyman, Mch. 26, '06.
 7. Geo. J. Stevens, Dec. 6, '06.
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Have you got that American Philatelic Association application blank and used it yet. Last chance to get in before the Denver convention.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, there were issued 42,750 four cent wrappers, 596,750 envelopes of the same denomination, of which 370,500 were with the printed special return request, and 673,000 five cent envelopes, of which 392,500 had the return request.

The following from the report of W. J. Vickery the chief inspector in his last annual report is interesting in view of the newspaper talk which has ensued upon the same subject:—If all the one and two cent stamps furnished to Presidential offices had overprinted upon them the name of the office to which they were issued, they could not be disposed of so readily and possession of them would convict the thief or receiver. They would not be sought

by safe blowers and if stolen by them would be concealed or destroyed—in any event they could not be used in large quantities to pay postage and if found might be identified and claimed as property stolen from the Department. The saving of revenue in this way would go far toward paying the additional expense of overprinting.”

In this connection was quoted the following heavy losses which occurred during the year San Diego, Cal., \$10,738; Greenfield, O., \$3,712; Leslie, Mich., \$1,861; Kennebec, Me., \$1,322; Clintonville, Conn., \$1,289; Middleport, N. Y., \$1,136; Lexington, Ill., \$1,062; and Westport, Conn., \$1,060.

Some Notes on Persia

Persia, as a stamp issuing nation, has done much to alienate the affections of philatelists by the flood of surcharged provisionals and emergency issues which have emanated from Teheran in the years 1899-1906. With these we shall make no attempt to deal, but devote a few brief notes to the earlier and more picturesque stamps of the country.

The "Lion and Sun" issues of Persia (1868-1876) are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain in first class condition. It is a question whether this is not largely due to the depredations of those variety hunters who have locked up large quantities of the early Persians, showing more or less important variations of paper, printing and perforation. The "Lion and Sun" series of 1876 are especially prolific in varieties. They are known both imperforate and rouletted and there are many shades of colour. What is more, all four values have been found printed on both sides of the paper.

The issues with head of Shah began in the same year—1876. These are the most picturesque and in many instances the most valuable of Persian stamps. A bewildering variety of perforations is the chief characteristic of the Shah's head series of 1876, the known gauges being: $10\frac{1}{2}$, 12, 13, and the following compounds: 11 by $10\frac{1}{2}$, 12 by $10\frac{1}{2}$, and 13 by $10\frac{1}{2}$. It is, perhaps, no matter for surprise that the Persian postal authorities, after sampling so many different perforating machines, re-issued the same stamps in 1878 without any perforation at all!

Persia continued to suffer from much the same lack of uniformity in postage stamp perforation during the issues of 1879 to 1897. In 1898 a regular perforation of $12\frac{1}{2}$ was achieved, but shortly afterwards there began the long series of surcharges and other stop-gap issues which has prevailed almost without a break until the present time. In 1902 there was an attempt to return to a more settled condition of affairs, and we had a series of stamps of conventional Persian pattern (the "Lion and Sun" device for the shahi, and the Shah's head for the kran values) but the surcharging habit had by this time got too strong a hold, and in 1903 and following years there came a further sequence of emergency issues.

While the standard varieties of Persia are fairly artistic and certainly picturesque, these hideous surcharged provisionals are a blot upon any stamp collection. If they can be obtained for a very low price they may as well be included in one's collection, but if, as is very often the case, they are run up to a high figure, we should certainly advise the young collector to taboo them altogether and to restrict his collection of Persia to the unsurcharged issues.

Too Good to be True

By Walter M. Overton

I was one of those sweltering afternoons, in August that I lay down on the sofa. A philatelic paper lay on the floor and picking it up I soon became deeply absorbed, in an article, in a great philatelic find. Soon I became drowsy and fell sound asleep.

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"Step in and the elevator will take you right to the basement," said the elevator boy of a large office building to me. I followed his directions and stepping in the elevator, I was soon standing in the basement.

On asking a janitor, I got permission to rummage amongst the waste in an adjoining room. What a sight! Great piles of envelopes and wrappers covers with stamps of every description.

Here are two \$1.00 Columbians on a large brown wrapper. Here is a 50c postage due. Thus, did I fill my pockets to their utmost capacity. But, are my eyes fooling me, or is it true? Here is an envelope containing a two cent Pan American with the engine inverted. It was some few minutes before I could gather my senses, so bewildered was I at my rare find.

Just as I was putting the precious Pan American invert in my pocket, the janitor notified me that it was time for the building to be closed.

You may be sure, I left the large pile of envelopes and wrappers with no little sorrow.

As I stepped into the elevator, to go up, I held tightly to my pocket book which contained the Pan American with a feeling of insecurity. So busily was I engaged in thinking what I would do with my find that I did not notice that all at once the elevator began to swiftly descend.

Crash! Bang! there is an accident. Then comes a crashing of broken glass. Everything looks black and my head gets hot.

I open my eyes but am compelled to shut them again on account of the strong sunlight which is pouring in on my face.

My trip to the basement of the office building was a dream. Now it was all simple enough. I had fallen asleep while reading the article in a philatelic find and so dreamed of it.

The accident was only the fallen window which stood before me with one of the panes smashed completely out. The reason for my head getting hot was the hot sun which had been shining in on me.

And my Pan Americap invert was not in my pocketbook, nor were my pockets bulging out.

The latter was too good to be true.

PARCELS POST WITH DENMARK.

A parcels post treaty is now in effect between Denmark and the U. S. The agreement provides that articles of merchandise and mail matter except letters, post cards and written matter of all descriptions shall be admitted to the mails between the two countries. In part it states that no parcel must exceed \$50 or its equivalent in value, 4 pounds 6 ounces in weight, nor the following dimensions, viz, greatest length 3 feet 6 inches, greatest length and girth combined 6 feet, and must be so wrapped or inclosed as to permit the contents to be easily examined by the customs officers and by postmaster duly authorized to do so.

Lincoln Stamps

By L. G. Dorpat

Of these we have 13; the 15c of 1866, the 90c of 1869, the 6c of 1870, the 4c of 1890, 8 Department 6c stamps and the first issue Newspaper 25c; the varieties of grill, paper and watermark not counted.

Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth president of the U. S. Why he should be the first in place of honor when a 15 cent stamp became necessary for registered letters in 1866 is easily understood, if we remember that he had been murdered a few months before, April 14th, 1865. He was then in the minds and hearts of the whole nation, and even his political enemies deplored his death almost as much as if he had been of their own political side. Indeed Lincoln was a friend of the nation, of the South as well as the North, "with malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right." Had he lived to see the reconstruction of the Southern States, he would certainly have shown them that he bore them no malice. No man regretted the necessity of war more than he, but the preservation of the Union which he was elected and sworn to defend stood higher in his estimation than all else. Thus he became the preserver of the Union which Washington, Franklin and Jefferson had founded. Of course he had other men around him to help him, but he was the central figure. His election, on account of his outspoken loyalty to the Union, became the immediate cause of the secession of the South and the consequent civil war. There were between three and four million slaves whom the stroke of his pen set free, but he would never have hazarded the Union to again that end, much as he desired universal slave emancipation. He waited long and tried rather to make peace on the condition that the slaves should be emancipated by purchase, and only after all hope of breaking off the war had vanished, he signed the declaration of emancipation in order to hasten the war to its end. He was a Christian character, sober, honest, manly and strong, kind, benevolent, considerate and just at the same time, seeking everybody's welfare, but above all to do his duty. Whoever knew him could hardly refrain from loving him because of his wisdom, tact, good common sense and humor. For his anecdotes he is hardly less celebrated than for his patriotic and political standing. To this very day there is probably no president of the United States nearer to the heart of his countrymen than Honest Abe, and there is many a fine saying still current which he gave us (one worth remembering is this: "Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.") He has had so many biographers that a collection of his "lives" and "histories" form a respectable library.

The Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club has issued a very fine prospectus of its quarterly the Globe Trotter. It is worth looking through by any one who is interested in any kind of foreign correspondence or collecting. It may be had from Dorpat, Wayside, Wis., for a 2c stamp. The C. C. C. numbers run far above 3900 and are climbing rapidly still. New members coming in from all parts of the world by the hundred for every quarter year.

The U. S. Encased Postage Stamps

By Henry D. Wilson

When the Civil War broke out the political situation became very gloomy. This led the people to hoard anything issued by the government with any element of intrinsic value. Gold went out of sight, followed almost immediately by silver. Even nickel and copper coins soon commanded a premium and were thus practically withdrawn from circulation. There was only one thing left that represented money in amounts below one dollar, the postage stamps. The people had great faith in anything that came from the government and accepted this flimsy circulating medium without hesitation. If it had been of a more durable nature and able to stand the wear and tear of trade better the fractional currency would probably never have been issued. People would have used postage stamps until specie payments were resumed sixteen years later. However the government showed that it appreciated the services of the postage stamps. The first fractional currency was called "Postage currency" and bore facsimiles of the current five and ten cent stamps. It was also made in perforated sheets.

But to return to the stamps; it was soon discovered that they would stick to anything else just as well as to a letter and many attempts were made to overcome this difficulty. They were stuck on sheets of paper about the size of a bank note and circulated in that way for a time. Stamps were also put in envelopes, the value being printed on the outside. However neither of these ways were found practical.

About this time a case for stamps was thought of. At first a simple circular frame of brass, with a plain back. Then came a more elaborate one with side pieces, and best of all a piece of mica to keep the face of the stamp clean and at the same time render its condition and value clearly visible.

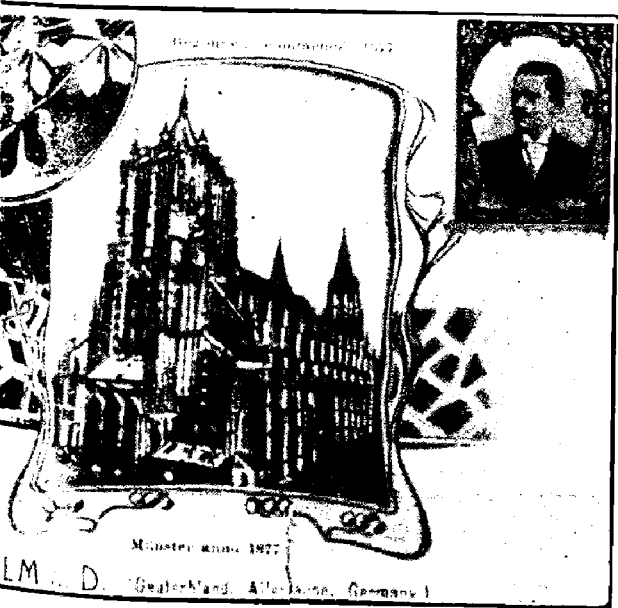
In July, 1862, Mr. James Gault of New York City conceived the idea of combining the postage stamp and frame with the advertising of the time which he put on the back of the frame. The next month he succeeded in getting a patent and was soon actively engaged in the business. He had orders from all over the U. S. and even Canada. The proprietary medicine people gave him the most orders. Next came the banks and hotels. The insurance companies also availed themselves of this novel way of advertising.

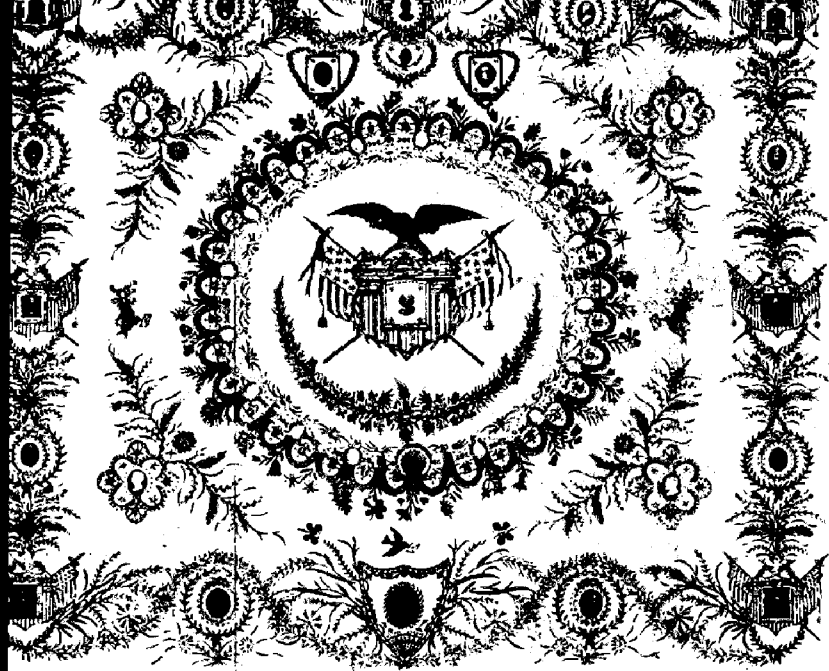
Referring, in a recent issue, to the question of whether hobbies are beneficial or baneful, "London Opinion" says: From one point of view it is easy to laugh at such hobbies as those of collecting post cards, stamps, or even butterflies. But if such a pastime takes the mind away from the task that has been occupying it nearly all day, it must be a wholesome corrective of an evil influence. For there can be no denying that monotony and uniformity are prominent dangers of the age. Every observer must have been struck by the fact that working men to a great extent inhabit houses of exactly the same pattern, rise at the same time in the morning, and cease work at the same time at night, travel by the same omnibuses, trams, or railways, and in every way tend to resemble one another in a grey monotony of existence. A hobby is the natural relief to this."



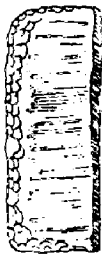
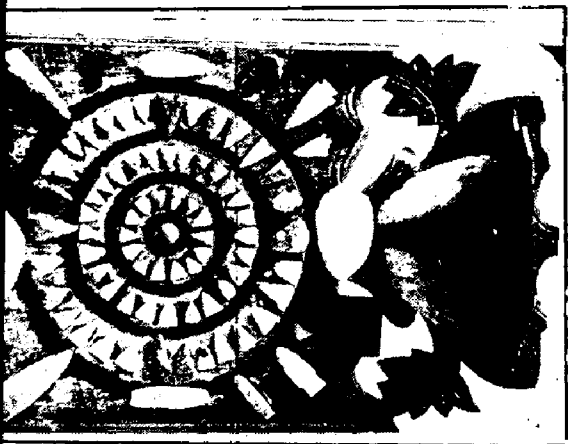
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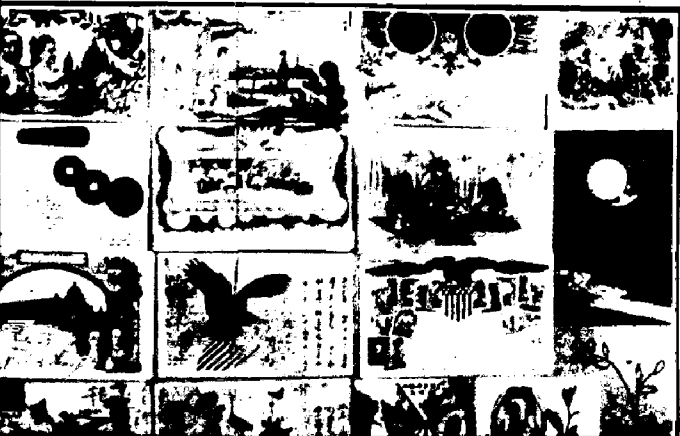


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Collection of Indian Relics.

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Ut. Pass on the Colorado Midland Ry.



Pueblo Indian Squaws carrying water, taken by Chas. A. Koch



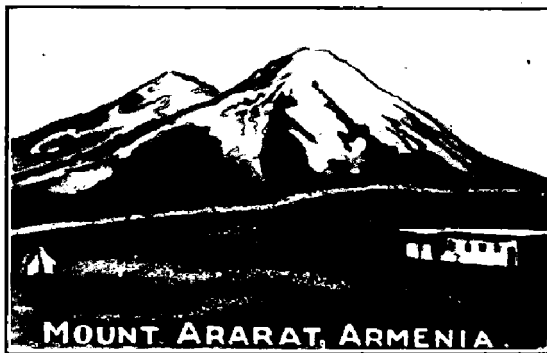
Prehistoric Rooms of Cliff Dwellers, Colorado and New Mexico



Trade Mark of the Ararat Stamp Co. See their 4 page ads.



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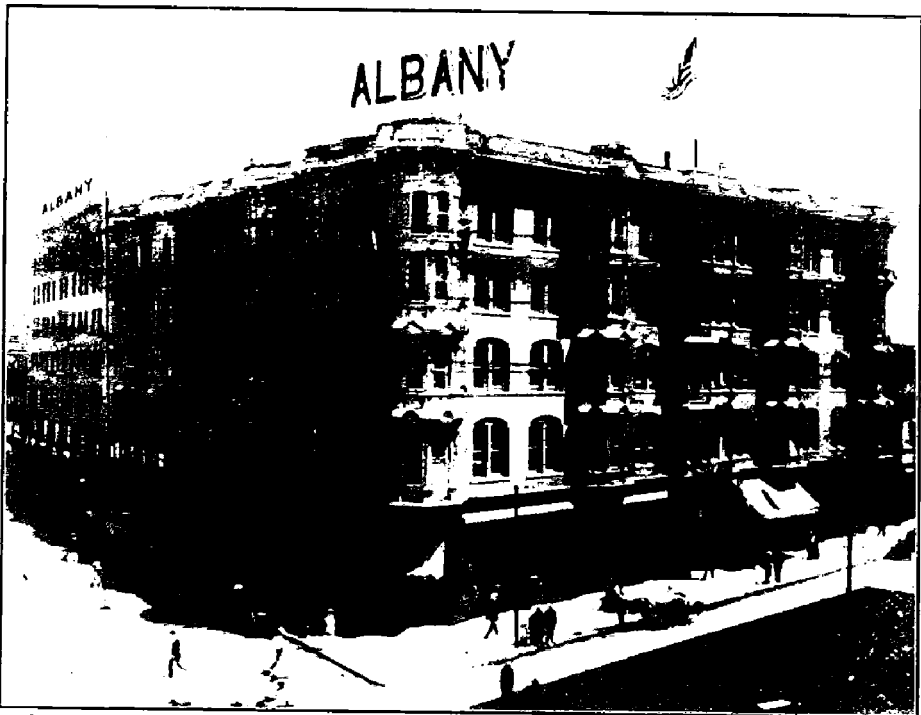
House taken by John Nelson, Ericson, Nebr.





Seated, from left to right, Bigler, Davis, H.A., Hoffman. Officers Denver Collectors Socy.
Standing, " " Bellows, McCabe, Gething, Nast, Carstarphen, Ballau.

Headquarters of Collectors Convention, Denver, July 29, to August 2nd.





PHILOPARTY



POST CARD

*P. C. Collectors
The World
Over*

BY MISS M. KELLER.

Some pretty sample cards seen were sent by H. R. Gregg, Loomis, Wash., showing Mt. Chapaca, Palmer Mt., Palmer Lake and Similkameen Valley, a glorious mountain scenery, as well as Palmer Lake and Mt. Cathedral and others.

Post card calenders are getting to be quite in vogue. These also make excellent birthday cards by pasting a tiny gold or silver heart over the date of friend's birthday who is to receive it. The twelve cards can be tied together, or may be left separate, and one card sent the first of each month.

There are many claimants for the honor of introducing the first new view card, but among these the claims of J. H. Locher, a publisher in Zurich seems to be the best established. He ordered in 1872 a card with a view of that city from a steel engraver in Nuremberg, its use was first restricted on account of the expense of production.

In the post card annals is the history of a young man who began to send a series of initial cards, a letter a day with which he wanted to spell the words:—"Will you marry me?" He sent the "W." and the "I." and then bunched the rest together and telegraphed "Cards all sent. They ask you to marry me? Will you?"

"No Jack, I cannot marry you."

"Then I start for Liberia tomorrow."

"Good I haven't any post cards at all from Liberia."

Since the leather postals came into vogue foot wear has become higher priced. So make your shoes last as long as possible

When the postal portrayed simply buildings and landscapes it appealed only to the more educated, to those who had traveled or hoped to travel, or who read the travels of others. When it began to picture human nature, however, it captured the attention of everyone. It now found itself able to stir the varied emotions of man, to cartoon his hobbies to hit off his different traits and in fact to run the whole government of human life. It is continually assuming new costumes and playing new parts. The general

Government is receiving \$20,000 daily from picture post cards passing thro the mails 11,446,939 is the average daily number.

To jolly some of our exchange members I quote the following rhyme from the International Post Card:

“Of epidemics old or new
Gainst which the nation’s fight is,
The most infectious one, I trow
Is the picture postcarditis.
The Stamp collector in the shade
Discerneth where the light is,

For now he’s nowhere, hence his dread
Of picture postcarditis.
We cannot say how long ’twill stay
But what we’re safe to write is,
Since every dog must have his day—
Then so must postcarditis.”

We collecttors feel that we stand in the midst of a vast array of enthusiasts—not silly riders of an equally silly hobby, but a great body of sane people who see in the picture post card something more than a thing to delight a passing fancy.

From Argentina Rep., are seen many fine cards. I have some issued in the year 1903, on May 23d, in honor of the visit of a Chilian embassy to the Argentine capital. This visit was of such importance as to justify the issue of a special card because it consummated the settlement by arbitration of the long pending dispute between the two republics concerning certain territory in the Andes, which difficulty not long ago almost involved the two countries in war. The stamp, a very, very large one at the left of the card shows two ideal female figures symbolizing the two republics, the two coats-of-arms are at their feet, while in the foreground appears the harbor of Buenos Aires and the Andes tower in the distance. The back of the cards shows news from the disputed territory; there are twenty-three different ones, but only three are before me. One shows a crest of a certain pass of the Andes and wayside travelers on donkies or burrows. The second shows a famous mountain chain in the Province of Mendoza better known as the Cordilleras de los Andes. Mendoza lies south of San Juan and east of Chile. It was the point where San Martin made his celebrated march over the Andes on March 20, 1861. It was entirely destroyed by an earthquake some time ago in which 13,000 perished, only 1,600 reviving. The main chain of the Andes was created by upheaval at some remote date, but no one can say when it occurred, or how long it took. A third view shows the mountain chain Cordou de los Tobas in the Province Chubut of Argentina. These are all beautiful views showing the mountains from a distance as well as at closer range.

Chile comes in well on view cards, depicting Tacua and Iquique, its parks, buildings and grand sceneries on the Tacua river and is the terminus of one of the main routes to Bolivia. A victory was gained here in 1808 by the Chileans over the allied Peruvians and Bolivians. Other views are of Talca, the capitol of the P. of Talca and Talcahua, now an important seaport of southern Chile on Tal. Bay. Iquique is depicted on several cards showing views of interest. This is also a noted seaport of Chile. Near here May 21, 1879, occurred a naval battle in which the ship Esmeralda was sunk by the Peruvian Monitor Huascar. The view from Mt. Acancaqua, the giant of Argentina, this was first climbed in 1886 by the FitzGerald party.

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Dear Members:—It is important that you should help make the Exchange one of the best exchanges there is, if not the largest. Now the only way we can do this is with your help, and if all the officers are doing their best to build up the club you ought to help them as you will be benefitted, for the larger we are the better we will make it for you. You can get your friends to join and you will be doing them a favor for all the collectors are reliable and honest in the Exchange, and besides we are members of the Post Card Protective Association, which is a protection for you against dishonest dealers, exchangers, and frauds, so tell your friends about it and get them to join, and in order to do this we are going to reduce the subscription price to thirty-five cents this month, and give every new member fifty gum addressed slips free, and also we have something in store for every member who sends us a new member. Remember, also, that all members will receive a complete list of members up to date. Will close this message and hope to hear from you all in return.

Yours fraternally, L. G. Cline, Secretary.

The following memberships expire this month; and if you feel satisfied with the Exchange, we respectfully ask that you and your name will continue on our list for another year, otherwise, we shall be obliged to drop you: Leo Martin and H. S. Stansel.

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Oscar W Anderson, 913 4th Ave., Rockford, Ill., colored cards only.

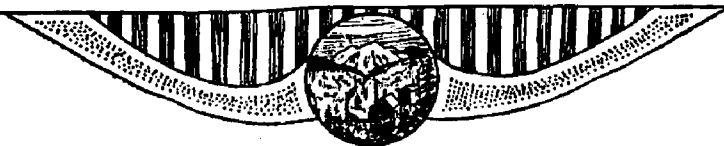
Minnie M. Kimbberly, 110 Burnett Ave., Syracuse, Ill., colored cards.

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RENEWAL. C. F. Pool, Chester, W. Va, colored cards only, prompt reply. Walter Craig, 25 Elmah St., Uniontown, Penn.

Secretary is too busy for active Exchange. When writing to Secretary or officers enclose postage when answer is desired. If you don't get your official organ, write to the publisher, instead of secretary. It is paid for and he is under obligations to send it. If there is any particular person you would like to have join the Exchange write to us about them. If any member is unfair in exchanging, write the Secretary, giving full particulars, name and address and date when sent, and upon three complaints against same party, he or she will be expelled. Members are allowed one month in U. S. and Canada to answer cards, Mexico and other foreiegn countries, three months. Rate for renewal is 35 cents.

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!

MONTANA SAPPHIRE INDUSTRY Part II.

After a time a company was formed to mine the sapphires, one of the principal owners being Jake Hoover, an old trapper and prospector who had lived on the South Fork of the Judith river for years. S. S. Hobson was also interested, and later Hoover's interest was bought by others among them being Matt Dunn of Great Falls. In time the company passed into the hands of an English syndicate. In the meantime a claim had been staked off at the head of the lead, where the latter ran into Yogo Creek, by John Burke and Pat Sweeney of Neihart, and this claim could not be purchased by the English people at what they termed a reasonable figure, so they made the foolish mistake of letting it go. They probably thought they would be able to get it for even less than they offered, in a few years.

In their calculations, however, they figured without a very thorough knowledge of Mr. Sweeney, who had commenced to develop his claim. He worked like a Trojan, blocking out pay dirt, and mining enough of the stones to pay expenses. Finally in prospecting, he picked up the lead across Yogo Creek, in a gulch known as Kelly coulee, staking out claim after claim, as he traced the lead along, until he had possession of almost as much sapphire "dirt" as the English company. Various deals were made with him by various people, but none of these amounted to much until he got C. C. Proctor of Great Falls and Dan Condon of Neihart interested with him. This trio certainly "made medicine," presently selling their holdings to the present American Sapphire company.

At present both the English and the American companies are getting out a great many sapphires, but by very different methods. The American company experimented in concentrating the stones on concentrating tables, and finding this a successful method of extracting the gems from their matrix, built a mill for crushing the pay dirt and concentrating the gems.

The New Mine Sapphire syndicate, as the English company is called, is still sluicing its pay dirt through flumes with riffles in them, losing, in this process, many of the stones. Their cleanups have to be panned down, something in the manner of placer gold. The product is all shipped to London, where the owners of the mine live.

The American company has all the best water for various purposes in connection with mining and concentrating the gems, its plant being located on Yogo Creek, while the English company has to ditch its water for over twelve miles, and is even shut off from this supply in the winter, when its water has to be hauled for several miles.

(To be continued.)

The Cent of 1877

By C. F. Dunham

Thirty years ago the poorest cent ever issued by the mint was coined. The cent of 1877 is the rarest and yet the poorest of our Caucasian Indian cents, because it is very weakly struck. It weighs 48 grains, and is composed of copper, zinc, and tin. The real value of the metal is worth about one-fifth of a cent.

In 1882 a proof of this issue brought fifty cents, while today one brings \$1.20. A piece in fine condition can be picked up at about thirty five cents almost anywhere. There were 852,500 cents coined in 1877 according to the mint report.

On the obverse is the portrait of a lately deceased Philadelphian lady named Mrs. Sarah Keen. In 1835 a contest was opened by the government for designs for the new copper cent. Mrs. Keen's father at that time was the chief engraver at the mint, and also was one of the contestants.

One day some Indians visited the mint, and seeing the pretty daughter of the engraver suggested to him that she might look picturesque in Indian ornaments. He consented, and on viewing her after the change immediately drew her picture.

He then sent the drawing to the judges of the contest, and it won by one vote. Liberty was then engraved on the band around the feathers, and the date beneath. United States of America was lettered in the field around the coin.

On the reverse is the denomination one cent, surrounded by a wreath of oak leaves meeting a shield at the top. At the base are three arrows pointing right, bound by a ribbon to the wreath.

The word cent is derived from the Latin word centum, which means hundred; as ten per cent the proportion of ten parts in a hundred. The cent is an equivalent to ten mills or one hundredth part of a dollar.

The Indian cents were coined first in 1859 in white metal and were used until 1864, when a composition of copper was substituted. The same design and the latter metal has been used ever since.

Post cards will make a beautiful library table cover for your den or room. This cover will be a pleasant reminder of your friends, and at the same time servicable for your table. It takes fifteen cards one way and five cards wide. You can lace it with brown cord, brown baby ribbon or with leather cut by a saddler; or you can fringe the cards themselves. A shawl or scarf made in two colors, blue and white, knit with Afghan stitch, 27 inches wide and 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards long, would make a splendid cover.

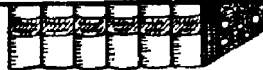
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Book Collecting *By A Bibliomaniac*

To be inoculated with the bacillus of stamp collecting may be a pleasing and delectable humor but that of Bibliomania or Book-madness is to my mind the most fascinating of the two diversions. To be a true book lover and collector one must have a genuine antiquarian interest and fondness for all old books--love them for themselves alone, putting aside all monetary or commercial considerations in forming one's collection. True there are many who collect books solely for speculative purposes with the views of periodically dumping them upon the auction block at prices in advance probably of what they cost the buyer, but the true book lover collects books for the joy and pleasure of the thing. He rejoices to see his illuminated Missals, his hog-skin old worm eaten folios, his choice First Editions, his petite Elzivers, his unique rarities ranged round the shelves of his library, prides himself on his choice acquisitions, delights to show them to appreciative friends, and lovingly handles them and gloats over them as a miser his cherished hoards of gold, and only parts with them when the grim Reaper has laid his icy hand upon him.

The vagaries of book collectors are various and whimsical. Each collector has his peculiar line of collecting embodying his individual intellectual tastes or personal peculiarities. Many covet and collect the First Editions of representative authors, poets, essayists, such as Longfellow, Emerson, etc., for what reason I never could clearly understand for I always supposed that a second or third edition of a writer with all the errors corrected, and probably better bound was to be preferred to a first edition. But no, it must be a first edition, often full of errors and shabbily bound. Others collect what is known as Americana books on the early history and development of our country; others are partial to anything treating of the American Indians or Indian warfare or Indian captivities; still others have a passion for collecting Incunabula or works on early printing from 1459 to 1500, another fad is collecting Ex Libris or Book-plates, charmed with these artistic and beautiful examples of early engraving.

But it is idle to further extend the list of fads in book collecting it is as diverse and extensive as the varied whims and idiosyncracies of human nature. One Boston dealer has customers that collect books and prints in following lines: Prayer books, portraits of one eyed men, cock fighting, pirates, whaling, miniature books, chap books, almanacs, valentines, cook

books, maps, chess, old pictures of fires, precious stones, etc., etc.

Assuming that you are fond of old books and would like to indulge your fondness in forming a collection, how shall you begin. You of course can only know what is really worth collecting or valuable after years of study of bibliographical aids, price current, book catalogues, close observations of market values and perhaps costly mistakes in purchase.

A book is not valuable because it is old—a foolish idea many people have. An old book is only valuable when it is scarce and in demand by collectors. Then too an old book may be scarce and intrinsically valuable but there may be little demand for it, so that there are three elements that go into the make up of a valuable book—oldness, rarity and demand. Quite often we see a modern book that is intrinsically valuable textually and is not specially rare but is much sought after, command a much higher price than a valuable rare book that is not often sought for.

The principal thing then to know in book collecting is what old books textually valuable are sought for by collectors and what are likely to appreciate in value in the future. There are thousands of such out of print old books in all departments of literature and to know their various editions, their bibliography, their scarcity or non rarity, their market values, requires the most persistent study of all bibliographical aids obtainable.

(To be continued.)

Mineralogy

By E. R. Steinbrueck

If all coal was originally formed under water, altho the char coal is burnt slowly under earthheaps, the theory of the old Greeks becomes verified. Ancient records tell about a great continent west of the pillars of Hercules, of earthquakes and volcanic revolutions, of deluges, of a sunken part of the world and of an upheaval now called the Western Hemisphere. Morton County of North Dakota is underlaid with lignite coal and you can see it come to daylight on the borders of creeks and rivers and on the side of the hills, or you find it deeper underground when digging a well. Consequently this part of the world must have been on top of the water to grow large forests and again under water to form the coal and up again to be settled by an industrious enterprising class of people. Petrified stumps of trees four feet in diameter and over, come to the surface in ravines, and above the bed of coal is a layer of clay which, wherever you split it horizontally with the blade of a knife, shows to you the impression of heartshaped leaves and of twigs.

Rare coins sold. The sale of rare coins collected by the late David S. Wilson of Pittsburg proved to be the largest day's sale of coins ever held in America. The net receipts were \$13,419.55. Forty six complete sets of United States gold proof coins, denominations ranging from \$1 to \$20, netted more than \$8,500. One Pittsburg collector purchased \$3 000 worth. Eighteen early \$5 gold pieces brought \$3,013, \$650 paid for one dated 1819. Thirteen quarter eagles sold for \$1,069, one dated 1834, bringing \$260. Nine rare dollar gold pieces sold for \$386. A \$1 gold piece of the Dahlonega mint mark sold for \$280.



BY OSWALD A. BAUER

Perforated stone discs are in many localities a rather frequent relic. Much speculation has been indulged in as to their use and many theories offered. In Australia these stones are also found and there they were used to weight digging sticks and when the owners were attacked as a weapon. The stones were fixed on the stick with the grooved side undermost and the grooved side filled up with gum into which small shell tips were set for ornament. No doubt the North American Indian put them to a similar use. The small pottery discs on the other hand were quite generally used as a medium of exchange or as currency.

Some of the largest flint instruments found in the world come from Central Tennessee. Chips off the old block (Flint Ridge) so well known to collectors. It is also exceedingly rich in shell art and in recent years its graves have given up rare finds.

Most collectors of shells as they add a new specimen to their cabinet, think or take little time to study the living mite whose home has been virtually in the shell. Some are very curious indeed. This is particularly so of the gasteropods commonly called snails. The most curious part of these animals is the tongue which is a broad band armed with a great number of glossy silicious teeth, which are arranged in rows in a regular manner, and differently in the different kinds of gasteropods. The tongue of some kinds contains one hundred and sixty rows of teeth, and one hundred and eighty teeth in each row or more than twenty-eight thousand teeth in all. They lay eggs from which the young are hatched. These in the case of river snails are viviparous while in land snails the eggs have a flexible shell in some cases and a brittle one in others. The eggs of fresh water snails are soft and transparent.

There are fifteen thousand different kind of Mollusks. In many capacities have they served man. The oyster, the clam and the scallop are reckoned among his choicest articles of food. The shells have served him through the ages variously as toys, money, ornaments and last but not least the collector prizes them for his collection.

One of the most notable varieties of earthenware found in any of the various regions are the "salt vessels." Two Ohio Valley localities are

especially noted for them: one is near Shawneetown, Illinois and the other near Nashville, Tennessee. They were produced by the various tribes of the region for the special purpose of reducing the salt waters of the localities in which they are found.

Another Campaign Badge of 1860

By George J. Remsburg

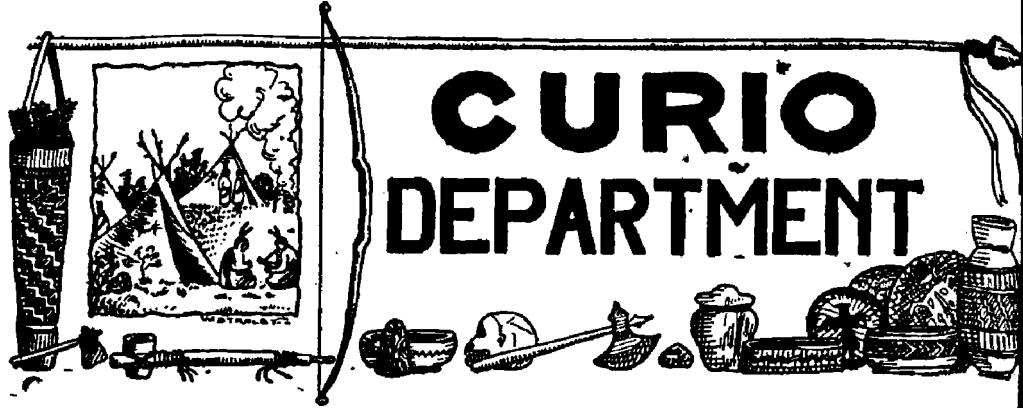
Having read Mr. Herman H. Boers' entertaining article under the caption of "An Interesting Political Badge of the 1860 Campaign"; in the March number of the WEST, in which he describes a badge in his collection representing the Republican candidates for president and vice president in the campaign of 1860—Lincoln and Hamlin—permit me to say that in my collection of relics and curiosities may be seen another badge of the same campaign, but representing opposing candidates, those of the Democratic party—or rather a faction of the party—Breckenridge and Lane.

The Democratic party, in convention at Charleston, in April 1860, became divided on the question of slavery in the Territories. The majority adjourned to Baltimore and nominated Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois to be the next president, with Fitzpatrick of Alabama, as vice president. A number of the delegates withdrew from the Baltimore convention and nominated John C. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, for president, and Joseph Lane, for vice president. A third party nominated John Bell, of Tennessee and Edward Everett, of Massachusetts. As already mentioned, the Republicans placed in the field, Abraham Lincoln of Illinois, and Hannibal Hamlin, of Maine, who were the successful candidates.

The Breckenridge-Lane badge in my possession is a metallic piece, the size and shape of a silver quarter, except thicker. Around the border on one side is the inscription, "John C. Breckenridge, 1860," and on the reverse side, "Joseph Lane, 1860." On the respective sides were originally embossed likenesses of the candidates, but these have become unrecognizable by corrosion. Otherwise the medal is in good condition.

Dr. Amos York, of Strasburg, Ills., donated this interesting relic to my collection, accompanied by the following note: "This badge was found with 50 of its kind, in a ravine in Ash Grove township, Shelby County, Illinois, in June, 1891. It is supposed by old settlers that they were hid there by deserters from the Union Army, as they camped in that part of the country. This county at one time was well organized to resist the Draft, and is strongly Democratic to this day."

Spanish, Mexican and American silver dollars of a face value of \$12000, was found hidden in several tin cans beneath the ruins of Leonary Hackett's saw mill at New Vineyard, by Mr. Hackett Monday while making an examination preparatory to rebuilding. It is supposed to have belonged to a Mr. Potter, a former owner of the mill, who died 55 years ago. Mr. Hackett has deposited the money as required by state statutes and after a certain time, during which it will be advertised, it will revert to him providing no heir to Mr. Potter's estate or other claimant can be found.



BY ARCHIBALD CROZIER, Wilmington, Delaware.

A mammoth, one of the giant elephants that roamed North America thousands of years ago, will probably be one of the exhibits at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, says the Scientific American. It will be brought down to the Exposition from its present resting place in the blue ice of an Alaskan glacier. The body of the prehistoric monster was discovered some time ago. The mammoth's carcass is intact in the ice, where it has rested for thousands of years.

Captain Cook's chest, the one which he carried with him on his voyages of discovery over one hundred years ago, occupies a place in the home of Rev. R. Crosby, of North Branch, Mich.

It is presumed that this rare old treasure inclosed the chart of the St. Lawrence river, when in 1759, Capt. Cook with the ship Mercury, commanded a squadron which performed the hazardous service of taking soundings of that river under the guns of the French fleet, and that it was with the famous navigator when he made his voyages of discovery in the Pacific.

The chest is made of Spanish mahogany, beautifully bound in hammered brass, the work of an expert. The mahogany is one and a half inches thick, each side being a single piece.

Genuine meteorites are curiosities highly prized by museums and scientific collectors. A band of meteorite counterfeiters was recently captured, and considerable evidence obtained of very cultrous and ingenious methods for deceiving collectors. The members of this band were Corsicans. It was their practice to obtain natural rock resembling meteorites as closely as possible, and then to burn them in order to produce crust which is one of the ear marks of every genuine meteorite. The pieces of the rock were coated with lamp black dissolved in molten sulphur. It seems that this method was not perfect, for the deception was discovered and the men went to prison.

The rare first issue of Sam'l Champlain's first narrative of his voyages to America was sold at auction recently for \$2900. The little book was printed by order of Champlain upon his return from his first voyage. There seems to be no recorded sale of this first issue, and but one of the second

issue, which is now in the collection of J. Pierpont Morgan. The only known copies of the first issue are those in the Lennox Library, the John Carter Brown Library, and the British Museum. This rarity was picked up in Paris about six months ago for 20 cents by a book lover, who found it among a lot of cheap books on a dealer's stall.

A certain Atossa in early Roman days seems to have been the first autograph collector. Cicero had a collection, which must have been a fine one, for he speaks of it with particular pride. The fever, even in those days, was contagious. Pliny speaks of Pompeius Secundus, at whose house he had seen autographs of Cicero, Augustus, Virgil, and the Gracchi, and his collection was valued at \$15000 of our money. Then came the inrush of barbarians, and we do not again meet with the collector until the beginning of the 16th century, when he appears in the person of a Bohemian squire, who kept a book to record his exploits in the chase, and enriched it with the signatures of his hunter friends.

Some interesting reports have been received from Jericho regarding the excavating work which has been begun there by Prof. Sellin, the well known Austrian archaeologist. Less than six feet below the surface of the ground the workmen found walls, streets, urns and vases, almost all of which showed traces of Canaanite culture.

The greatest find was that of a building some three feet underground; present a style of architecture such as hitherto has been entirely unknown in Palestine.

There were many difficulties to be overcome before Prof. Sellin could begin his work at Jericho, the Sultan giving his consent very reluctantly, and only after much pressure on the part of the Austrian embassy at Constantinople.

Fishes have been discovered in Guatemala with two pairs of eyes. One pair does duty above water and the other below, the fish thus being able to see equally well in both elements.

A Postal Card Stand. This stand is constructed very much on the same principle as a photograph frame, but with this difference, that it has a pocket in front that is capable of holding post cards. It should be in size about $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches high by $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and consists of a piece of stout card board or thin wood covered with dark green art serge, and edged with a cord. An extra piece of material in front forming the pocket, and this may be lined with silk. The words "post cards" are worked in silk, and two little flower designs fill the space in either side. It is supported at the back in the same manner as an ordinary photograph frame with a piece of stout card board (this for appearance sake may be covered with colored paper) hinged on with a piece of cloth glued on to the back of the stand and the top of the support.

19 one dollar gold pieces were deposited in the Bank of Oakfield, Wis., the day last month.

California Notes

By F. Ray Risdon

California, although a young state, has historical associations which ante-date the United States itself—I mean the California Missions, which are twenty-one in number.

Following El Canimo Real, (The King's Highway), from San Diego northward, the missions were:—

San Diego, established in 1769; San Luis Rey, 1798; San Juan Capistrano, 1776; San Gabriel, 1771; San Fernando, 1791; San Buenaventura, 1782; Santa Barbara, 1786; Santa Ynez, 1804; La Purisma Concepcion, 1587; San Louis Obispo, 1772; San Miguel, 1797; San Antonio, 1771; Nuestra Senora de la Soledad, 1791; San Carlos Borromeo, 1770; San Juan Bautista, 1797; Santa Cruz, 1791; San Jose, 1797; Santa Clara, 1777; San Francisco Padre Serafco, 1776; San Rafael, 1817; San Francisco Solano, 1823.

The most progressive, wide awake, archaeological organization in the country is the Southwest Society, A. I. A., of Los Angeles, California. Organized a little over three years ago, the society now has over 400 members; it owns the Caballeria collection of thirty-four oil paintings and which hung in the Missions until 1834, and two archeological collections, the "Palmer-Campbell" and the "Rutter." The daughter of General Fremont has donated to the Southwest Museum the personal relics of her father, among which is the Bear Flag. Besides these, the society has secured seven of Keith's paintings of the Missions in 1882; and it has formed three successful scientific expeditions which have been of very great benefit to science. Temporarily, the Southwest Museum is in rooms 371-383 Pacific Electric Bldg. Dr. F. W. Palmer is curator.

Passing down one of the main streets of this city. (Los Angeles) the other day, I noticed three or four mummies, purported to be genuine, in the window of a Japanese art store. The sight of them recalled to my mind a little shop in the heart of this city, where such "mummies" were manufactured. "while you wait". About two years ago it was, the residents of this city were allowed to view the process at an admission of "so much per". Passing into the "studio," past "Egyptian Mummies", fully cured, and "genuine Indian Relics" we found the "artist" at work. I shall not describe everything which we saw, but briefly stated:—the head of the mummy, upon which he was working, was of plaster of Paris; the body was modelled of excelsior and coarse cloth. Over the coarse cloth of the body, he wrapped chee-e cloth; and over this he spread plaster of Paris, upon which, when nearly dry, he placed liquid glue-soaked cotton. This, upon drying, resembled the coarse, dry skin of an original mummy. The mummy is next stained. The hair of the head is just plain horse hair; the nails and teeth are of horn. In some of them the ribs—made of bamboo, are plainly seen. After drying and setting the mummy is finished and a fair price is demanded for this "genuine Egyptian prince or princess," as the case varies. Without doubt the "mummies" which I viewed in the Japanese store were of J. C. Fisher's manufacture.

England's Wooden Money.

Wooden checks are the sort of thing one would expect to find in China or Thibet, but, as a matter of fact, they were used in England from the earliest times down to as late as 1834

Tallies, as they were called, were made out of a curved piece of hazel, notches being cut along the edges to stand for a certain sum of money; the tally was then sawed half through below the notch, and the notched part split into two pieces, on both of which the notches appeared.

These pieces served as check and counterfoil, the latter being always the larger piece with the unnotched end as a kind of handle. The smaller piece was then taken by the payee, the larger sent to the person on whom the check was drawn - generally a collector of customs or other revenues, public or private.

He would honor the check on finding that the two pieces fitted, and had the amount credited to him by the drawer on returning them together to him. Thus the danger and expense of transporting large sums in coin were avoided.

Forgery of a tally was obviously impossible unless a new counterfoil could be substituted, and if stolen in the ordinary way it would be of little use to the thief for, unlike checks, there was nothing to show on whom it was drawn.

There are still a good many tallies in existence, but the majority were burned in the great fire which destroyed the old houses of parliament; the remainder are chiefly to be found in the public record office, and no doubt also in the muniment room of great land owners.

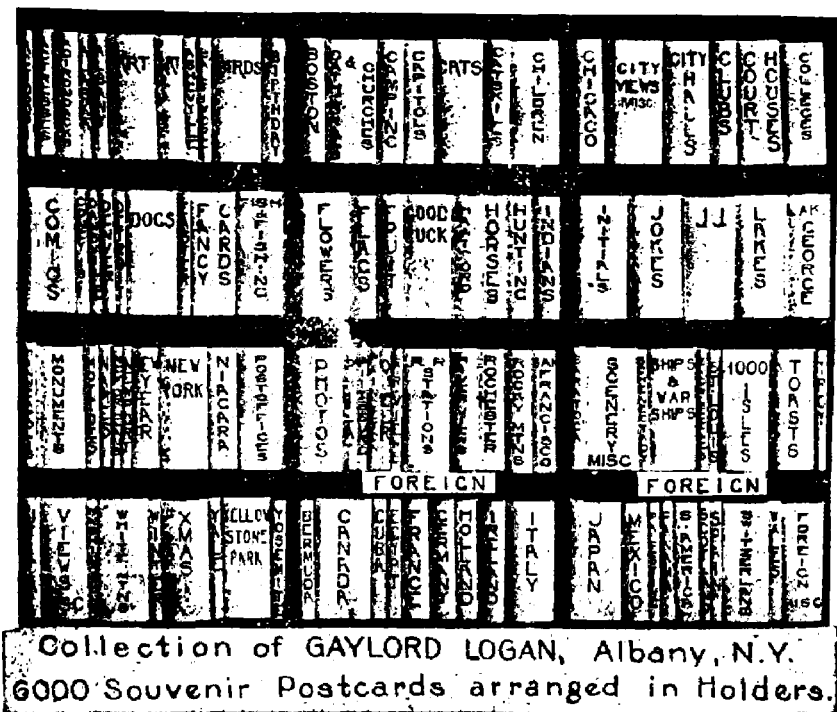
It is said that Father Caballeria, of the Plaza Mission, this city, recovered somewhere in the church yard, or in the church, part of the original cross upon which the Christ was crucified. The piece of cross was brought from Spain many, many years ago, by the Catholic friars who came to California.

One young woman had such an array of kodak and post card albums that she originated a post card screen, which affords a novel and charming manner of displaying the most interesting cards where they form a never-failing source of enjoyment for all who see it. Such a screen is appropriate for the living room or the den. This one is made of weathered oak one inch square, with panels for three rows of post cards across the top. Below this a rich dark green burlap was tacked, and the edges finished with upholstery finishing braid to match. As a rule, the scenes on post cards introduce many different colors which are best brought out by a plain dark background. There is much field for originality in planning different designs for the arrangement of such a screen, and the cost may be materially reduced by using cheaper woods.

A sofa pillow of leather postals may be made by cutting two small gashes lengthwise of the card at each corner and two crossways of the cards near the center, at each end. Then run small strips of leather or tan shoe strings through the gashes to connect the card each way. Make two square, the size of the pillow you wish covered and tie securely around the edge.

A Souvenir Post Card Collection Arranged in Holders

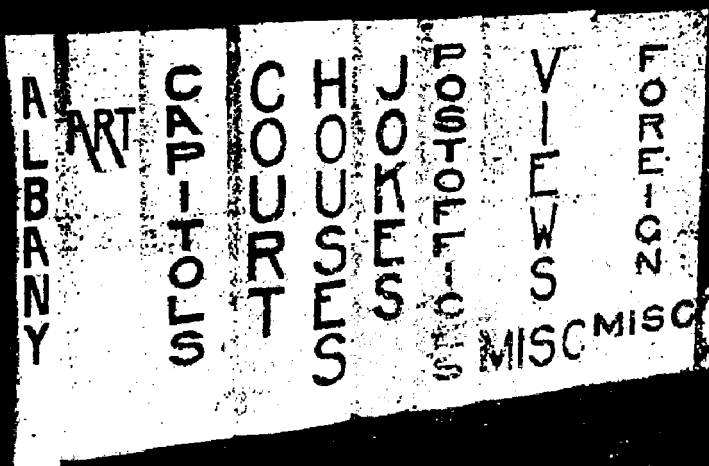
With the increasing number of collections of souvenir post cards and their constant increase in size has come the problem how to keep them and how to arrange and classify them so as to get the most use and enjoyment of them. All collectors will readily recall the first few cards kept in an envelope, followed with boxes and albums and then some more albums and more boxes, with more or less cards broken, soiled and mislaid. Some system had to be adopted and usually the album with all its disadvantages was the only plan at hand. But as ever has been, necessity is the mother of invention, and some one invented the Souvenir Postcard Holder which securely holds and protects the cards, is most compact and handy, provides for perfect classification and arrangement and affords the best opportunity for examining, showing and enjoying the cards which become real treasures, mementoes and keepsakes. And it is a delight to be able to turn at once to just the card you have in mind.



Collection of GAYLORD LOGAN, Albany, N.Y.
6000 Souvenir Postcards arranged in Holders.

The accompanying cut shows a collection of one of our Union Souvenir Card Exchange members, No. 608, containing 6000 cards arranged in holders and so classified that any desired card can be turned to in a moment. This particular collection is arranged in holders for 10 cards, for 20 cards, 50 cards and 100 cards, each holder being marked or labeled as to its contents, and the holders are in alphabetical order in the boxes. Each box will contain holders enough for 500 cards and the boxes are simply laid on one another and can be built up and taken down as desired, for they are light, and one

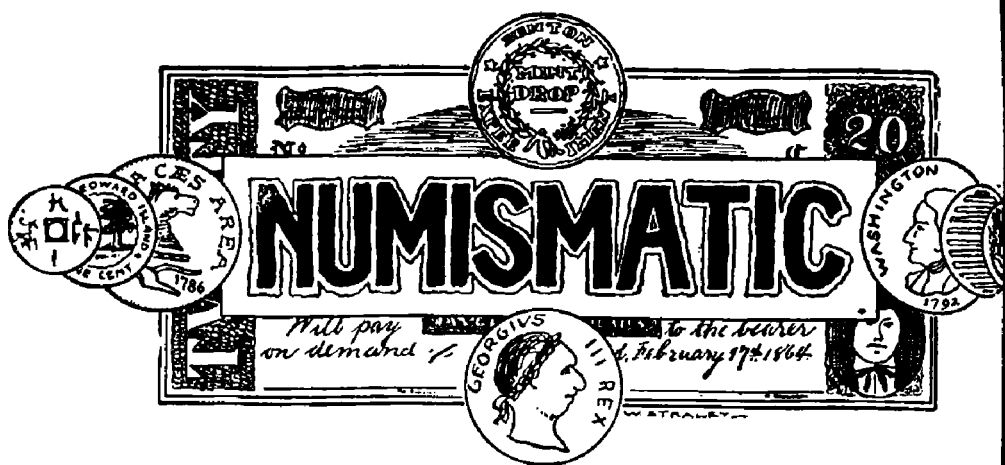
or more can be put in a sachel, dress suit case or trunk whenever you wish to carry your cards with you in that way. The separate holders being even more easily carried about or packed. The boxes are not essential to this system, a table, a shelf or a drawer answering the purpose.



Early Collection of GAYLORD LOGAN, Albany, N.Y.
500 Souvenir Postcards, arranged in holders.

The second cut shows a single box in which is arranged a smaller collection of 500 cards. Expansion and rearrangement as a collection increases is so completely provided for that one may start with a holder for 100, for 50 or even 10 and add more from time to time to an unlimited extent, rearranging cards, adding to classification and labeling the different holders to suit individual taste. The collection shown in the picture was made within a year and many of the cards came from members of our Union Souvenir Card Exchange.

High Prices for Rare Coin. At the sale of the James S. Bryant collection of coins, tokens, medals, stamps, bank bills and books, held by Lyman H. Lov at 14 E. 23rd St., N.Y. City, the highest price was brought by an 1879 \$4 gold piece, which was knocked down for \$55.50. A piece of 80 reis of the year 1829, struck off for Queen Maria II, during her exile, brought only sixty-five cents. A "hard times token" bearing Andrew Jackson's head in relief and the motto "The bank must perish," fetched \$27. Other good prices were: An 1863 ten cent piece (uncirculated), \$3.10; \$9 for a penny token in memory of "The Glorious Whig Victory of 1834;" \$22.50 for an uncirculated token of 1837; \$7.10 for an 1861 Confederate copper cent, and \$9 for an 1830 Russian piece of three roubles, three times its weight in gold.—Atlas Stamp Co.



Confederate and Broken Bank Notes

By R. L. Deitrick

Confederate and broken bank notes are becoming more collected than ever. Most of them rank superior in engraving than stamps, and are fast coming the leading hobby for collectors. Collecting of paper money is yet in its infancy, but is growing steadily. Father Scott predicts it will be the leading hobby in coming years.

Most of the old issues of 1800 to 1836 are badly engraved on very plain paper and are curiosities in noting the progress of printing as the years go fleeting by; more improved methods are brought in use each coming year.

The Southern Bank Note Co., Continental and National, have issued some beautiful notes and are superior to other Bank Note Co's. Most of the notes issued by them are in black and green.

Broken bank notes were issued by different states in the Union and many contain portraits of noted men, historical pictures and seal of the state issued in. Of shimplaster, there are quantities issued by different counties, parishes, towns, banks and firms. These contain signatures of noted men and passed current in North and South in their day, and was called scrip, fractional currency.

Many of these notes have been recently redeemed by the states and different firms by paying per cent on the dollar. I have seen notes that have been redeemed since 1890, that were issued in 1861.

A collector possessing several hundred different varieties should consider himself in luck. Collect clean bright notes slightly used, torn and discolored are not fit to grace an album. In this case they run in same rank as stamps and coins. Rare mutilated stamps and coins are worth but a few cents, while one of same issue new, nearly so, is worth many dollars.

Commence right by collecting the best copies you can secure and you will have a collection you will feel proud of, and worth dollars.

Paper money can be mounted in albums three or four to the page. Same kind of hinge can be used as are used for stamps although the large hinge is preferred by many collectors.

St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society



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The 58th regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday May 28, at usual time and place, President Cornwall presiding and the following members present: Baer, Cornwall, Diamant, Humes, Long, Millhouse, Myers, Ruedi, Schellhorn, Schoeman, Sisson and Slack.

A communication of considerable interest relative to our future place of meeting was brought to the notice of the members by Mr. Sisson, who conveyed the message of the St. Louis Manufacturers' Association in whose comfortable quarters we have been assembling. This Association is about to move to more modern and spacious apartments in the Wright Building (Rooms 802-805) 8th and Pine Sts., where we have been generously offered the same rare privileges enjoyed in the old rooms. On motion the Secretary was instructed to communicate the Society's heartiest thanks to the Manufacturers Association for its kindness.

Two highly entertaining Prize Contests were proposed. The first by Mr. Schoeman required the members to write off hand the name of the country issuing the greatest number of stamps and to state how many had been issued. Of the three correct answers President Cornwall's estimate of the number issued by Salvador (621) was closest and he accordingly was adjudged the winner. The second contest proposed by the President required the participants to write in 15 minutes as many issuing British Colonies and Protectorates as possible. First prize carried off by Mr. Millhouse (60 names) and second by Mr. Slack. Such contests arouse much interest and good natured fun, are most enjoyable features of the meetings and will doubtless tend to increase the attendance which even now averages better than a majority of society gatherings, in proportion to membership.

The Exchange Department is being freely patronized and new books are in considerable demand. For this reason members will find it advantageous to enter such duplicates as they may possess, promptly.

Next meeting Tuesday May 11, Rooms 803-805, Wright Building, 8th & Pine Sts. Come and see our new quarters.

Chester Myers, Secy.

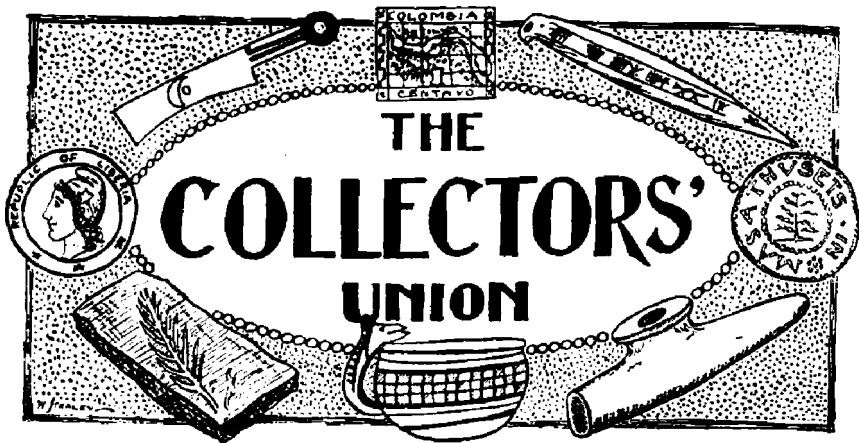
The fifty ninth regular meeting of this Society was called to order by President Cornwall, Tuesday June 11, 1907, at usual time in our new meeting place in the rooms of the Manufacturers' Ass'n., 803-805 Wright Bldg.

Present were Messrs. Baer, Boisselier, Cornwall, Delafield, Hopkins, Humes, Kring, Kunz, Long, Millhouse, Myers, Ruedi, Schellhorn, Schoeman, Wood.

Three A. P. A. circuits, the Society's own circuits, an impromptu auction, heated discussions of the topics of the day held all in attendance interested until a late hour.

Next meeting, Tuesday June 25. Don't forget the place, 803 to 805 Wright Bldg., 8th & Pine Sts.

Chester Myers, Sec'y.



Organized Jan. 1, 1907, for the purpose of drawing every collector into
One Great Union for the benefit of all.

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One person in each state wanted as State Vice President
One person in each county in the United States wanted as Deputy in charge of County Branch.

(Expect to publish a list of vice presidents next issue)

New Members—W. J. England, Caro, Mich., Rfd. 4, curios, relics, coins, stamps. L. C. Sparks, Jeffersonville, Ind. Harold Banning, 200 W. High St., Mt. Vernon, Ill., collects medals only. J. L. Clarke, Albuquerque, N. M., Stamps and Indian Relics. Edith Chapin, Paonia, Colo., Postcards. A. Drury, Berkley, Calif., 3019 Grove St., Postcards and stamps. Wm. Shumaker, Chicago, 6742 Pauline Ave., photo post cards, exchange. John T. Chandler, Lovelaceville, Ky. Miss Bertha Kuehn, Eveleth, Minn. F. N. Chevalier, Los Angeles, Calif., 948 Maple Ave. R. K. Collins, Wilson, La., Stamps, postcards, curios. M. Shuster, Baltimore, Md., 1612 Hopkins Ave., stamps. R. R. McGill, Chicago, Ill., 23 E. 77th St., stamps. A. C. Ostman, Courtland, Calif. J. Skinner, Albany, N. Y., 44 N. Pearl St., Historical autographs, and old books. C. Ochner, Herman, Mo., Post cards. M. Guttman, N. Y. City, 604 Manhattan Ave., stamps. C. Davis, Box 24, Leads, S. D., curios, postcards. L. Pierce, Allentown, N. J., stamps. S. Ringold, Hampshire, Tenn, Rfd 2, stamps. R. Q. Pease, Boston, Mass., 299 Congress St., stamps. Y. Tubbs, Bx 614, Maquoeta, Ia. J. G. Reardon, Jersey City, N. J., 394 Grove St. E. Banks, Phillips, S. D. J. McLain, Bluffton, Ind., high grade photography. Miss Eva Koch, Golconda, Ill., post cards. Bert Wright, Superior, Nebraska, postcards and photographs. Rob S. Woodward, Hudson, Mass., coins and stamps. E. J. Clegg, Bx. 64, Walkerville, Ont., Canada, British coins and Indian curios.

We wish to hear each and every reader's ideas and suggestions and wishes about our society, and how we can make it more profitable to each other.

To Press Flowers place them between two blotters. The blotting paper will absorb all moisture and prevents staining the leaves of books. To press Ferns and delicate plants and flowers place between two sheets of cotton then in a large book, an old geography is fine for this.

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FELLOW MEMBERS:—I am pleased to inform the members of the S. P. A. that in this issue will be found a list of the stamps donated to be sold at auction for the benefit of this Society. I hope all will bid liberally. Hoping that all members will try and increase our roll of members as rapidly as possible, I am fraternally, R. L. Doak, Secretary.

Application blanks for the asking.

SALES SUPT'S. REPORT.

Twenty-four books in circulation, as per last month's report, value	\$690.34
Eight books received since, value	125.30
Thirty-two Books in circulation, value	\$815.65.

New members as well as old members who are not receiving the circuit are missing some good opportunities. The Sales Department gives you the pick of a fine assortment of stamps at your own homes, where you may compare with your collections; keep what you want and send the books along to the next on circuit; surely a desirable way of purchasing stamps.

Members not already on the different circuits and who desire to have their names entered, will please let me know.

Blank books with printed rules of the Department and holding 120 stamps will be furnished at the rate of 5 cents each.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Supt.

What is one of the largest collections 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 now growing almost too bulky for convenient handling, there being more than ten thousand cards. One of the most interesting albums in the collection is the volume containing the cards sent to him by his parents during their trip around the world.—St. Paul Press.



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June 20, 1907.

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| 1078. Geo. B. Parker | 1170. Miss Helen L. Parshall. |

Numbers in parenthesis indicate number of times names have appeared on Roll of Honor.

THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

The following members will represent The Union at the Jamestown Exposition on Post Card Club Day, Thursday, August 15th, 1907. Will you be there? This notice will appear but once more, so please advise us promptly.

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COMPLAINTS.

Notwithstanding the instructions which have been repeatedly given

during the past four months as to the manner in which complaints should be rendered, certain members entirely disregard our wishes respecting same.

It is needless to say that we must ignore all complaints which are not rendered as per rules.

IMPORTANT.

Some of our members frequently address the publisher of the WEST in regard to matters which pertain strictly to The Union.

The result is that considerable delay is caused in giving your case attention, as the correspondence must be sent on to us.

Please abide by the rules on this subject, viz: Address Mr. Brodstone ONLY when you fail to receive the WEST. We can and will look after all matters pertaining to The Union, and no one else has power to act.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE ONLY.

Is hereafter desired by Member No. 1111, E. B. Burlew, 15 South Lincoln Street, Denver, Colo.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET.

To answer all cards promptly.

To place full name and address and Union number on all cards sent for exchange.

To enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.

To notify the publisher if you do not receive the WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of The Union. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under obligations to send you the paper.

That we close our report on the 10th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

To promptly advise the Secretary of all members who fail to answer your cards, giving dates cards were sent, as well as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; in Mexico, West Indies and Europe, two months; in all other places three months.

That we do not publish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish anyone with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists (when published) to all remitting postage. The next list will be published about July 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.

That we give as a premium, five beautiful cards for each new member you secure, and also publish your name on our Roll of Honor.

To promptly renew when your membership expires.

RENEWALS.

385. E. A. Doolittle, Box 34, Painesville, Ohio.

482. J. O. Bergman, Jr., Argyle, Wash. (Colored views only).

546. P. Hardwick, 34 Chesham Bldgs., Grosvenor Square, London, Eng.

NEW MEMBERS.

1168. George Guy, St. Cloud, Minn.

1169. Miss Bella Seffel, 706 Avenue E, San Antonio, Texas.

1170. Miss Helen L. Parshall, 87 Pioneer St., Cooperstown, N. Y.

1171. Clayt. J. Rennells, 309 N. Union St., Grand Rapids, Mich. (No comics)

1172. Louis B. Walter, 5951 Carpenter St., Chicago, Ill.

1173. J. T. Nichols, 918 Findlay St., Cincinnati, Ohio

1174. C. R. French, P. O. Box 232, Essex, Mass.
 1175. Toshio Kido, No. 5 Minamifutabacho, Honjo, Tokio, Japan.
 1176. Miss Melissa Martin, R. F. D. No. 3, Greene, N. J. (Foreign views preferred).
 1177. Miss Lulu Bowmaker, Main St., Cooperstown, N. Y.
 1178. Harry W. Frister, 905 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 1179. Miss Virginia Hughes, R. F. D. No. 2, Manchester, Va.
 1180. Miss Sophia A. Lewis, Kingston, Mass
 1181. John A. Parker, Jr., 1022 N. Eye Street, Tacoma, Wash.
 1182. Ernest Kees, Germantown, O.
 1183. Miss Verna Beck, R. F. D. 1, Box 172½, Moline, Ill.
 1184. Emerson A. Stoner, Greenwood Park Station, Des Moines, Iowa.
 1185. Fred C. Wise, 160 Clinton St., Grand Rapids, Mich.
 1186. H. A. Fowler, 3 E. Armour Blvd, Kansas City, Mo. (Foreign cards only)
 1187. N. C. Ramaramiengar, c-o N. Chehiviengar, District Sheristedar, 248 Chama Rajbet, Mysore, India.
 1188. S. Srininasahchari, 25 Ayengar St., Kumbabonum, South India.
 1189. Arthur M. McClure, 507 N. B St., Fairfield, Ia. (Foreign cards only)
 1190. William E. Hoffman, 919 N. Arlington Ave., Baltimore, Md.
 1191. Earl Clinker, Tama, Iowa.
 1192. Miss Hazel Schaffert, 1429 Pearl St., Canton, Ohic.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

807. Miss Zelma E. Winters, from 1009 Second Ave., Sterling, Ill., to 363 Chester Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

We respectfully ask all members whose numbers are enumerated below, to kindly favor us with remittance for another year. The renewal fee is now but 40 cents; next month and thereafter, it will be fifty cents:

558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 605, 606, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 616, 617, 619, 620.

RESIGNED.

934. Joe Shepard, 272 State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

When a member resigns it is because he no longer wishes to exchange cards. Therefore, when a resignation is announced, please discontinue sending the resigner cards for exchange and erase the name from your membership list.

EXPELLED.

655. Ph. Kremer, 4 Avenue des Ponts, Lyons, France, expelled on complaints of 730, 751 and 857.

809. Miss Kathryn Rumbaugh, 341 S. 12th St., Lincoln, Nebr., expelled on complaints of 728, 1000 and 1001.

848. Fred A. Carne, Box 329, Victoria, B. C., Canada, expelled on complaints of 447, 770 and 888.

When a member is expelled his name should be immediately stricken from membership list by drawing a line through same.

'Tis better to boost for to-morrow in a glad, irrepressible way,
 Than to frame up a compact with sorrow, and hopelessly hammer today.
 Send ad copy at once, secures you the best display.

THE KANSAS CITY STAMP CLUB

ORGANIZED FEB. 1905

The only stamp collectors society in Kansas City. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 7:45 P. M. in Room 442, fourth floor of the Jenkins Building, Thirtieth and Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. Visitors are always welcome.

Officers for 1907

President—Charles F. Rouse	4154 Oak Street
Vice President—Carl S. Davis	4427 Jefferson Street
Secretary—Arthur L. Nelson	1823 W. Prospect Place
Treasurer—H. K. Poindexter	3119 Forest Avenue
Librarian—Arthur L. Nelson	1823 W. Prospect Place
Counterfeit Detector—Frank Bescher	39 City Hall Market
Exchange Superintendent and Auction Manager—Fred Breisch	1215 Askew Avenue
Critic—Wm. Fishman	830 Pennsylvania Avenue
Sargent—Robert Woodward	1316 East Fourteenth Street

Official Organ—The WEST

SECRETARY'S REPORT, June 19, 1907.

The tenth regular meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Club held during the present season was called to order at 8:45 p. m., on Friday evening, May 24, 1907, in the club room in the Jenkins Building with President Rouse presiding and the following members present: Messrs. Fishman, Nelson, Brocesky, H. K. Poindexter, Luther. Churns, Smith, Rouse, Kerr, Davis, Heffer, F. Poindexter, D. Malcolmson, and J. Malcolmson.

The minutes of meeting held Friday, May 10, 1907, were read and accepted after a slight alteration had been made. The election of officers for the second term of 1907 June to December after much discussion was postponed until the following meeting because all candidates had not yet qualified. Mr. Nelson moved that as three weeks would elapse before the next regular meeting a special meeting for the election of officers be held on Friday May 31, 1907. Motion having been seconded and put to a vote passed. Mr. Davis thought it advisable to have the society's property in the club room insured and moved that some one be appointed by the president to find out rates and report his findings at the next meeting. The motion being seconded by Mr. Heffer, the president appointed Mr. Davis to secure rates. Mr. Nelson announced that he would assume the risk of having two dozen keys made for club room and members desiring keys when made would be charged fifteen cents each. The keys would cost only ten cents each when ordered in a two dozen lot so that the extra charge will be used in helping to further decorate the club room walls. The rest of the evening was devoted to inspecting the frames of stamps submitted by the members in competition for the three prizes which Mr. Davis had announced at the previous meeting would be awarded to the member showing the twenty most beautiful stamps catalogued at less than one dollar each. Instead of colored ribbons the thirteen cent, eight cent, and five cent stamps of our present issue were awarded to Mr. Nelson, Mr. Rouse and Mr. Luther respectively, they having scored the highest number of points in the estimation of the judges. The meeting then adjourned to meet again May 31, 1907.

The eleventh meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Club of the year was called to order at 8:15 p. m. Friday evening May 31, 1907 in room 442 Jenkins Building with President Rouse in the chair and the following twelve members present: Messrs. Nelson, Brocesky, H. K. Poindexter, Rouse, Franke, Davis, Woodward, Breisch, F. Poindexter, D. Malcolmson, Sutorius and J. Malcolmson. The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were postponed until the next regular meeting. Mr. C. S. Davis reported

that insurance fee on property valued at \$150 or less was \$2 10 It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted. No action was taken toward insuring the club's effects in the club room. The librarian reported the receipt of two donations to the club's library, one from Mr. Chas. C. Scott and the other from Mr. Davis. A vote of thanks was accorded to both of these gentlemen. The stamp drawing was then held, the first prize being the one dollar value of the U. S. 1895 issue and the second prize the three dollar dark brown of the 1898 Revenue set. The first prize was drawn by Mr. Breisch and the second prize by Mr. Nelson. Mr. George William Clement of Chicago, but formerly of Kansas City, was elected to honorary life membership in this society by over two-thirds vote of the members present. This honor was conferred upon Mr. Clement because it was he who was the founder of our society known since August 4, 1905 by its present title. The election of officers for the second term of 1907, June 1, to Jan. 1, 1908 was then declared in order. Several nominees for various offices having declined to accept offices should they be elected, fresh nominations for these offices were made. Messrs. H. R. Poindexter and Breisch were chosen judges of the election and declared the following candidates elected: President, Chas. F. Rouse; Vice President, Carl S. Davis; Secretary Arthur L. Nelson; Treasurer, H. K. Poindexter; Librarian, Arthur L. Nelson; Counterfeit Detector, Frank Bescher; Exchange Superintendent, and Auction Manager, F. Breisch; Critic, Wm. Fishman. The President appointed Mr. Robert Woodward Sergeant at-Arms for the new term. Mr. Nelson, whose duty it was to prepare the program for the next meeting then announced the principle feature would be a numerous original essay contest and urged all to compete so that the contest might be made the more interesting through competition. First, second and booby prizes as follows would be awarded for the best efforts. First prize; blue silk ribbon with an unused set of the new M. A. De Ruyter Commemorative set just issued by the Netherlands attached. Second prize; red silk ribbon with the three lower values of the new Bosnia set unused. Consolation or booby prize it was announced would be a surprize. It was hinted that it might be in the form of a ribbon and medal.

The remainder of the evening was spent in viewing the collections which had been entered in competition for prizes as announced by Mr. H. K. Poindexter at the previous meeting. Mr. F. Poindexter showed his Hawaiians (fifty varieties); Mr. Rouse, Japan; Mr. Nelson, Canada; and Mr. Davis, British New Guinea and a collection of zoological stamps numbering forty two specimens. Mr. Davis also showed two of the U. S. 1902 one cent stamps surcharged "Phillipines," one with genuine and the other with a counterfeit surcharge. Mr. Davis was awarded first prize, Mr. Poindexter received second and Mr. Nelson third. This competition provided an excellent display of scarce stamps. The meeting was then declared adjourned, 10:11 p. m. Next meeting June 14, 1907.

The twelfth meeting of the Kansas City stamp Club of this year was called to order at 8:31 p. m. by Vice President Davis who in the absence of President Rouse presided over the meeting. The following members responded to roll call: Messrs. Nelson, Brocesky, H. K. Poindexter, Luther Kerr, Davis, Heffer, F. Poindexter, D. Malcomson, and J. Malcolmson.

The minutes of the special meeting held May 31, 1907 were read and accepted with slight alteration. Mr. Davis was in favor of having the club room repapered and painted but the majority considered the expense unnecessary in view of the present good condition of the room, so the matter was dropped. Mr. Nelson reported that he had had keys made and all members wishing to have access to the club room at all times were asked to purchase one. A majority of those present took keys. Mr. H. K. Poindexter pointed out that the society's library should be removed to the club room instead of being kept in the home of the librarian as has been necessary up to this time. It was decided that the unbound magazines had best be removed after cases for their reception had been procured. All current periodicals, books, catalogues and pamphlets will be placed in the club room before the next meeting, the librarian promised. The exchange superintendent reported a case in his department for the executive committee's investigation. The stamp drawing was then held in which Mr. F. Poindexter and Mr. J. Malcolmson drew first and second prizes respectively. Mr. Luther brought to the attention of the members to the fact that elections of officers have hitherto been held on the last meeting in December and the first meeting in June. As this divides the year into two terms of seven and five months each, he moved that the constitution be corrected to read as follows:—Article II., Sec. 3. The election of all officers shall take place at the last meeting in December and the first meeting in June. Nominations shall be made at the first meeting in December and the first meeting in June. The subsequent vote was unanimous in favor. No further business being brought forward for discussion, the rest of the evening was given over to the entertainment committee. Mr. Nelson presided. The first prize, a blue ribbon containing a set of the new Netherland's De Ruyter commemorative stamps, which, as announced at the previous meeting would be presented as a souvenir for the most numerous article on stamps was awarded to Mr. Donovan Malcolmson. His efforts were appreciated. No other essays being submitted in competition the second and third prizes were regretfully withdrawn. Talks relative to stamps, collecting, current news and advise were dispensed for the rest of the evening. Mr. Davis announced that the next program would have as a feature a contest, as follows:—Each member will receive a sheet of paper on which he will be required to write location as to continent of twenty stamps issuing countries or colonies. Though a first sight this contest may appear simple, it will doubtless be found to be quite the reverse by those who have not studied their catalogue before the next meeting. Three prizes were offered by Mr. Davis for the three most correct lists. A superb mint set of Guains including the 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 15 and 50 cent denominations and a special Delivery were shown the members by Mr. Davis. The meeting then adjourned at 9:48 p. m. to meet again June 28, 1907.

Respectfully submitted, Arthur L. Nelson, Secretary.

How to Clean Coral. Coral and all kinds of fancy sea shells can be easily and quickly cleaned, when they become soiled, in the following manner: Go to the drug store and get ten cents worth of muriatic acid, the cheapest, put it into one quart of hot water, have water in an earthen vessel, into this dip your coral or shells, letting them remain in the solution about half a minute; then rinse well in clean water and they will come out as bright and beautiful as ever.

Stamp Collector's Protective Association of America

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 3, 1899.

President—E. Chandler.....	Roanoke, Va.
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Official Organ, The WEST.	

Whipple, Western Stamp Co., Omaha, sends big list of names of parties we hope to give free ad next issue if nothing heard from.

New Members: Roger Q. Pease, Boston, Mass., 1299 Congress St. P. Pierce, Allentown, N. J. J. Lee Clark, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 509 Roma Ave. E. Fitch, Chicago, Ill, 5522 5th Ave. H. Fowler, Kansas City, Mo., 3 E. Armour Blvd. E. Stoner, Des Moines, Ia., Greenwood Station. W. H. Brainbridge, Searchlight, Nevada. W. Reynolds, Bx 95, Weatherford, Okla. S. Ringold, Hampshire, Tenn., R. F. D. 2. G. Klein, Vicksburg, Miss., 744 Klein St. K. Jones, Brooklyn, N. Y., 355 Decatur St. A. Garrett, Laredo, Tex. H. Metz, Philadelphia, Pa., 2029 N. 2 St. M. Gettman, N. Y. City. 5504 Manhattan Ave. W. Shroder, Fowler, Ill., R. R. 1. G. Guy, St. Cloud, Minn., Bx 465. A. C. Andersen, Alma Center, Wis., Bx 23. R. K. Collins, Wilson, La. A. E. Bartlett, Chetopa, Kans. M. Shuster, Baltimore, Md., 1612 Hopkins Ave. V. Berthold, Boston, Mass., 12 Milk St. G. R. Barker, Wichita, Ks., 423 So. Market St.

Always glad to hear any ideas how, and best way to get at frauds

SALES SUPT'S. REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members:—Since my last report, one month ago I have received 27 books net value \$1060.97 and retired 18 books net value \$800.47 66 books in circulation last report, net value \$3140.97. 75 books now in circulation, net value \$3410.47.

Glad to put more members on circuits If you have stamps to sell remit 3c each for as many sales books as you wish to fill Write me today.

Fraternally, Leon V. Cass.

CHICAGO BRANCH UNION SOUVENIR CARD EXCHANGE.

"It grieves me greatly to report that we were obliged to postpone the second meeting of the Chicago Branch of the Union on account of the unexpected illness of our Secretary, Mr. M. F. Stelzel and several members of the family (at whose home the meeting was to take place). We extend our hearty sympathy to Mr Stelzer, and hope for the speedy recovery of all.

Chicago members get busy and secure new members so that we can hold a grand meeting in the fall, as you all know Chicago has the post card fever at the highest degree at present. You will note post cards are displayed in every store in the city. even at the coal stores etc., and they all claim they are selling large quantities of cards. So make hay while the sun shines. We could with a little united efforts increase our Chicago membership by 100 within one month if we tried, so let us all get busy and send for some application blanks today. Once more, Chicago members, "Get Busy"

Fraternally yours, Herman Funk, Vice President "Union."

The Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colorado

Organized Oct. 19, 1906.

OFFICERS

Honorary President, Dr. H. A. Davis	1622 1/2 Welton St
President, C M Snyder	2825 Wyandotte St
Vice President, A L Nell	2558 W 32nd Ave
Secretary, H E Munger	2502 W 32nd Ave
Treasurer and Librarian, S Schwertzman	309 16th St
Exchange Manager, L C Nelson	309 16th St
Board of Trustees: S A McManus (Chairman): L De La Vergne:	
J Cook	



SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The fifteenth regular meeting of the Junior Stamp Club was held June 7, 1907, at the regular time and place. With Vice President Nell in the chair the meeting was called to order with ten members and one visitor present. The Secretary being absent Van Ness Garretson was elected to take the office for the evening. The minutes for the previous meeting were disposed of until the next meeting. No business being transacted the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p. m. to meet again on June 21, 1907.

Yours fraternally, H. E. Munger, Secy.

The sixteenth regular meeting of the Junior Stamp Club was held June 21, 1907, at the regular time and place. With President Snyder in the chair the meeting was called to order with seven members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The secretary, being absent at the previous meeting he was requested to read the minutes of that meeting, which were approved as read.

The treasurer was asked to make a report at the next meeting. A special meeting is called for the 28th of June to transact some important business. It was moved and seconded that the Secretary should write a letter to every member and request his presence at this meeting.

The A. P. A. Box which V. N. Garretson and H. E. Munger have charge of have sold to the present date 57 numbers. Some very nice prizes have been donated and each member is requested to send some stamps to H. E. Munger to help make up prizes so that every number will draw some kind of a prize but there will be ten principal prizes. Any passive member wishing to get a few draws should write to V. N. Garretson, 1033 17th St., Denver, Colo. (The draws are five cents each).

W. A. Greenbaum has changed his address to Box 1321, Denver, Colo.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p. m. after an enjoyable evening.

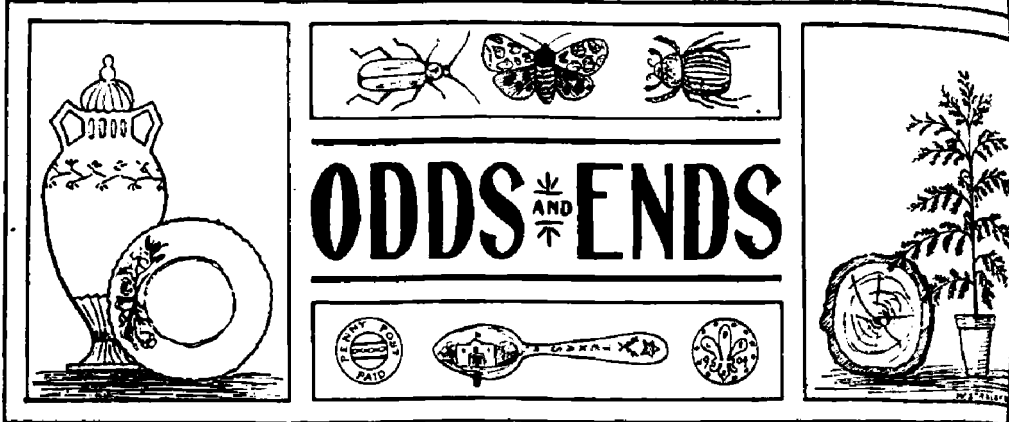
H. E. Munger, Secy.

Nebraska Philatelic Society. Nebraska's Pride

ORGANIZED 1892. LARGEST STATE SOCIETY EXISTANT.

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Attorney—H. Ketchum	Chester, Neb.
Auction Manager—R. Gerpacher	Grand Island Neb.
Trustees—W. Hendricks, Paxton Hotel; Hopson and Brown.	Omaha, Neb.

New Members: Hans Miller, Genoa, R. F. D. 1, bx 6. Thos. Marwood, Clearwater. We expect to give in next issue the date for the state convention this fall.



Lord Iveagh has one of the most curious hobbies in the world. This is the collection of old silver potato-rings, which are large silver sockets in the form of rings into which the wooden bowl used for potatoes used to be fitted. These rings have become very scarce, and are much sought after by bric-a-brac hunters.

One of the ushers of the Belgian Chamber of Representatives recently picked up for a small sum an old picture, "Priests Playing Cards," which has since been shown to be the work of Rembrandt. The newspapers now state that the purchaser has received an offer for it of \$600,000.00.

Some time ago I noted that a scientist connected with the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, Dr. J. W. Fewkes, had been detailed to more thoroughly explore the ruins surrounding the Casa Grande, which is some sixty miles west of Tucson, and is supposed to be one of the oldest known ruins in America. Should his researches bring anything to light which is mentioned here I shall be pleased to send in accounts.—R. C. Browne.

Many women have made a hobby of fan collecting. One of the finest collections in Europe belongs to ex-Queen Isabella of Spain, who has over 800 fans of various styles and periods. The same hobby is shared by Queen Alexandra and her sister, the dowager empress of Russia.

In a jewelry store at Eufaula, I. T., there were recently exhibited two armlets made of metal and of the pattern worn extensively by the Indians a century ago, says the Jewelers' Circular Weekly. The armlets were found in an old Indian burying ground on the banks of a creek 22 miles west of Eufaula. Evidently they had clasped the arms of some Indian brave who had been buried there and the sands had drifted away, leaving the armlets exposed long after the remains of the Indian had passed to dust.

The armlets are of the pattern that were annually given to the Indians by the Government in the early days. Each of the armlets found bears the emblem of the Government, and there are in the shield 15 stars, indicating that at the time they were, there were 15 states in the Union.

A large collection of etchings by Whistler, the majority printed by the artists, realized nearly \$7500 at London. The chief item was Nocturne Palaces, \$550.

A pair of old Chinese porcelain powdered blue bottles made \$1680.

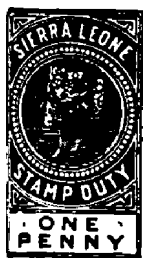
A pair of large pearl earrings which once belonged to Marie Antoinette were also sold and a collection of objects of art formed by the late Lord Grimthorpe. Another specimen of the 4d., blue West Australian stamp of the first issue with the swan inverted will be offered, one of which sold a year or two ago for \$2000.

The ruins of a prehistoric fortified British village have been unearthed near Carshalton, England.

Queen Alexandra possesses one of the largest collections of charms in Europe. It consists mainly of tiny elephants in malachite, jade, porphyry, sapphire, and turquoise, and humming birds, swallows, bees, and beetles, which are works of art, composed as far as possible of uncut gems and enamel.

An effort is being made by the citizens of Spencer, Mass., to get possession of the birthplace of Elias Howe, the inventor of the sewing machine, in that city for the use of a historic building for the town.

A Society of Colour Photographers is in process of formation.



METROPOLITAN FISCAL ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS FOR 1907.

President, W. W. Morton	-	-	Lime Rock, Conn.
Vice President, J. D. Bartlett	-	-	Springfield, Mass
Exchange and Sales Manager, Oscar T. Hartman			1534 26th Ave., Denver, Colo.
Sec'y-Treas., Wm. C. Polk			Box 22, Arnolds Mills, R. I.

Members are requested to make use of the Exchange Department.
Exchange increases your collection faster than buying.
Try the Exchange Manager. Respectfully, Oscar T. Hartman.

A specimen of the first cent struck in the United States mint in 1793, with thirteen links in a circle on the reverse, was sold for \$82 recently at the end of a two days sale of coins held at the Hotel Bartholdi in New York City. Some of the prices exceeded any even paid before. Two half cents, struck in 1836 and 1852, brought \$42.50 and \$35, respectively. Of the cents struck in 1794 fifty-six varieties were disposed of, two minor varieties bringing \$30 each. A flying eagle cent of 1856 brought \$12. Six pattern trade dollars issued in 1873 brought \$24. Much interest was shown by those present in the tokens that at one time passed for money in this country. One showing the head of Andrew Jackson on one side and the inscription, "The Bank Must Perish," on the other, which passed for a cent during President Jackson's administration, in the late 30's, brought \$22.50.



..Camera News..

Editor—F. J. Clute, San Francisco



On Mounting Pictures

We get such charming pictures from time to time with our illustrated magazines that it is a thousand pities they should not be preserved in some way instead of being allowed, as is generally the case, to toss about, becoming more and more dog's eared, till at last they have to be thrown away. Naturally enough, it is not everybody who has money to expend on picture framing, though the cheapness of many of the ready made frames sold at some of our larger shops is a matter for wonder. Without going even to this expense, pictures can be backed with linen or muslin by a fairly dexterous worker and preserved for months of useful life in the home. Few qualifications are needed for the task save leisure and general deftness: experience will soon teach the rest.

Art muslin, either patterned, or self coloured, makes an admirable lining for the pictures, but if these are extra large, a firmer material, such as linen, or sateen may be preferred

Cut the material rather larger than the picture for which it is to be used, because it is easier to handle then when it is exactly the same size and it is readily trimmed in afterwards. Pin the muslin out flat upon the uncarpeted floor of a room, if this is available, or upon a large table upon which blotches of paste will be of no consequence should they happen to go astray, as they probably will do. If the material can be secured temporarily with small tacks instead of pins, all the better, but in any case it must be stretched quite evenly throughout. The divisions between the planks in the floor will be of great use in helping to get it straight.

Take the picture next. See that the edges are quite even, and spread the back smoothly with Stickphast, or with good home-made paste. It is better to apply the paste with the finger than with a brush, as then the slightest lump or piece of grit can be at once detected and removed. When the back has been thoroughly coated, no corner having escaped its coat of paste, lay the picture aside for a few minutes till the cement has become partly absorbed and till the paper has swollen as much as it seems likely to do. Then take it by the corners and lay it upon the stretched muslin which, if the picture is on thick paper, may also be spread thinly with paste. See that the picture sets perfectly even at the sides with the threads of the material, or it will cockle out of shape in the drying. Take a soft duster rolled up to form a pad, or use a paper-hanger's roller if it happens to be available and press the picture down upon the muslin. It is best to begin upon the middle and work gradually outward. The corner by which the picture was held will very likely need a further touch of paste. See that there are no wrinkles and that the muslin and the paper cling closely in every part to one another.

When all seems to be satisfactory, spread first a sheet of tissue paper, and over that a smooth piece of linen—a dusting sheet will do if the picture is large—over everything and place some heavy books, or anything else that will press equally all over the picture, on the top and leave it till dry. If it is done over night, the paste will probably be quite dry in the morning, and if the work has been deftly managed, there should not be a vestige of a crease, or a fold, anywhere upon the back of the picture.

Lay the picture down on the floor again and spread it with parchment size. A large brush should be used, care being taken to spread the size evenly, and not twice over the same part. When the first coat is dry, a second should be applied. If the weather is cold, the size may be used warm. The second coat should be left even longer than the first so that it is quite hard and settled before varnishing.

This varnishing is the next thing to do. There are several kinds of varnish to be had at most artists' shops a clear make should be chosen, but we have found the ordinary mastic varnish, which is less expensive than many kinds and is to be had at a paint-shop for about twenty cents or twenty-five cents a bottle, answer admirably.

The last thing to do if the picture is required to be simply backed in order to preserve it is to cut the edges of the muslin even with the margin of the paper. It is possible, however, that some sort of a frame is required in order that the picture may be hung up. Up to this point the mounting should have been managed exactly in the way described, but a still wider expanse of muslin should have been left all round the edges. If the frame is to be four inches wide, five inches and a half of muslin should have been left, the reason for which will shortly be seen. Cut, or better still get a picture frame to cut, a frame some four inches wide or so out of mill or strawboard. Should this be thin it is well to have two—they will only cost a few pence—and gum them together. Spread this frame with paste and lay it on the muslin which projects beyond the picture leaving a space equal to double the thickness of the board between the picture and the frame. Turn the raw edges of the muslin down upon the board and secure them with paste. When dry, paste the frame again—of course, on the side on which the muslin is stuck down and turn it over on to the picture all round. This makes a sort of stiff hem and will effectually prevent the edges of the picture from curling up. Leave it to dry under pressure, then add a loop of ribbon and cord and tassels by which to hang up the picture. Needless to say, when the picture is to be thus treated, much of the effect will depend upon the pattern of the muslin.

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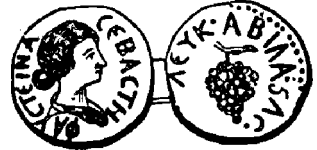
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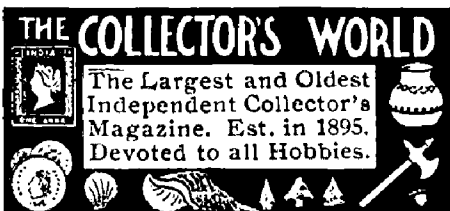
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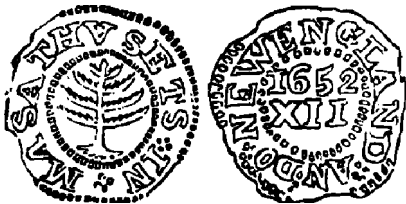
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17a (14) 8c on same, large 8	.60	
19 - 8c red brown sur.....	1.25	.75
20 (12) 10c narrow bar.....	.35	
21 (19) 10c rose brown sur..	2.50	2.00
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24 - 10c dark red surcharge	.25	.25
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26 (17a) 2c carmine sur....	.50	.35
27(26)8c with period, 3rd Pan	.40	.25
28 (22) 1c on 20c, 1st printing	.08	.08
29 (23) 1c on 20c 2nd "	.10	.08
30 (29) 1c on 20c, 3rd "	.05	.05
31 (24) 2c on 1p, 1st "	.10	.08
32 (25) 2c on 1p, 2nd "	.13	.08
34 (27) 8c, no per, on 3rd Pan	.25	.18
35 (28) 8c with per on 4th Pan	.15	.15
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37 (32) 2c reading up.....	.08	
38 (-) 2c, reading down03	.03
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1883 1½x1½p rose18
1892 1 on 1½p rose.....	.12
1x1 on 1½p rose... ..	.15
1p rose04
1x1p rose.....	.08
1902 1p carmine.....	.04
1x1p carmine08
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1½p red br on buff ..	.10
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FOREIGN

Angola, 1886 5r, 25, 50, 1894 5r, 1898 10r, 15, 20, 25, 50.

Angra, 1892 5r, 10, 25, 1896 10.

Anjouan 1892 4c, 5c.

Argentine, 1862 r 10, 15, 1888 $\frac{1}{2}$, 10, 1890 40, 1899 3, 10

Austria 1890 20k, 1900 10, 30, 40, 50, 60h, 1kr, 1902 35, Newsp. 1900 6, 10, 20h, Unpaid, 1900, Imp 3h, Perf 3h.

Austria Levant 1890-92 8 on 2kr, 10 on 3kr, 20 on 5kr, 1892 2 on 20kr, 1900 10 on 5h, 20 on 10 h 1 on 25h.

Lombardy Venice, 1850 15, 30 45c, 1858 5, 10s. 1863 5s.

Revenues 3, 5, 10, 15.

Azores 1887 25, No. 62 25, No 63, 1898 5, 10, Newsp. 1876 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 1888 2.

Baden 53-57 3kr, 1864 3kr, 1868 3kr. Rural stamps, 1862 3kr.

Bahamas 1884 1d.

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Belgium 1894 10, Unpaid, 1895 5, 10, 20, 1900 10c, Postal Packet, 1882-94 80c yellow. 1895-98 50c, 1fr.

Benin, 1894 4c, 5c.

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Bolivia, 1837 2c, 1890 1c, 1893 1c, 1897 1c, 1901 1c, 2c 5c, Rev. used for postage 1871 5c.

Bosnia, 1879 2, 3, 15r, 1900 3, 5, 6h.

Brazil, 1850 30r, 1890 300, Newsp. 1890 20, 1891-94 10, 20, Unpaid, 1890 20r, 1901 10r.

British East Africa, 1896 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.

British Guiana. 1889 1c lilac gray, 1898 1c, 2c, 1900 2c, 1901 2c.

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Bulgaria, 1882 3, 15, 25s. 1885 1, 2, 1889 2, 3, 30, 50, 1892 15 on 30, 1896 15, 1901 Bi-colored 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50, Unpaid, 1896 5s, 1900 5s.

Cameroons, 1900 2, 5pf.

Canada, 1859 5c, 1897 8c.

Cape of Good Hope, 1893 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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Ceylon, 1886 15c, 1892 3c, 1899 6c, 1900 3, 4c

Chile, 1900 10c, 1902 1, 2, 5, 10, Rev. used for Postage, 1880 5c.

China. 1897 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 2c, 1898 4c. Ampy, 1895 1c, Postage due, 1896 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Ching kiang, 1894 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1. Unpaid, 1894 1c, 1895 1c, No. 76 1c. Foochow, 1895 1c, 1896 1c. Ichang, 1895 1c, Kewkiang, 1894 $\frac{1}{2}$ c No. 1, $\frac{1}{2}$ c No. 3, 1c No. 1, 189 $\frac{1}{2}$ on 20. Hankow, 1893 2c. Wuhu, 1894 1c, 1895 1c, 1896 $\frac{1}{2}$ on 1c, No. 26 1c, No. 36 1c, No. 52 1c. Postage due, 1895 1c, 1896 1c.

Columbian Rep 1876 10c, 1883 1 c, 10c, 1886 10c, 1899 10c, 1901 1c ack, 2c

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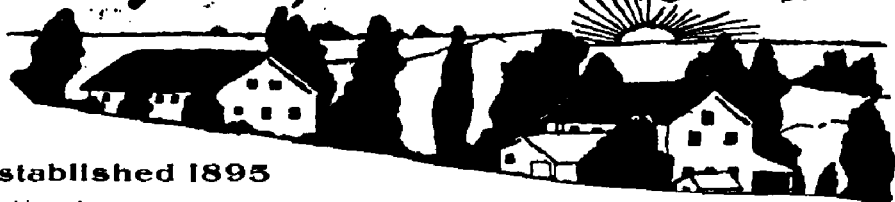
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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

HENRY ERNST is a native of Germany. He was born in Juhnde, near Goettingen, the well known University town, in 1879. When 17 years old he began traveling. Soon after leaving home he saw the first stamp collection. He was interested at once and started collecting. He traveled extensively in Switzerland, France, Belgium, Holland, England and Ireland and thus had good opportunities to increase his collection. In 1901 he sold his collection, just before coming to this country. But he was too much in love with his hobby and could not resist starting another collection. Finding that he was more interested in stamps than anything else he decided to start in the stamp business, and he expects to make it his permanent occupation. He has a nice stock of low and medium priced stamps and it will pay all collectors to get in touch with him. See his ad in the West.

J. L. HOBSON was born in 1874, and is a native of Illinois. Has collected stamps since 1890, also collects post cards—all kinds except leather and comics. Sends card of the Arrow head Mt., it is the work of nature and covers $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres—actual measurement is 1375 feet long by 449 feet wide. The material is of different formation than the ground adjacent, consisting of disintegrated white quartz and light grey granite covered by light green sage and weeds, while all around it is dark green chaparral and grease wood. A boiling sulphur spring runs at the base of the mountain eight miles from the City. Would like to see the arrow head pictured in the WEST. On the left of the card is the blossom of a Yucca, or Spanish dagger plant.

A Foolish Philatelist

A philatelist, named Decimo,
Thought he had a good scheme
To make bright his rare Mauritius;
He held it over the steam.
The stamp was soon quite wet
And pale it did seem.
He began to stew and fret
Then decided to try cream.
He placed it in a dish
Of cream quite pale and blue,
And then began to wish,
His Mautius would look new.
But the stamp was soon quite greasy
In fact, it was quite spoiled.
He began to grow uneasy
As the stamp became more soiled.

Then he took it to a stamp store,
A block or so away,
To see if experiments more
Would financially pay.

The dealer took the rare Mauritius
That had been tampered with so
much
And said, "to the foolish Decius,
You certainly beat the Dutch."

Then, Decius took his stamp,
And departed for his home,
And learned a costly lesson,
To let experiments alone.

—Walter M. Overton,
May 1907.

Barbadoes Earthquake Stamps. The people of the neighboring colony of Barbados, in aid of the sufferers from the Kingston earthquake, issued a charity stamp made by surcharging the current 2 pence Barbados "Kingston Relief Fund 1d" in red. The stamps were sold for 2d but good only for 1d postage, the extra penny going to the earthquake sufferers. We have also received a sheet of these with inverted surcharge.

Collectors Convention at Denver

It was a big success, and in attendance was the largest yet held, over 100 being present from over a dozen states, extending from California on the west to Massachusetts on the east, and as far south as Texas. The Meeting on Pikes Peak was the first ever held at so great an altitude in the history of philately, (nearly 3 miles high.)

The collections shown included some of the largest of this country, and many enjoyed the fine ball given by the Albany hotel, and the Ladies Orchestra.

We believe the best photograph the society had taken was done by Nast of Denver in front of the capital. The banquet was without doubt the finest ever gotten up by any of the annual conventions so far held, and the toasts given were well worth going miles to hear.

The song for collectors given by Nast and his wife was fine. Through the courtesy of W. C. Bellows, Denver's popular summer resort, Elitch's gardens including all attractions and admission to the theatrical performance was given to all members and visitors present the last evening.

Boston ticket, (the WEST has published page ad for last two or three issues) won out by 200 or more majority, and we hope the new officers may do as well as the present ones for the publisher has taken in four different collectors's conventions in the past thirteen years at Denver, and each one gets ahead of the past one, so we are aware Denver collectors know what and how to show you the best time going, for they are sure up to date and hope we may live to attend another one in coming years. Most of the delegates present had cameras, so we hope to show some of the work done by some of the members.

We had many Colorado and Western Collectors tell us that the WEST was the only collector paper left. A few testimonials from others may help out: T. Ingram of Virginia, encloses \$2 for a period of six years, for he likes the magazine so well he does not wait till his subscription expires at end of year, but renews at the present time.

Quackenbush, who is editor of a leading stamp weekly and one of the best writers in this country, says in last copy of Redfield's Stamp Weekly that WEST is now the only philatelic monthly of size and importance conducted on a professional basis that this country contains. May its shadow never grow less.

New Mexicans. A Mexican correspondent informs us that a new set of stamps is to be placed on sale within a short time, the Government having already sent to Germany to have the plates made. According to our correspondent's information the 5 centavos and the 5 pesos are to bear a picture of the new Mexico City postoffice, soon to be opened; the other values are to be in the same design as the current stamps, the colors only to be changed.

In removing a stamp from the outside of an envelope, careful work is necessary, lest it be torn in removal. If you cannot raise one corner and peel them gently from the envelope, place the stamp and envelope over the spout of a steaming tea kettle and after holding there for three or four minutes, you will find that the stamp can be easily removed.

A Simplified Catalogue

By L. G. Dorpat

Much has been said and nearly as much written and quite a number of attempts have been made to produce a simplified catalogue, that is one which will mention none but the regular or straight issues and pay no attention minor varieties or puzzling distinctions. The firm of Whitfield King Co. of Ipswich, England was one of the earliest to prepare such a book, the first edition being printed in 1899. It is yet to be had at the home-office for 9 pence a copy, as also the successive issues up to 1906, the third edition (1902) excepted, which is out of stock.

Today I have before me the 7th edition forms for which closed in December 1906, but which is dated 1907. It includes all regular stamps that were issued up to this year. They are 20,496 in all, 6,153 belonging to the British Empire and 14,343 to the rest of the world. Europe has 4,361, Asia 3,856, Africa 4,469, America 4,638, the West Indies 1,637, and Oceania 1,485.

The same firm publishes also a list of album in which the spaces are so numbered as to correspond with the numbers in the catalogue. The cuts of stamps are clear and good in both, but they are reduced in size, which in the albums is quite an advantage for the appearance of neatness, as the cuts are quite hidden and never protrude at the edges of stamps placed on them.

I might say a good deal more about these albums, but must in this connection refrain from doing so, lest I lose sight of my heading, which is The Simplified Catalogue and not the album. The agreement of both in numbering the stamps seems so important, that I hope it will be considered as justifying the digression.

Turning to the chapter on the United States we find every stamp illustrated, making it as easy to identify the stamps of this country as those of any other. There is, however, no distinction made between grilled and not grilled stamps, nor between National, Continental and American prints. Color differences are not regarded unless they are very marked as, for example, the carmine and vermilion of the 2-cents 1894-5. Otherwise there is no distinction made between the issue of these years, except in a foot-note which states that in the latter year the same stamps appeared on a paper faintly watermarked U. S. P. S.

There is quite a number of similar notes throughout the book, but they are not so numerous as to confuse. The arrangement is alphabetical and easily understood. The inclusion of German "Official" stamps is an inconsistency, but the prices quoted for the two sets (Prussia and Baden) are so very low, 8d and 9d respectively that this inconsistency may easily be forgiven.

The prices in general are the very lowest for which single stamps in good condition can be had anywhere, and for this reason alone, if there were no other, the book is worthy to be kept near at hand. By comparing King's prices with the others many a penny may be saved. The firm has a large list of packets and sets, and by means of these still cheaper purchases and greater saving can be made. These lists can be had for the asking and are worthy of perusal. The catalogue costs 1s 6d or 45 cents post free. When writing to the firm, please mention the WEST.

Noted American Stamp Collections

By "Phil-Ateley"?

One of the finest stamp collections in the United States is that owned by Mr. G. H. Worthington of Cleveland, Ohio. It is especially noted for rare stamps in blocks of four and unused specimens, and stamp after stamp is worth from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

One of his greatest rarities is a specimen of the rare Hawaiian two-cent missionary stamp on an original envelope. Only two copies are known to exist in this condition, although there are several without the envelope. This one stamp is worth between \$4,000 and \$6,000.

Another rarity is one of the famous ten-cent Baltimore postmaster stamps on the original envelope, said to be the best copy in existence. Only three other specimens are known, and this one would probably bring very near to the \$5,000 mark. He also has the only known pair of five-cent, Baltimore stamps, the value of which could not be determined, except by auction.

Over three hundred thousand dollars was a recent estimate by experts of the value of the entire collection.

Another very valuable collection in this country is owned by Mr. H. J. Duveen, of New York. It includes the most complete collection of British Guiana stamps in existence, and has won for him a gold medal at the recent English exhibition.

Of the Guiana stamps Mr. Duveen possesses a pair of the type set stamp of the issue of 1850-51, on the original envelope. They are worth nearly \$5,000 apiece. Another great Guiana rarity is the 1856 four-cent stamp on sugar paper, which is also worth around \$5,000. This latter copy is also on original cover. Mr. Duveen's collection is valued at \$250,000.

Mr. C. L. Pack of Lakewood, N. J., has a collection which totals up nearly to a quarter of a million dollars. Mr. Pack specialized British North American stamps and it is stated on authority that his collection comprises the most complete series ever gathered together. They are both on and off original envelopes; all kinds of shades, so dear to the heart of the specialist; provisional issues; both used and unused, and even "half-used" stamps.

A dozen copies of the twelve-penny Canada worth anywhere from \$350 to \$600 according to condition, some in pairs are among a few of the rare specimens. He has all the rare unused scarlet and orange Newfoundland stamps of 1857, worth from \$100 to \$800 each, also all of the scarce shilling stamps of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Mr. Pack has been collecting since 1870, and captured first prize at the recent exhibition.

Mr. H. J. Crocker of San Francisco, has another very valuable collection, probably worth up to \$150,000. His collection of the high priced stamps of Hawaii, is the most complete in the world, and with it won the championship medal at the world's exposition. A block of six unused two-cent pale blue Hawaiian stamps on bluish white paper is a rarity that would be difficult, if not impossible, to duplicate. Of the regular issues Crocker's collection includes all the shades, blocks and sets, and also the inverted double surcharged specimen made by the provisional government in 1893.

Revenue Notes

By Oscar T. Hartman

CANADA.

The approximate value of all Canadian revenue stamps, according to Forbuar L'Harte comes about to \$42500. Some of the other catalogs make it still higher still the majority of stamps are common enough.

The Canadian revenues are some of the most beautiful stamps of the world and give credit to the engraver's skill. The bill stamps (issues) Gas Inspection, Electric Light Inspection, Supreme Court, Weight and Measures and Tobacco stamps or bands were issued or used now throughout the Dominion of Canada. Outside of these the different provinces have some of their crown issues mostly law stamps. The bill stamps of 1864 are all in blue. Queen's head in a perpendicular oval.

Of 1865 the Queen in oval from 1c to 9c red and from 10c to 50c in octagonal frame. The dollar values are in two colors. Of 1868. Bust of the Queen in garb of mourning. Colors varied. Bill stamp in lower part of stamp.

Gas Inspection. Two inches long and printed in blue with control number in red across stamp. 1875 shows crown and 1900 shows Queen's head in upper part of stamp.

Electric Light, similar, only red with blue control number across stamps. Weight and Measures are nearly all black with either red or blue control number. The Supreme Court are a large stamp printed in blue. Crowned head of Queen in a readed oval in the center.

Provinces: 1. British Columbia. Figure of Justice Law stamp above. Value in each corner below. Blue stamps engraved, and in other colors lithographed.

2. Dawson (Mining Coast). Prospecting miner in center, color vermillion.

3. Manitoba. Provincial issue black on yellow paper. All the other regular issues green (shaded) on white paper. Diff. departments have following surcharges in letters: BF, CF, LS, JF, or without same or double.

4. New Brunswick. Law stamp with Justice in center. Probate with balances in center.

5. Nova Scotia. N. S. in antique type on third issue of bill stamp of Canada 1868. Altho' one stamp for the Law library, 5c green.) Halifax.

6. Ontario. First issue: Justice with wording, "Canada Law Stamp". Green for lower values and green and black center for dollar values.

Surcharges: C. F., L. S., F. F., In 1871 similar, but a smaller stamp. Red (various shades) Inspection: Ontario Law stamp.

7. Quebec. a. Assurance. These stamps are redeemable either used or new by the Quebec government. The design in rectangular frame. Quebec in center and inscription: Assurance License stamp.

b. Quebec Law stamp.

1871. Lower values in red, dollars in blue. 1893 lower values in violet dollars in green. The 10, 20, or \$30 come in different colors.

c. Lower Canada Registration.

1866-71 values red brown or vermillion. Numeral in center.

1871 Beaver in center. Green and dollar values in vermilion.

d. Quebec Licenses. \$2 brown.

There have been some changes in colors of which I have no stamp at present.

ODDS AND ENDS ABOUT MEXICAN REVENUES.

Contribucion Federal and Renta Interior have a perforation thru' the center or a talon and resemble with the talon off in many instances the Documents of Libros stamps which never have a talon.

All D. y. L. stamps between 1883—1902 have at the base below the stamp in small type the words: "Mexico Oficina del Gobierno.

On the Con. Fed. and Renta Int. you will find these words on the base of the talon, or on the lower half of stamp if perforated thru' center. Whenever you find a Doc'y Libr. of 1893-93 punched with a hole and Aduana printed on same more or less distinct you have a custom house stamp. All pesos values with hole of these 3 years are cheaper than without.

Perhaps the most difficult to distinguish is the issue of 1900-01. All have the same bust and similar design. Contr. Fed. has the word "Federal" above portrait and on the talon.

Renta Int has the word "Mexico" in good sized type above portrait and on the talon.

Doc. 'y Lib. Mexico in small type above portrait, and the identification at the base of the stamp.

Doc. y' Lib of 1878, 81, 82 bear the word Pena at the base.

1879 the word V. Enuno.

1877 Serie you find often with a greasy looking broad line across stamp. This was put there on purpose as a control. Hilaria y Tejidos are supposed to be always without talon when in used condition, so do not stop to collect them on that account.

The State of Jalisco uses the Renta Interior stamps with the name Jalisco printed across same.

Durango Renta del Timble. I have so far found 5 diff varieties of surcharges of the word Inutilizado.

I have several revenues which have different perforations on the same stamp.

Haliblatos are to be found. By this I mean you can find 2 diff two names on one stamp.

A new two-cent adhesive has been issued for use in the canal zone. The stamp is surcharged on the new 2-cent Panama stamp. The stamp is printed in red and black. The portrait of Fernandez de Cordoba forms the central design. The name appears in small black type below the portrait. The value appears in figures at each side. The inscriptions on the stamp are "Dos centesimos de Balboa" and "Republica de Panama Coreos," which is printed across the top in four lines.

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The same paper is running a valuable continued article on the stamps of Uruguay, well fortified with official documents. At the same time I cannot help noticing that the author perpetuates the old error which attributes the large figure set of 1866 to the De la Rue firm. They were lithographed by Maclure and McDonald.

The same paper in company with other French papers announces a new set for a new French colonial subdivision called Moyen (Middle) Congo. The designs of the French Congo set are utilized for the new stamps, but in somewhat reduced size.

No. 6. of the *Deutsche Philatelist*—which, by the way, also reaches our exchange table for the first time—gives the following information about the numbers issued and remaining of the German Imperial official stamps for Baden issued in 1905. There were printed:

2 pf. 165,100; 3 pf. 377,800; 5 pf. 531,700; 10 pf. 2,591,600; 20 pf. 1,114,900; 25 pf., 198,400.

Of these there were postally used:

2 pf., 105,621; 3 pf., 251,622; 5 pf., 383,433; 10 pf., 1,968,690; 20 pf., 889,723; 25 pf. 134,717.

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An interesting article deals with the spilt provisional of Ponape, Caroline Islands, 1905, the so-called "typhoon provisional." It develops from the official information here given that this provisional—half of a 10 pf. used as 5 pf. and cancelled with the official seal of Ponape from May 2nd to 5th, 1905 and the mail bearing it bears the arrival postmark of Jaluit May 12th, 1905, the date of arrival of the steamer for which alone these provisionals were employed. Various authorities give the number of stamps thus used at from 1000 to 4000. Later, no end of provisionals were artificially produced by the postal agent at Ponape, but these have no official standing.

In regard to American history the editor of the *Deutsche Philatelist* is not quite as well informed as in regard to German Colonials for in his chronicle of new issues mentioning the Jamestown issue he says that Pocahontas married the redoubtable Captain Smith.

From the well known fiscal specialist firm of Gilbert & Koehler, Paris, we have received a new special catalogue of the revenue stamps of Switzerland i. e. its cantons and various municipalities, a pamphlet of 94 pages text and well illustrated. The Swiss fiscals form a very interesting group and are here very intelligibly catalogued. Fiscal collectors who understand even a little French will do well to invest the 25 cents for which the booklet is offered.

In No. 21 of the Berliner Briefmarken-Zeitung I find the interesting information that the following German and Colonial stamps have been destroyed (burnt) by the German Imperial Post Office Department:

Kiautsschou: all remainders of the mark and pfennig issues. German East Africa: all remainders of the rupee and pesa issues. German Offices in Turkey, in Morocco, in China: all remainders of the REICHSPPOST issues

In the same paper Dr. Rommel brings something new. Heretofore all the various local stamps of Morocco have been looked upon as of strictly private, unofficial origin. Dr. Rommel now proves that some of them at least have official authority. The first category is formed by the set inscribed Tanger—Fez and showing a large figure of value under a Moorish arch, through which appears an oasis of palms; the value is shown in the upper corners and the word Postes between; the following are the values: 5c green on greenish, 10c black on lilac, 15c blue on white, 25c black on flesh, 50c carmine on rose, 1 fr, olive green on white, 5 fr, violet on white. These were issued jointly by Jaluzot, Paris, and Charles Gauth & Co., Tanger, on July 1, 1892. On January 1 1893, the line was taken over by the French government, but the private stamps continued in use for three months more, until April 1, 1893, so that for this period, at least, they were full fledged provisional stamps of the French post office. A similar case is that of the set inscribed MAZAGANMARAKECH and showing an Arab hunting, in a transverse oval, the numerals of value in the lower corners and two cocks in the upper corners, the value being shown in Spanish currency; the values are: 5c brick, red and black, 10c blue and black, 20c lilac and black, 25c yellow and black, 50c violet and black, 75c green and black, 1 peseta carmine and violet. This line was established by J. Brudo in 1891; on Oct. 4, 1900 it was taken over by the French Post Office Department, according to the agreement Brudo was to receive the postal receipts of this line until July 15, 1902, while the stamps were cancelled by the French government offices at Mazagan of at Marakesh. Thus from October 1900 until July 15, 1902, these stamps were, strictly speaking, provisional issues of the French office.

Honduras' Fall from Grace. After posing as a shining example, philatelically speaking, for her sister Central American countries for several years past, Honduras. or at least some of her officials, appear to have gone into the stamp business for revenue only. The latest "doings" are in connection with the new issue. Last fall, several months before the new stamps were to be issued, we were asked to make an offer for an entire sheet of the 1 peso, imperforate, which we were assured could be arranged to go down with other values and fall into the right hands. Later the position was changed so as to include the entire set imperforate. Still later came an additional offer of an error of the 5c, to be printed in the wrong color. With all of these tempting schemes, we absolutely refused to have anything to do, and stated plumply that if any of these purposely made errors came on the market we should print what we knew as to their standing. Lately we have been informed that a market has been found for the imperforates, but that the 5c in the wrong color, while they were printed, have since been destroyed. All of which we hope our readers will digest. but, in the course of time, some one will likely write complaining that we do not list these thing in our catalogue, "although So-and-So does."

Ecuador

By Rev. L. G. Dorpat

(Continued.)

The issue of 1881, steel engraving, is evidently North American work, I think of the American Bank Note Co. There are six values, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, and 50 centavos, each of a different design though all have the arms of Ecuador in the center. They are perforated 12. This issue evidently marks a reaction in politics. President Moreno had been murdered in 1875 by private enemies. He was followed by Borrero who was also a "Dr." and a friend of the clerical conservative party. On the 14th of December, 1876 he was defeated by the liberal Veintemilla, military commandant of Guayaquil. The liberal progressive spirit of the new party in power shows itself by getting a much finer set of stamps than had been used in that country before. In 1882 the 50c was surcharged "DIEZ" (that is 10) "CENTAVOS." This was another progress, though not quite in the right direction. All other surcharges of this issue are considered fraudulent. 3 on 1, 4 on 1 and 5 on 20 are so mentioned. The 10 and 20c are mentioned as split stamps and it is quite probable that they were so used, but with what authority is hard to say, no documents being known authorizing them.

In 1887 the 1, 2, 5c and a new value, 80 centavos, appeared in new designs, ostensibly of the same make as the issue of 1887: Perforated 12. Of these there is nothing more to say than that they are quite handsome and cheap stamps and unused remainders of the whole issue must have come on the market in considerable quantities. In all such cases it is important to pay some attention to the cancellation on all stamps represented as used; those only which by their cancellation show plainly to have been used postally can be considered as of full value, while all that bear a doubtful cancellation may in fact be unused stamps fraudulently cancelled and are consequently worth much less than if they had remained clean.

When the issue of 1892 made its appearance it was introduced to stamp collectors by the Metropolitan Philatelist in the following manner:

"Again we are called upon to mourn. We have been specially favored (?) with a sight of the first Seebeck issue for Ecuador put forth in virtue of Etheredge contract, which we fully touched upon a few months ago. The issue is for the year 1892, and we are pleased to show our enterprise by laying full particulars and illustrations before our readers one month before the issue will take place in Ecuador. The set consists of eight regular postage stamps, two newspaper wrappers, two envelopes, two post cards. In all twenty-one lovely pieces with which to debase our collection

Regular Postage Stamps. Engraved and printed upon this coarse wove paper with design showing through, roughly perforated 12. Our illustration gives a good idea of the design, which is the same in all eight values, save the circles and the lower labels containing the dimensions. 1 centavo, orange; 2 centavos, blackish brown; 5 centavos, vermillion; 10 centavos, light green; 20 centavos, light chestnut brown; 50 centavos, claret; 1 sucre, blue; 5 sucses, purple.

The individual so poorly portrayed upon the above stamps is Juan Jose Flores, the founder of the Republic and father of the present President, Antonio Flores. (The M. Ph. then goes on to describe the official and other

stamps. The whole article is reprinted in the Philatelic Journal of America, Vol VIII, p. 34). The catalogue mentions some of the values imperforate vertically or horizontally. One thing decidedly in favor of this issue is that it was not followed by another issue for 1893 and served two years instead of one. On the other hand we find the three higher values surcharged "5 CENTAVOS" in three kinds of type, making another set for 1893 of eight stamps. If anyone can get them genuinely used, I would advise him to do so and in that case to pay full catalogue prices.

Don Juan Jose Flores was born 1801 in Venezuela, was adjutant to General Bolivar, ruled Ecuador from 1813 to 1835 and again from 1843 to 1845. He was the leader of the old conservative party. He died October 1, 1861

In 1894 Ecuador got a new Seebeck set of the same eight values as before and in 1895 another new set was created by changing the date to 1895. (About Seebeck stamps the reader may consult vol. XVII, p. 27, vol. XVIII, pp 37 and 263 of this journal.) The face on these issues is that of President Vicente Rocafuerte, the second ruler of Ecuador who succeeded Flores in 1815, had to yield the office in 1839 but regained it in 1845. He "effected a temporary settlement with Colombia concluded a convention with England against the slave trade and made a commercial treaty with Belgium."

In 1896 we find two issues, one is a jubilee issue of seven values (the 5 sucres left out happily!) and the other a regular issue of the usual eight value. The jubilee issue has two designs, that of the 1, 5 and 20c, and 1s bearing three portraits, that of the 2, 10 and 50c bearing one portrait. The latter is that of Elizaldes, the others are those of Vincente Rocafuerte, Diego Noboa and Olmedo. The occasion for this issue was the anniversary of the victory of the liberal party over Flores and the conservatives. The other issue of this year has the arms of the republic, is printed on water-marked paper (Jacobin or liberty cap) and perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$; the jubilee issue has the same perforation.

It seems incomprehensible why after two issues had been made in the same year (1896) there should appear yet another series consisting of surcharges (5c on 20c and 10c on 50c, 1896) unless the postal administration got an epidemic of a surcharging fever that raged in their poor brains to such an extent as to deprive them of most of the common sense they had left—or they had been so pestered with solicitations from stamp collectors that they purposely overdid the thing in order to tire out even the most persistent of stamp collectors; if that was their purpose they certainly succeeded admirably, for there is hardly any other country that can compare with Ecuador in the degeneracy of the issues that followed. In 1897 there is not only a new regular issue of the usual eight values, but also a mass of surcharges that hardly be rivaled. First comes the issue of 1894 surcharged 1897-1898 in two types then the issue of 1895 surcharged the same in the two types with the five sucres in a third type, then the issue of 1896 surcharged partly in one or two types, and last the 2 and 20c Jubilee surcharged in one type, and the 1, 2, 5 and 10c Jubilee surcharged with a fancy circular stamp inscribed "Correos Provisionales." Of this state of things counterfeiters took advantage and launched other varieties. The epidemic extended even into 1899 producing a 1c on 2c 1897 and a 5c on 10c 1897.

(To be continued)

The Making of a Stamp Dealer

By Donovan Malcolmson

A paper read before the Kansas City Stamp Club.

Al was an ardent philatelist. When he was a little boy he had been started in the interesting recreation of collecting stamps by a friend who had given him a small collection. From then on he had followed the different method of obtaining stamps—first by going to all his friends and asking for any old stamps or letters which they did not need. Then he had obtained from his father the addresses of several people in foreign countries and in this way he added a great many stamps to his small collection, and at the time of this story he had a fairly good collection. "Now", said Al to himself, "I will be a stamp dealer from now on. A rich stamp dealer like myself doesn't do his own work. I'll hire a secretary." So he put an ad in the Sunday papers and in about a week's time a thin, pale young man presented himself.

"I suppose you are thoroughly familiar with stamps, are you not?" asked Al.

"Yes, sir, thoroughly," returned the young man. So Al took him to the large room where he kept his stamps and materials.

"You won't have much to do at first," said Al. "Only answer advertisements and take care of the correspondence. Later on I'll give you more work."

"But where are the stamps," asked the young man blankly. "Why, in those pigeon-holes and albums and boxes, you chump."

But the secretary only stared blankly with his mouth open.

"Say, what's the matter with you anyhow?" asked Al. No answer. "Where did you work before you came here?"

At last the secretary found his voice: "Why, heaven help me, I used to work at a stamp mill in Colorado. That's what I thought you meant in your ad. But I don't see any stamps here. There's no room". Al collapsed into a chair. After a short interval he managed to say in a weak voice, "Well what do you think of that" The secretary had begun staring again.

After a while Al recovered and explained that it was postage stamps, not ore stamps that he was interested in. After endeavoring to explain for about half an hour Al said, "Well, I believe I'll keep you anyhow. You seem to be a good sort and I don't think it will take long for you to learn."

The young man accepted the position and said he would do his best, and it was evident that he wished to ask some more questions.

"Say, do you just save stamps," he asked?

"No I collect them," answered Al.

"What, in that book?"

"No, in that album," corrected Al. After looking about a little the secretary said. "Here's an album says from the years 1901-05. What's this other from?" "Its from 1840 to 1901", said Al. "Well, where's your album for before that date?" queried the secretary. But the brave youth turned and fled.

The next morning the secretary was there bright and early and Al set him to work sticking stamps in approval books. Then he left for a few

minutes but soon returned and stood looking over the secretary's shoulder. Suddenly he gave a yell and grasped the man's arm. He was just in time. The secretary was tearing the labels off some Belgian stamps to use as hinges. But the secretary was learning all the time, and was progressing fine.

One day Al got him to work making up a book of Italian stamps. Al was in the next room looking for some 1 lira stamps of the 1879 issue and when at last he found some he yelled out. "Hey, here's 2 lirey Italians." He heard the secretary start, and then came his voice at the telephone. "Hello, is this the police station? Well send a policeman to 1216 Market St., quick." Al rushed in, and snatching the receiver from the secretary, he told the police that it was only a joke—not to pay any attention to it. Then he turned to his subordinate and demanded an explanation. "Well," said the secretary, "Didn't you holler out that there were two drunk dagoes in the next room?" Al was mystified and was about to deny it when he remembered what he had yelled out about the 2 leary Italians. They both laughed long at this and it was always a standard joke between them.

But now we must leave them. The secretary is now a proficient philatelist, and Al is doing a rushing stamp business in his large new office. He is always boasting how he trained his Secretary and brought a most valuable member to the ranks of philately.

Those people (and there are many of them) who imagine that stamp collecting is a less popular pastime than in former years would have been astonished to overhear a recent conversation with one of our leading dealers, who stated—and brought evidence to prove his words—that there is now a greater business in stamps for collections than at any previous time in the history of the hobby. Indeed the dollars and cents of stamp collecting is calculated to stagger those who are not aware of the extent of its growth during recent years. To take the business transacted in new issues alone, I may mention that there is one prominent firm of dealers whose usual order for a new series of British Colonial stamps will be a thousand sets of each value up to 2s. 6d., and 500 specimens of each value from 5s upwards! Working this out at face value, and allowing a small commission for the buying agent on the spot, we get a sum of \$6125.00 expended upon one issue of one British Colony by one stamp dealing firm! In these circumstances is it surprising that colonies like Barbadoes are tempted to create unnecessary issues for the sake of an unearned revenue from philatelists?

The Press on Philately. The great army of stamp collectors cannot fail to be gratified at learning that the London Philatelic Society, considered as the leading society of the kind in this country, is in future to be known as the Royal Philatelic Society. I understand that H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, who is the president of the society, was approached on the subject, and he has now given his assent to the change of title, thereby giving to the Society the distinctive mark of the favor of Royalty. I should say that this is the first time that the Philatelic world has thus been honored, and certainly no other philatelic society is privileged to use the prefix "Royal" in its title.—"The Scotsman."

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SIDE LINES--By Charles E. Jenney.

That occur to us on reading the Stamp Weekly of June 15th.

Stanley--Gibbons advertise that California collectors use their stamp tongs to catch fleas on an Angora cat. We infer this is the stamp cat, so often referred to in the advertising columns.

The J. T. Starr Company offer to supply 1, 2, and 5 cent unused Jamestown stamps at face, with other orders. Five cents is too much for such a face as appears on the 5-cent value. Wouldn't that "lid" jar you? Fortunately, its seeming scarcity will prevent our seeing too much of it.

He bought at an auction a stamp marked O. G.

Which he carefully stowed in his vest:

He went to a ball game that same afternoon

And followed it through with a zest.

The day it was hot and his stamp he forgot;

That evening he danced at a "Glee"

And his partner he pressed close up to his breast:—

When he looked at his stamp, was—Oh, Gee!

According to the Washington Star reporter our English cousins take their stamps con grano salino—or less.

Following Rev. * Chas. Nast's advice I am trying to develop over-used eyes by searching for flyspecks on the one-cent Jamestown, so that I may require Thompson's Eye Salve or Eye, water.

We notice a new kind of stamp has been invented,—an Indore stamp. We should have expected from India rather an outdoor stamp. Do they require door hinges to mount with?

One firm advertises the strip of three Filipinos. We have always understood the natives were commoner that way than any other.

The New England Stamp Co. announce that their president and manager will touch Chicago as well as other points. We are delighted. Every one we ever heard of before got touched in Chicago.

The editorial "An Adjunct" has the usual timeliness of the Weekly's editorials. It suggests the keeping of a scrapbook and furnishes the materials in its recent issues in the advertisements of the factions of the A. P. A. *Revenue, no Reverend.

Chicago is in the throes of "postcardittis" and the postoffice clerks and officials who discovered the new malady declare that its ravage is spreading to an alarming extent and attacking without discrimination persons of high and low degree, rich and poor, thin and fat. This affliction attacks victim without the slightest warning. He maybe standing on the street looking into the window of a drug store and be unconscious of his danger.

New Organization

Fitzgerald, Ga.,

Wish to let readers know that we have organized a small local stamp club here in Fitzgerald and so far I think all the members have derived a great deal of good and a whole lot of genuine pleasure.

It is impossible to name all the benefits derived from a local stamp club and I see no reason why a good number of the smaller cities cannot have societies just as well as the larger ones. A person who collects stamps is not a Philatelist if he collects only for his own enjoyment and cares not whether anyone else sees anything in it or not. Collectors do more for the uplifting of philately, help on the beginners and do not be satisfied with enjoying it yourself. Show other people whereby they too may be benefited and may while away many a long hour and drive away many a case of "blues," by collecting and studying stamps. Nearly every collector has a large number of duplicates for which he has no use. Give them away and start new collections." Our club meets every Friday night and that doesn't seem near often enough. I, for one am enjoying my stamps tenfold since we have organized our club, simply by seeing others enjoy theirs.

Yours very truly,

L. L. Dickerson.

Unperforated Postage Stamps

(From the U. S. Official Postal Guide, June, 1907)

May 22, 1907.

1. Postmasters are notified that the Department is prepared to issue postage stamps without the usual preparations, when desired in that form for sale to the public for use in automatic stamp affixing or stamp vending machines.
2. The unperforated stamps are in sheets of 400 each.
3. They are issued to postmasters in lots of 10,000 stamps or multiples of 10,000 of each denomination desired
4. . . . requisition should not be made unless the postmaster has satisfactory assurance that at least 10,000 stamps of each denomination ordered will be sold within a reasonable time.
5. Unperforated stamps may be sold to the public in any quantity not less than a sheet of 400; but postmasters will not be supplied with such stamps to be sold for use on mailings to be dispatched from other than their own postoffices.
6. Postmasters will notify purchasers that the unperforated stamps should be cut apart carefully, as mutilated stamps are not valid for postage. The right is reserved to prescribe other conditions as necessity arise or to discontinue the issue of unperforated stamps if at any time it appears necessary or advisable.

From the Daily Consular and Trade Reports of July 1906 we quote: "Postage stamp books have been adopted by the French post office department advises Vice Consul Gen. A. E. Ingram of Paris. These books will be placed on sale at all the post offices in France on November 1. This American idea has been adopted by Switzerland and now by France, which causes Mr. Ingram to add that "Imitation is the sincerest flattery."



Reviews, Comments and Personal Opinions

By Vera Weston-Hantway

(Editor's Note: English and American periodicals, books and pamphlets, desiring an impartial review in this publication will please mail copies marked "for review" to Miss Hanway, Box 156, Dallas, Penn., U.S.A.)

Lest any reader should find a cause for wonderment in the pot pourri dished up in this department this month, I'll herein state that the much abused and maligned weather is responsible. In sooth summer time is not collecting time,—that is to say the long warm summer days do not seem to favor ardent collecting. These are days when we like to lounge in hammocks and chairs on the piazza, or out under the trees,—mayhap dallying now and then with some philatelic oddity, or sinking into a dreamy reverie tinged with pleasant reminiscences.

The literature on my reading table this month do not present an appalling or midable array, which is an all around good thing for the editors, the reviewers, and last but very far from least, the philatelic-reading public.

Among those which I am constrained to "speak in the passing", (we will leave dissections for the winter months) is "Redfield's Stamp Weekly". While this is but a youngster in age it is being piloted along the adventurous sea of philatelic journalism by those who are very able Captains, indeed. Mr. Louis G. Quackenbush is the editor and it is pleasing to meet with his facile and somewhat rhetorical, journalese once again. "Oliver Crinkle", is of course in evidence, and it does not require much badgering of the imagination to arrive at an approximate conception of his identity.

Another new arrival is "The Carolina Philatelist". There is a good bit of room for improvement in the paper and the editor will no doubt better it by and by. There is plenty of room in America for first class philatelic magazines, and never was there such a dearth of publication catering to the demand.

The Chicago Collector's Monthly is a most attractive journal and is edited along excellent lines. As organ of the Chicago Philatelic Society, and the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club it would seem to fill a vacant inch, Naturally it gives prominence to Chicago society affairs, and the social side of philately. "Puritan" is a gossipy writer and manages to inject a little pleasant fun into his column. A series on albums is good. There are also departments on coin and curio collecting, the former conducted by Dr. Mer-

will and the latter by Forest Gaines.

Few English periodicals have reached me so far this month, so I am compelled to omit comments on these. I would be glad to be placed on the mailing list of those British journals which I am not at present receiving. The reviews in this department will never be actuated by a spirit of carping criticism. On the contrary, our platform is to praise what is worthy, to ignore what is indifferent, and such criticism as we are constrained to make will not be colored with malicious drivellings, or personal animosities.

This the month for conventions of every sort, but what is of the most interest to collectors is that it is the month for stamp conventions. The American Philatelic Association meets at Denver, Colo., and that convention will, let us trust bring to a close a strenuous political campaign. The Metropolitan Philatelic Association meets at Syracuse, N. Y.

While it has never been my pleasure to attend a convention, I am a firm believer in them, and indeed in anything which serves to bring collectors together in the bonds of social sympathy. Philately is a social hobby, and we philatelists are very far from the musty, fusty, day as dust individuals, novelists introduce to us.

Most of us treat ourselves to a vacation, and it is a right good plan and a change from the stereotyped trip to the country, the mountains, the lakes, the sea shore, to attend a convention.

Speaking of conventions some English cousin, of ours, considers our conventions to be a mixture to a picnic, a junkie and a miniature political campaign!

Somehow all this calls up a train of thought which is sentimental and painful. But for the sake of "auld lang syne" let us once sound "Taps" for the familiar names and faces of yester year. The old names which rang with such resonance in our ears, heed the old names we viewed with veneration,—where are they? Tho' the files present an unbroken front here and there is an empty place, the vacant chair at our fraternal fireside. Let us sound "Taps for the faithful across the great divide, and for the deserters, "The Lost Leader,"—

"Just for a handful of silver he left us.

Just for a riband to stick in his coat—"

Well,—let us sound "Taps" for those too.

Embossed Postage Stamps. Washington, June 11.—On and after the first of July the postoffice department will issue stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers bearing embossed postage stamps of new design. The form of these stamps will be an ellipse on end. The subjects in bas relief, and the colors of their backgrounds will be: One cent, Benjamin Franklin, green; 2 cent George Washington, red; 4-cent, Benjamin Franklin, black; 5 cent, George Washington, blue. Within a border surrounding the subject in bas relief will appear in white embossed capital letters the words "United States," and denomination, "One cent," etc.

A Mrs. Membury of England, has a snake of postage stamps. The snake is about five feet long, and contains about twenty thousand stamps. The head is made of black velvet, with beads for eyes and teeth. A match stuck into the mouth forms the fang.

A Find In California.

By Allen Henry Wright

It is probable that every one of us has had hopes of some day "striking it rich", in the way of running across a wealth of relics, curios, stamps or autographs, or whatever our hobby may be, in some out of the way place and when least expected. I must confess that I have long cherished such a hope, and whenever I have read of the big "finds" made by others I have wondered when my time would come. Finally, it did come, and only a few weeks ago, to.

The way it came about was this: A friend of mine is an auctioneer and one morning he called me up on the telephone to tell me that he had a sale on that day and that a quantity of books were included in the articles to be sold, all of which belonged to an estate which was being settled up. He thought I might be interested in the books, and I was. I took an hour off and went to the old house where I looked over the books, selecting a few here and there and putting them into one lot, for which I decided to bid. Then I had a few minutes left and began to "nose" around in the sheds and storerooms. On the floor of one of the latter I noted an old envelope, bearing a stamp of the 'fifties. This gave me an idea that there might be more about, and I spent a brief time looking through an old trunk, finding a number of philatelic treasures, including a number of old envelopes bearing the Wells-Fargo franks in use when the pony express did business in California.

Returning to the main house I found the administrator of the estate, and made arrangements to look over the "stuff" that might be left after the sale. For several successive Saturday afternoons I went to the old storerooms, bearing a key to the rusty lock in the door, and after gaining entrance I set to work to enjoy myself to the utmost in delving among boxes and trunks of old letters and official papers.

Many were the things I brought to light, until I fairly had to pinch myself to see if I were really awake and not dreaming. For instance, I came across an envelope bearing the words "\$1.12 for J. Smith", and on opening the same I was amazed to find an entire pane of 100 unused 1-cent stamps of the third issue of the United States and a block of four unused 3-cent stamps of the same issue. Any quantity of the old issues of embossed envelopes, including some 6-cent, and original covers, bearing 10 cent greens 1, 3 and 5, old issues, Treasury departments, War departments, etc., etc. Was it any wonder that I questioned the reality of my good fortune?

And then the old documents and letters! There was a regular mine of them, as the late owner of the property had held the position of public administrator and many things unclaimed had remained in his possession.

There were documents signed by Mexican, Swiss and United States consuls. Letters and documents signed by Generals Heintzelman, Nathaniel Lyon (the hero of the battle of Wilson's Creek), T. W. Sweeney and others.

One document bore the signatures of E. M. Pease and Edward Clark, both governors of Texas, and the former the secretary of treasury for the Texan republic. Others bore signatures of United States Senators A. P. Butler, William Harper, S. Cole and others. Still others showed the hand writing of two early governors of South Carolina, David Johnson and J. P.

Richardson. A large document, an appointment as collector of customs, had the signatures of Millard Fillmore, president of the United States, and Thomas Corwin, secretary of the Treasury. A commission as district attorney bore the sign manuel of Peter Burnett, first governor of California.

A large broadside proved to be the register of the big Hallowell, built at Hallowell, Maine, in 1830. It shows a tonnage of 203 9-95 tons. There were numerous letters and documents signed by army officers of the early times, many of whom afterward attained high ranks.

Aside from all these good things, and more like them but not here enumerated, I found old files of newspapers covering period like the first gold fever days and the civil war. Among these old papets were No. 5, Vol 7., of The Friend, published in Honolulu, under date of May 1, 1849. It tells of news just received by steamer, including such things as the election of General Taylor as president of the United States and of Prince Louis Napolen as president of France. No. 9 Vol 1 of the Placer Times published Sacramento California June 30 1849 is full of items relative to the gold mining excitement and kindred subjects.

Another innocent looking box gave a variety of sea shells from the south seas, which had evidently belonged at some time to a sailor who had died in the port where all these things were found. In a molden-crusted old bill book I found one of the prettiets of abalone pearls. Other boxes put forth specimen soft the bark of the big trees, pieces of obsidian, coral, gold, silver and copper ore and so on "ad infinitum."

As a result of this chance running on such a treasure house I secured many things to add to my own various collections as well as much exchange material. I will be glad to hear from any other readers of this magazine who have had any similar experiences.

It has been explained again and again that the values quoted in the leading stamp catalogues are generally much in excess of the prices ruling in the open market. The amount by which they exceed the actual dealing price depends chiefly upon the rarity of the stamps. Common stamps are purchaseable, as a general rule, at a large discount from "catalogue"; for medium and fairly rare stamps the discount is appreciably smaller, while the great varieties as a rule command either the full catalogue value or more. The question of "condition" is always a prominent factor in determining stamp values. Catalogue prices are generally understood to be for stamps in first class condition except in regard to the very rarest varieties, and it is important to remember this fact when one is offered specimens at a fraction of the catalogue value. Nothing is more greatly depreciated in value by poor condition than philatelic property, and it may be taken as a fairly safe rule that a stamp which is worth say, 50c in supero condition, may sink to a matter of 10c, 5c, or less, if it is damaged, heavily defaced, or seriously faded. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, whose philatelic catalogues are generally accepted as standards of value, have recently issued the 1906 7- edition of their "Priced Catalogue of the Stamp of the British Empire." Hard on its heels come several priced lists of Colonial stamps, issued by other firms, and showing as a rule large discounts from the values computed by "Gibbons".



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.
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352. By the kindness of Mr. John W. Prevost, 963 Sumner Ave., Springfield, Mass., I may add the following:

The City Bank, Oswego, N. Y., check (red-lilac laid paper) unused		1st design
Mercantile Nat. Bank, New York, check	1873	"
Agawan Nat. Bank, Springfield, Mass., check	1876	"
Chapin Banking & Trust Co., Springfield, Mass., check	1873	"
The Keene Nat. Bank, Keene, N. H., check (thin p.)	1876	2nd "
Agawan Nat. Bank, Springfield, Mass., " (variety)	1871	6th "
Springfield Institution for Savings, Springfield, Mass., unused		"
Merchant Nat. Bank, Boston, Mass., check unused		4th "
Springfield Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Springfield, Mass., check, unused		"
Bar Harbor Banking and Trust Co., Bar Harbor, Maine, check (1899) unused		"
Maverick Nat. Bank, Boston Mass., check unused		3rd "
Fourth National Bank, New York, (lithogr. p. H. G. Marguand & Dimock) 1868, stamp in black in right upper corner		5th "
National Bank of the Republic, Philadelphia, check, lilac paper, unused		7th "
Entry of Merchandise, very large sheet, 1872, stamp in upper left corner		9th "
Entry of Merchandise sheet $8\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{3}{4}$ in., 1872, stamp in upper left corner		10th "
Entry of Merchandise, sheet $8\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{3}{4}$ in., 1872, stamp in center		"

The 9th design is that of a one dollar stamp printed in orange. Head of Washington in an oval in the center on a diagonally lined background. The oval partly overlaps on the sides a rectangular frame $1\frac{3}{8} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ in., bearing the words "United States" up, at the left, and "Internal Revenue" down, at the right, and "One Dollar" above and below. The spaces within the frame above and below the oval are filled in with engine-turned ornaments.

The 10th design has the head of Lincoln on a horizontally lined background in the center of a triangular shield with curved sides. Above the head is a pointed arch with the words "Internal Revenue" and below the head is a horizontal straight band with the words "Fifty Cents". In the upper two corners of the shield are the letters "U" and "S" and in the lower corner the figures 50. Above and below outside of the shield are scroll ornaments giving to the whole stamp a rectangular appearance. Size $1\frac{5}{8} \times 2\frac{1}{8}$ inches. Printed in orange on white paper.

Mr. Prevost also sent me a number of Lock seals, the first I have

seen. They are pretty stamps and the key-holes notwithstanding will look well in a collection. I will not describe them now, as there seems to be more than enough matter concerning bank and commercial stamped papers to fill all the space available, for a while at least.

Mr. Prevost does not collect the different checks, drafts, etc. from the many different banks (though there are some collectors that do), but limits his collection to varieties of paper and shades of the different designs of stamps. On the other hand he collects entire documents of other descriptions on stamped paper, some varieties of which are very rare, also Match and Medicine stamps, U. S. Rev. imp. and part perf. in pairs (no singles), Canada Rev's, Rev's of France and French Colonies and French stamped papers, State Rev's, Tax paid's, etc.

Mr. Jno. M. Stone of Louisa, Va., sends the information that stamped checks were used as follows:

The Farmer's Bank of Carlisle, Pa.	1879	3rd design
The West Branch National Bank, Williamsport, Pa.		
The Bank of Louisa, Louisa, Va., Mineral Branch	1901	?
" " Sulphur Mines	1901	?

By the kindness of Mr. S. L. Futler, 431 N 41st St., Philadelphia, Pa., I can now describe the following:

11th design. Head of Washington to right in upright oval, shell above, U. S. shield below. On the left of the shell above is a curved band with the words "Two Cents" in bold white capitals, on the right the same, only the one reads up the curve and the other down. On the left of the U. S. shield below is a curved band with the words "United States", down, in capitals like those mentioned before, and on the right of the U. S. shield below is another curved band with the words "Internal Revenue", up, in like capitals. Beyond the outer ends of the last named bands are, on each side, two circular disks with the figure 2 in white on a horizontally lined background. The spaces between the oval and the bands are filled with fancy ornaments. Ornaments are also on the outside of the bands and around the disks on the right and left. The shape approaches that of a diamond with irregular sides. The copy before me is printed in red.

12th design. Eagle with raised wings facing to the right in a circle on a white background. Around the circle is a colored band with the words "United States Internal Revenue" above and "Two Cents" below. Outside this band above and below are small colored disks with the figures "2" in white. Outside these disks are leaf-like arabesques coming to a point above and below, giving the whole the appearance of a pointed oval.

Design 11 is on a draft of the Citizens Savings Bank of East Brady, Pa., on Lloyd, Hamilton & Co., New York, 1873.

Design 12 is on two varieties checks of the Farmers' & Mechanics' National Bank of Philadelphia, Pa., 1869 and 1870.

Besides these I can add the following varieties:

Farmers' & Mechanics' National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa., check, 4 varieties,	1873-75	1st design
Banking House of James T. Brady & Co., Pittsburg, draft in New York,	1873-	"

First Nat. Bank of Altoona, Pa., draft on New York, 1873	1st design.	
" " " (U. S. Depository) of Denver, Col.	check-(2 var).	1873-74 "
Farmers & Mech. Nat. Bank, Phil., Pa	" 1875-	2d "
" " "	" 1876-	3d "
Bank of Ft. Scott, Fort Scott, Kansas	" (2 var)	1881-82 "
Seventh Nat. Bank, Philad., Pa.	" (2var.)	1876-77 "
Second Nat. Bank of Beloit, Beloit, Wis	" 188 - -	" "
Grant County Bank of Silver City, New Mex.	check 188 - -	" "
Colorado N.B. (U. S. Dep) of Denver, Colo	" 1901-	4th "
The Nat. Rockland B. of Boston, Mass.—check (2 var)-	1900-01-4th	" "
Richland Savings Bank, Mansfield, Ohio	" 190-	" "
Greiner Summers Co. Bkrs. Alliance O' draft on New York	1871--6th	" "
Greensburg Deposit Bank of Lloyd Huff Co. of Greensburg Pa.		
draft on Pittsburg		1872 6th "

In regard to the last the peculiar circumstance may be noted that the draft on Pittsburg was changed to a draft on New York by pasting part of a New York draft on it.

Where I have given but three figures of the year the form is blank and unused. Such is the case with the Beloit check, which has the word "Stamp Redeemed" stamped in red across the face of the stamp.

Many of the papers mentioned until now have the imprint of the lithographer or printer on their face. In the next issue of the WEST I may give a list of all that I have found so far.

I wish to get many more varieties, not for my own sake alone, but for the benefit of all interested as well. There are more collectors who pay some attention to stamped papers than I dared to think, and I am both surprised and pleased at the number of letters I get in regard to this matter. Let us keep it up for a while! Send along your duplicates and get others in return! If you do not want any in return send them along anyway and help me please those who want them!

The Philatelic West and Camera News, L. T. Brodstone, publisher Superior, Neb., is one of the best magazines of its kind which comes to this department's review table. From 100 to 200 pages comprise the publication, well printed well illustrated and on good paper. And the material contained is of the best. The WEST has absorbed several of its competitors, and its circulation is ever increasing. The July issue contains a wealth of valuable material for stamp collections, while the department devoted to amateur photography, mineralogy, souvenir card collecting, society reports, press review and advice affords the most interesting of reading.—Daily Standard.

What's the use of Money unless you can buy rare stamps. George H. Worthington, of Cleveland, O., has paid \$155 for a 5-cent stamp issued in Cuba by the United States during the Spanish-American war. The stamp was bought at auction from the collection of Eugene Wilson of Bardtown, Ky. The stamp is a Cuban variety surcharged with the figure "5".

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PHILATELIC NOTES

By C. O. Engle.

By order of the Sultan of Turkey, a special commission has been appointed to make up entire sets of of the old issues, for sale to collectors, in order to procure funds for the continuation of the Hedjoo Railway.

The stamp collectors of Rochester, Minn. have organized a local stamp club which is to be known as the Rochester Stamp Collectors Club. Good! We wish them great success.

According to the American Journal of Philately. Bloods Penny Post is said to have employed an acid to cancel some of their stamps.

The first dealer in stamps in New York in 1860, sold his specimens at a uniform price of 5c each. Wouldn't we have a large collection, if we could buy them at this rate now?

The new Brunei stamps are surcharged in red on the 1902-3 Labuan crown-type issue, and consists of 12 varieties.

Cyprus has a new stamp; 10 para, orange and green.

Whitefield King Co., report that the Gibraltar stamps surcharged Morocco Agencies withdrawn on December 31st last, are not to be destroyed.

Jamaica has issued two new stamps $\frac{1}{2}$ d all green, and 1d all red. They are of a new design.

Salvador has issued a new stamp also, 6 centavos, carmine and black, which bears the head of President Pedro Escolon.

In 1862, the first philatelic work appeared entitled "The Collector of Postage Stamps," and in the same year five catalogues were issued.

In 1864, Maury, the prominent Parisian stamp dealer, published his first catalogue, and began publishing his paper which is still in existence.

In my opinion, the 5c Jamestown stamp is the the first one that the U. S. had lettering engraved on the left and right hand sides.

FILIPINOS HAVE SPECIAL ISSUES FOR POSTAL PURPOSES.

The Phillipine government has recently adopted for use of its postal service a distinctive series of postage stamps, prepared by the bureau of engraving and printing. The value and colors of these stamps correspond to those of the United States postal service, and there are the same number of stamps in the series, but the denominations are expressed in pesos and centavo to conform to the new currency system of the islands.

The designs are also different. The portraits of Rizal, McKinley, Magellan, Legaspa, Lawton, Lincoln, Sampson, Washington, Carredio and Franklin appear on the stamps of less than one peso, and those of one peso or more bear the coat of Rizal, a Filipino patriot and author, became a martyr for his country; Magellan discovered the islands; Lekasi was the first governor general, and Carriedo, a Spanish philanthroist, gave an endowment which resulted in the building a waterworks system for Manila. The special delivery stamp has a Filipino messenger boy dressed in white on one end and Mount Mayon the most prominent volcanic peak and an old landmark, on the other.

Philatelic Pen Point

By Leon V. Cass

During the fourteen years I have been interested in Philately I have never seen the time when the beginner was as well taken care of as he is today.

When I first started my collection in 1894 my application for approval selections was answered by the dealers who flooded me with reprints and damaged stamps which were worthless, or nearly so.

Upon joining a stamp society as soon as my application was printed in the official journal I was nearly swamped with unsolicited approval selections.

Today the beginner as a rule, receives genuine salable stamps on approval from the majority of the stamp dealers, and the unsolicited approval selection is almost a thing of the past.

The dealers are learning that if our hobby is to live and thrive as it should they must treat the beginner right and not sell him trash as long as he will buy it and thus when he finds how he has been "taken in and done for" nine times out of ten he throw up stamp collecting in disgust. Many collectors let the element of profit enter into their collecting too much for the good of our hobby.

When you spend an evening at the opera or a day in search of pleasure you do not expect to reap profit from the money you spend.

But if you spend an evening or a rainy day with your stamps, looking over approval selections and perhaps purchasing some specimen you lack, if you are a true collector you will gain just as much pleasure as you would in the pursuit of pleasure at the opera or Coney Island.

Of course, by judicious buying you may in years to come sell the stamps you buy today for more than you paid for them, but the pleasure you get out of forming your collection is generally worth all you pay for your stamps, and if you wish to sell you are at least sure of getting part of your money back and that is more than you can do in most pleasurable pursuits.

The bi-colored stamp is not as much in evidence today as it was a few years ago and it is very likely they will be issued less and less from year to year until they will be a thing of the past.

The cause is that it costs much more to print a stamp in two or more colors than it does in one.

I recently had the pleasure of looking over a fine collection of U. S. card board proofs and I assure you they make a very beautiful collection.

These proofs, like proof coins are made from the new die and every line is distinct and perfect.

It is an undisputed fact that card board proofs are becoming more popular each year and as they are few in number, prices are bound to advance within a short time.

A movement is on foot to organize a "U. S. Proof Society" and should the society become a fact, as it undoubtedly will, it will cause a revival in interest in U. S. proofs and essays which will tend to bring prices up rapidly.

Every stamp collector should have a philatelic library and the compar-

tively small number of papers now being issued in the interests of our hobby in America enables nearly every collector to subscribe for all of the current philatelic magazines at a small outlay

Many collectors claim they derive as much enjoyment from the perusal of the literature devoted to philately as they do from stamps themselves and I am not ashamed to own that I am one of them.

NOTES--By Arthur L. Nelson

This beautiful example of criticism appeared in the New York Commercial Advertiser about the time the 1890 issue was placed on sale at the New York Post Office: "The gory looking production with which our letters must now be ornamented does not suffer from indistinction. The design is cheap, the paper cheaper, and the general work so badly done that the blood-color is driven through, in unwholesome looking dribbling, to the back of the stamp. Perhaps the most appropriate part of the whole design is the face of Washington, which bears an expression of sullen contempt quite suitable to its dingy surroundings."

Thus each new issue when it appears is held up to scorn to be jeered at and satirized by our newspaper critics. The ridicule of these "would be critics," which is intended to amuse, of offensive to collectors who know that the stamps of our own great country are the most beautiful of any in our albums.

The two-cent Jamestown seems to be everywhere admired both for its well executed design and also its beautiful color. Many Kansas City collectors consider it the most beautiful stamp of that denomination yet issued. Stamp collectors and dealers especially should use this new set in preference to the regular issue and thus help popularize the series, at the same time giving their correspondents the opportunity of securing the new.

It is somewhat surprising to read of the numerous new local philatelic societies which are organizing in many of the larger cities where stamp collectors have hitherto remained apart. Philatelists in many of the smaller towns principally in the eastern states, are also organizing societies. The rapid growth in the membership of the American Philatelic Association and the increasing enthusiasm among its members is responsible for the organization of an unusually large number of local branches in the larger cities throughout the United States. The following eleven cities are not represented by A. P. A. branch societies, all but the first four having been chartered within the past twelve months. Chicago, Pittsburg, Rockford, Ill., Philadelphia, Scranton, Boston, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, and Milwaukee. The members of the Association in Kansas City are planning to organize a branch at an early date and hope to obtain number ten as the number of the branch. This number was held by the Kansas City Philatelic Society, a local branch of the A. P. A. which met in 1895 and 1896.

This increase in the number of societies may be taken as a first rate indication of a renewal of interest among philatelists which if it continue at the rate of the past six months will mean that another stamp boom is approaching

Counterfeits and their Detection.

By R. R. Thiele

(Continued)

OLDENBERG. The 2 gr. black on rose of the 1858 issue of Oldenburg and the 2 gr. red of the 1860 issue of the same country (the latter date in Scott's, by the way, is wrong, as these stamps were issued January 1 1861) are both stamps worth while counterfeiting. Accordingly about half a dozen forgeries of both are known—of both I say since the forged dies for the 1858 issue are usually also employed for forging the 1860 issue as both issues were printed from the same stones. Unfortunately though I have both originals. I have only one forgery of the 2 gr. red and none of the 2 gr. black on rose; hence I must confine myself to a description of the forged 2 gr. red—but bear in mind that here is a 2 gr. black on rose on which the same characteristics appertain.

Both original and forgery are lithographed. The inscriptions of the forgery are all too large especially the name OLDENBERG. In the original the letters of this word are arranged in a segment of a circle and on to follow the lower line of the band containing the word so that there is more space between OL or RG and the line below them than there is between the N and the same line. On the forgery the letters follow quite closely the curves of the line of the label beneath them. The letters on the forgery are very close together except OLD; on the original they are spaced rather far apart.—The scroll containing the word OLDENBURG on the original is heavily shaded so that the lines of shading extend as far as D and V. U. On the forgery there is almost no shading whatever on the scroll. In the lower scroll on the original the letters We are distinctly inclined towards the right while on the forgery the entire word Zwei leans to the left. The letters of Groschen are all too tall on the forgery; e. g. the top of them touches the line inner line of the scroll while on the original there is quite a space here. The of Groschen on the original leans to the right on the forgery towards the left. On the original this scroll is heavily shaded at the right and left while on the counterfeit there is almost no shading. The figures of value at the side are on the original contained in distinct ovals while on the counterfeit these "ovals" are almost circular. The figures themselves also differ on the forgeries the heads being too small but it is difficult to convey the correct idea there without illustrations. In the same manner it is almost impossible to convey an idea of the differences to be found in the scrollwork at the sides without the aid of illustrations. The ends of the hanging ribbon over the left hand figure of value come too near the oval containing that figure on the counterfeit; on the original they are quite a distance from the small oval. The crown is incorrectly drawn on the forgery; its arms are rounded, while on the original the crown has a distinct sharp corner at right and left. The crown on the originals shows a large ball under the cross on top; on the forgery this ball has almost disappeared, being jammed down into the body of the crown. On the coat-of-arms, the cross in the right upper quartering is much too large as compared with the original, on which it is quite small. In the right lower quartering the forgery shows five horizontal rows in the checkerwork pattern,

the lowest row having only one field; on the original there are four horizontal rows, the lowest showing parts of three fields. The entire coat-of-arms on the forgery is too wide, so that it almost touches the oval at right and left, while on the original there are considerable opening at both points.

My forgery of this value, as well as numerous other counterfeits of this country in my collection, bears a "postmark" consisting of a large horizontal rectangle showing parts of these words:

OLDENBURG
MGROSSHERZOGTHMM

No such postmark was ever used in this city and any stamps bearing postmarks of this kind are at once confessed counterfeits.

NOTES.

Whitfield King & Co's List of Phil. Novelties No. 142 is at hand, also M. H. Decker & Co's. (La Porte, Indiana) circulars to dealers and Toledo Stamp Co's (Toledo, Ohio) price list dealers.

E. L. Warner of Evanson, Ill., issues a fine circular card announcing his specialties, the "Golden Genie Series" and other fine things.

From Barcelona Spain, comes a price list of 75 pages, issued by Jose Monge, 51 Calle de Escudillers, giving prices for singles, 10's 100's and 1000's. This list is especially interesting to American collectors, because it included Spanish Colonies (now U.S. possessions) with wholesale prices. Spanish South America is also well represented.

The United Stamp Company of Chicago, is selling the Hussman Co's. wholesale stock of stamps, which is rich in low priced stamps not very easily obtained in quantity otherwise. The first auction of this sale is past; it was held June 29; but here are still a number of packets in sets, which are being closed out at very low prices. Why should not collectors take advantage as well as dealers? Write for catalogue and prices.

In European stamp papers we find occasional notes which show that societies and individuals are bent upon improving their philatelic libraries. Collectors in America will do well to take the hint and follow the example. Many a good paper is passing the Atlantic eastward, and before very long it may take a good piece of money to make anything like a creditable collection of philatelic literature in this country.

Of the Brunel stamps, first issue, surcharged in red on Labuan the greatest number printed of one value, the 4 on 12c. is 20,000, the smallest (25-16, 30-16 50-16 and 1d-8c) is 2000.

New Zealand is now for the U. S. in charging 1 penny (2 cts) only for letters of 4 ounces. We pay 2 cts for each ounce or fraction thereof. There is no country now with a lower letter rate than New Zealand. The low rate makes the high values of stamps so much the rarer.

Notes for U. S. Collectors

By E. R. Aldrich

The cost for trans Atlantic mail transportation paid by the U.S. in 1874 was \$235373 81.

The number of plain stamped envelopes issued during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874 was 11416000 of the one cent value, 2522750 of the two cent value, 50946200 of the three-cent value 174300 of the six cent vaule, 1250 of the seven-cent value, 29250 of the ten-cent value, 15500 of the twelve-cent value, 1250 of the fifteen-cent value, 500 each of the twenty-four and thirty-cent value.

During this same period the issue of special request enveopes was 893250 of the one cent value, 1178500 of the two cent value, 49695250 of the three cent value, 169750 of the six cent value, 500 of the seven cent value 1000 of the ten cent value and 2000 of the twelve cent value.

During this same period the number of official envelopes issued were: Postoffice Department, 563000 two cent value, 9690500 three cent value and 249800 six cent value; for the War Department 2000 one cent value, 2100 two cent value, 314500 three cent value 18000 six cent value, 500 ten cent value, 5800 twelve cent vaue, 1500 fifteen cent value, 1000 twenty four cent value and 600 thirty cent value.

Permit No. 93 of Boston, Mass., comes hand stamped upon the envelope of the Boston Varnish Co.

St. Louis permit No. 44 is used to send out the summer bargain list of the department store of Stxy, Baer & Fuller—The Grand Leader.

Theodore Champion & Co. of Paris, quote in their last list St. Louis 5c and 10 in 100 lots at 5 fr and 17 5 fr.

The U. C. Torgan—the Gripand Crescent of St. Paul, says:— John Smith's portrait adorns the "Jamestown Exposition" one cent postage stamp. Why not oblige every Smith in the land to buy one stamp and give us one year in which the Postal Department would not have to report a deficit.

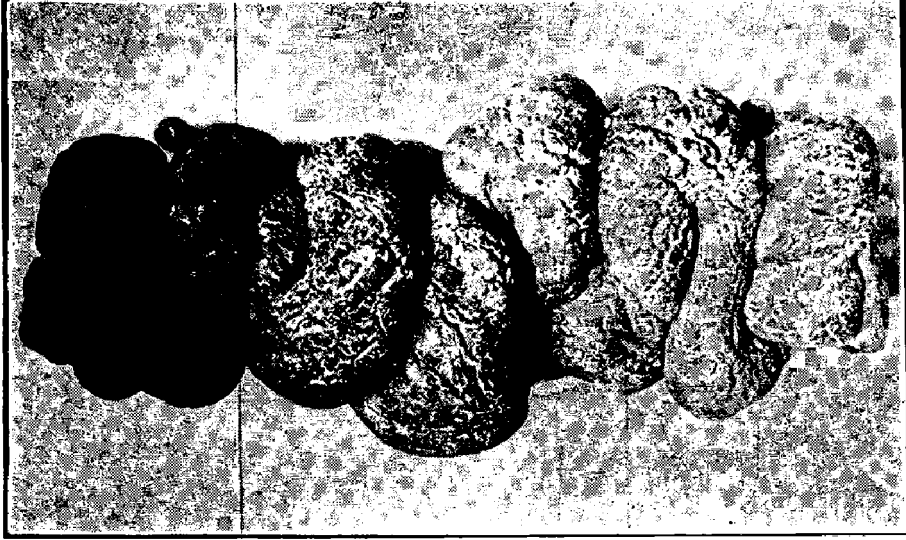
Stamped envelopes are supplied to postmasters either from the main agency at Hartford, Conn., (from which last year all the special request envelopes were sent and 66.61 percent of the ordinary) or from the subagency at St. Louis, Mo.

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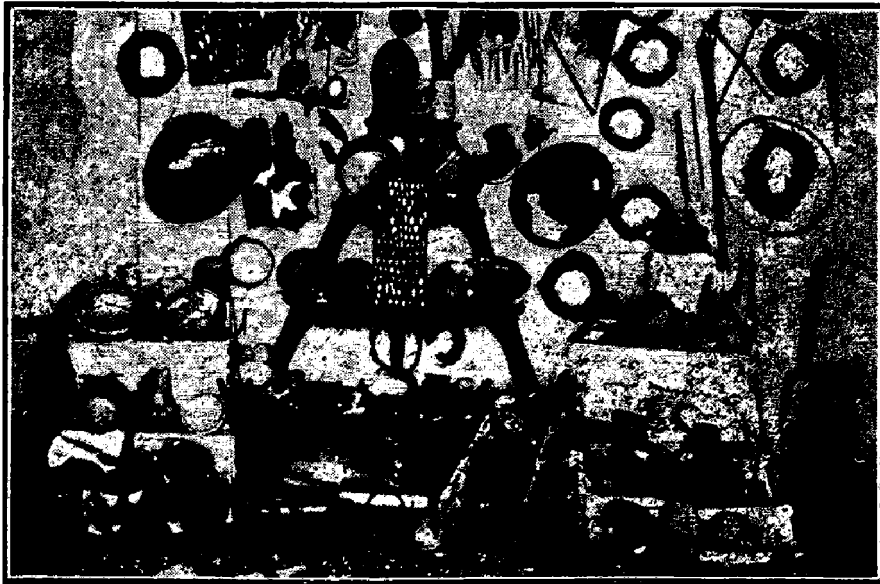


C. R. Wolf, Jr., Hartford, Conn. Mrs. Guenther, Columbus, Texas.
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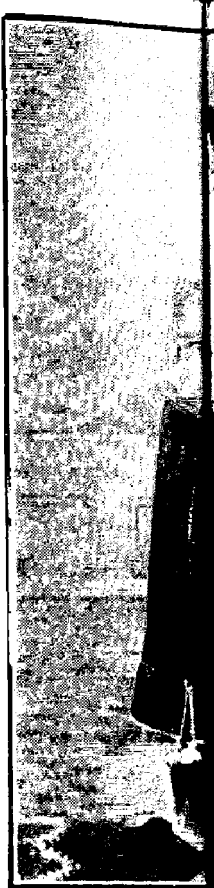
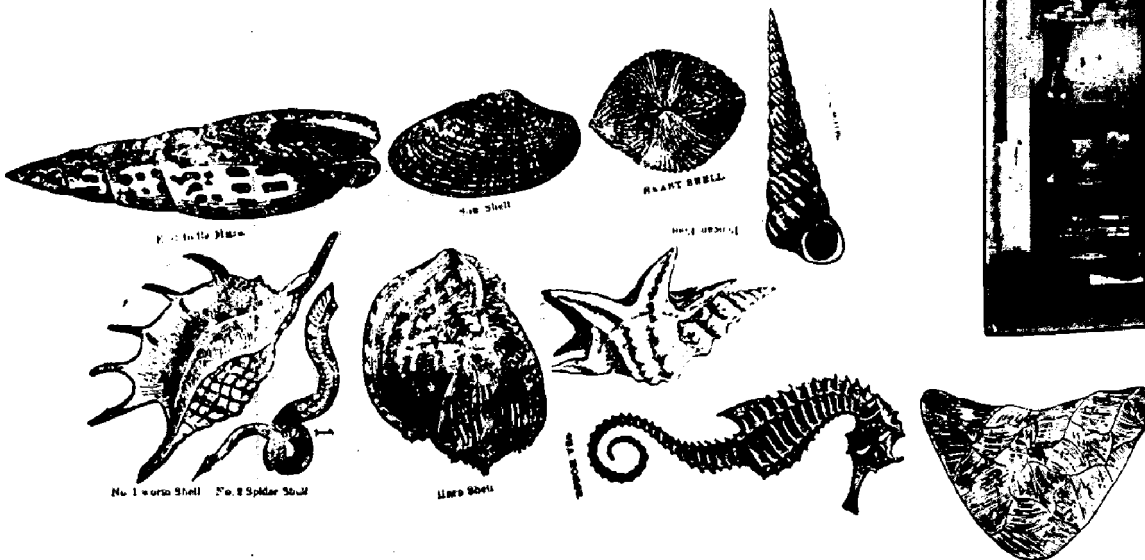




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Indian Relics of C. A Koch, Golden. Colorado

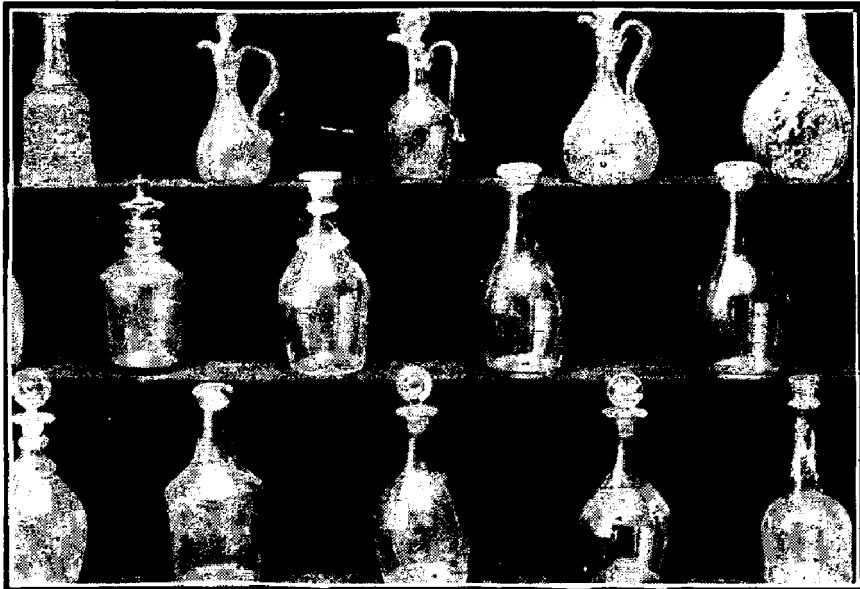
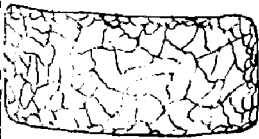


New Mexico Indian Collection Indian





...taken by C. A. Koch Golden, Colo.
...of Stearns, Sac City, Iowa.



Old and Scarce Decanters and Claret Jugs of Davis Bros., Kent, Ohio.

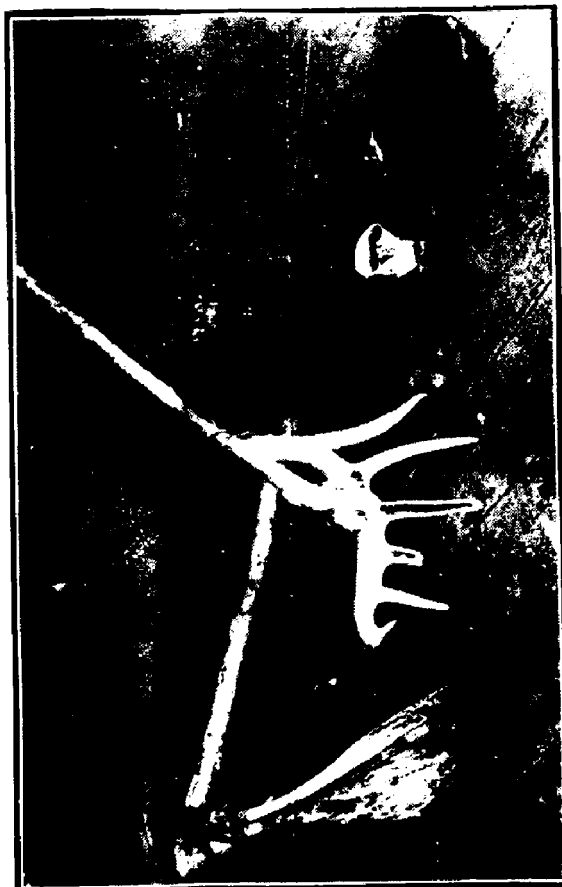


Buffalo in Yellowstone Park, taken by W. S. Berry, Gardiner, Mont.
Northwest in Nebraska Sand Hill View taken by John Nelson, Ericson, Nebraska.



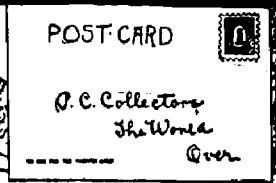


Medicine Post and Shrine of Mandan Indians, also Plow taken by R. E. Steinhueck, North Dakotah.





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POSTCARD

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The Money-Making Possibilities of this New Phase of Pictorial Art-- Souvenir Post Cards.

By C. L. Winegar

The Hobby of all Hobbies is Souvenir Post Cards and whenever the American people take up a fad they run to a great extreme more quickly and pursue the thing further than any other nation. The interest shown in these cards is not confined to any one section, nor is it as evanescent as most of the fads which from time to time take possession of the country, it seems to bid fair to go on and on increasing in interest from year to year and providing better and better opportunities for the collector as well as the alert dealer to make money out of post cards.

Much has been said and printed about souvenir post cards, telling of their popularity, their educational value, and their helps to lengthen life, for there seems to be hardly a subject in life that the picture postcard doesn't depict in a cheerfully funny way, which makes people laugh and laughter aids digestion; but little has been said in these columns about the opportunity offered to those who want to hear some of those good old American ducats jingle in their pockets.

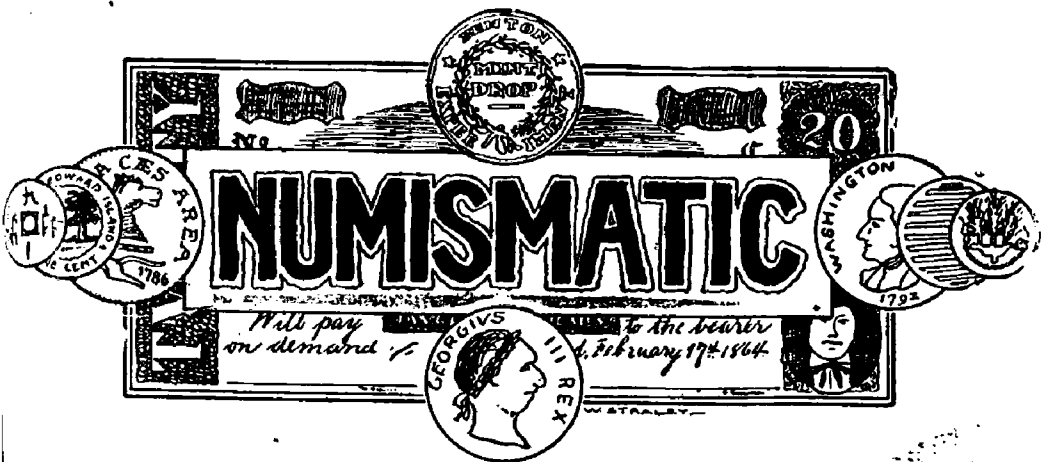
Here is a plan that has proven a winner: Anyone with a good camera and some experience in developing pictures, can make from \$5 to \$10 per day easily by taking pictures and transferring them to postcards. Have printed 500 to 1000 good white postals with regular wording on one side and blank on the other and by making up a few sample views, you are ready for business. Begin by taking views of streets, factories, school children, family groups or anyone who wants their picture on a postal. Arrangement could be made to sell in quantity to schools, churches, societies, lodges and clubs to be resold by the students or members thereof for the purpose of raising money for various purposes. Colored view cards could be furnished and sold to the merchants of your town and those nearby. They will prove to be fast sellers, for purchasers when picking out cards to send to their friends

always like to show what kind of a town they are living in. Possibly some of you collectors have had the pleasure of seeing those Art Pictures that have been going around the country for the benefit of some institution. Why not get up a Souvenir Post Card gallery. Those who have a big collection or a number could put together and arrange a display of all their card and arrange a display of all their cards and charge so much admission it ought to work well with fair, carnival and such like. Post Cards also offer a splendid opportunity to those who have a natural talent for drawing. There are a number of artists that do nothing else but get up designs for post cards.

For the store men, news dealer, druggist and cigar stores, post cards are "it." Few lines of business have flushed into such sudden greatness as the souvenir postal business of today. It has been found that manufacturing, while increasing as fast as it could be pushed under stimulation of new and repeated orders, they are still unable to supply the full demand. Printers Ink, "The Little Schoolmaster of Advertising" gives an idea for increasing your home trade that has made good in other lines, and which is adaptable to the post card trade, is to supply the school children with "customers coupons" to be distributed among their friends with the request that the coupons be shown when purchasing cards. The children have individual numbers and a record is kept of each one's sales which are traced by the number to the child responsible for them. A small prize is given each month to the ones that make the best showing. A small postcard album half filled with nice cards should in most cases be sufficient, and such a prize will be likely to make the winner an enthusiastic post card collector, and a future steady customer.

Selling post cards by mail has proven a success. Dealers who wish to increase their trade outside their own town, will do well to investigate the possibility of putting in mail order department. There is an unlimited field to cover, a universal demand to meet. They are easily handled and can be mailed at "printed matter" rates. Some one has given advice that it needed not financial outlay to speak of, simply place a 5-line ad in some representative post card magazine—watch for results, it will be something like, "Everything going out and Nothing Coming in." It is absolutely impossible to make a success on so small an investment. It needs capital, good business sense and the ability to handle the business.

A French writer claims that the first so-called picture post card originated during the Franco-German War. At a small place in the Department of LaSarte some 40,000 French soldiers had been concentrated, and some of the privates, who came from the South, wanted to describe to their relatives the magnificent scenery surrounding them; however, not having time for writing long letters, they went to a stationery store and inquired for photographs. These inquiries became so numerous that the proprietor of the store had postal cards printed showing various views of the town and the surroundings. After the war the postal cards were forgotten, until they came up again in Germany in the 90's, and today there is scarcely a spot on the globe where one cannot buy an illustrated postal showing the respective locality.



THE ORIGINAL 1852 HALF CENT.

During the administration of President Millard Fillmore the excessively rare original half-cents of 1853 were coined. There were only a small number of proof struck for collectors in that year, and none were intended for circulation.

Then the people were perhaps busily engaged in circulating the bright yellow gold sent from the eager miners in California, and so small a denomination as a half-cent was probably not needed for circulation.

Today this coin should be dubbed "King of American Coins" because there are only two specimens known, and they are brilliant proofs. The original weighs the legal weight of 84 grains but the restrikes, struck in 1859, as were all of the other previous restrikes of the half cents, vary from 77 to 81 grains in weight. Both restrikes and originals are composed of copper, zinc and tin.

The design is exactly the same as on the half-cents of the forties with the exception of the date. On the obverse is an undraped head of liberty facing left, surrounded by thirteen stars. The date is beneath the figure, and on the diadem is engraved "Liberty".

On the reverse is an oak-leaved wreath tied by a ribbon enclosing the denomination half-cent. "United States of America" is inscribed in the field surrounding the wreath.

These proof half-cents have risen enormously in value during the last 46 years. The following list show auction prices obtained for them since 1859. In 1859 a piece brought \$5.50 while ten years later one was sold for \$7.00. In 1875 the price decreased 75c, but in 1883 the price reached \$8.50.

A decade later a specimen was purchased for \$14.00, and in 1905 the record price obtained was \$66. A restrike brings from \$30.00 to \$50.00 today.

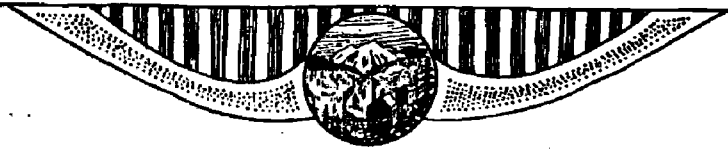
Numismatists are beginning to realize the great rarity of this half-cent, and it is thought that if an original would be offered today it would take a sum of four figures to secure it.

Chester Dunham.

Read before the Chicago Numismatic Society July, 5 1907.

One of the largest dealers in illustrated post cards in France declares that he sold during the summer months an average of 3,000,000 per month.

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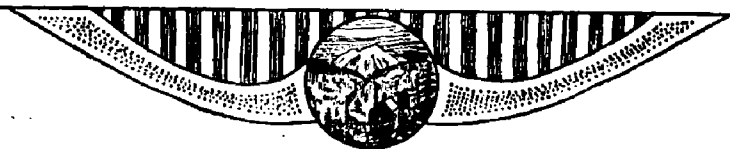
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SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

32 Books in circulation, as per last month's report, value	\$815.64
3 " received since, value	113.84
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35	\$929.48
9 Books retired during the month, of which the amount of \$56.36 was sold, value	233.10
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26 Books in circulation, value	\$696.38
Insurance Fund	
Received from former Superintendent	\$50.41
1 per cent from retired books	2.33
Total amount on hand	\$52.77

I am pleased with the encouragement I have received toward the success of the Department, but I need the support of ALL the members. A number of good books have been received lately and now are in circuit and you are recommended to try this Department, which is for the use of every member, who care to use it.

Blank books with printed rules of the Department and holding stamps will be furnished at the rate of 5 cts each.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Supt.

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NEW MEMBERS:--Arthur M. McClure, 507 North B. St., Fairfield, Iowa. 2. W. H. Kinard, Abbeville, S. C. 3. L. L. Dickerson, Fitzgerald, Ga. 4. V. H. Huberich, Spreckels, Calif. 5. T. G. Henley, Paris, Texas.

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FELLOW MEMBERS:—It is with pleasure that I note the progress the S. P. A. is making; but I am desirous to see a more rapid progress. In order to bring about this movement I am going to offer a stamp cat. at \$5 00 (your selection) to the member who brings in the most new members by Jan. 1st, '08. No officers to be included in this contest.

I will be pleased to send as many blanks as you can use.

Hoping to see all members go to work for the \$5.00 in stamps is well worth the working for. I would be pleased to send application blanks to all collectors who desire to join. It will pay all collectors for our Sales Dept. is doing a noble work. Hoping to hear from all who might be interested.

I am, Fraternally, R. L. Doak, Secretary.

LARGEST STAMP SOCIETY IN AMERICA

Stamp Collector's Protective Association of America

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Official Organ: The WEST.

We have a large list of names for this society for next issue if nothing is heard from. for we wish to hear from all readers if members don't do what is just.

New Members: J. Lee Clarke, Albuquerque, New Mxico; Foster A. Lilly, Sabetha, Kans.; R Peck, Boston, Mass., 299 Congress St; L. Pierce, Allentown, N. J.; J. H. Huston, Washington, D. C., 337 Penn Ave; W. H. Busb, Baltimore, Md., 2218 Jefferson St.; Chas E. Jenny, Fresno, Calif; Ed Cornelius, Georgetown, Ill., pistols, guns, fine Langshans; Z. Eager, Seattle, Wash., 2003 Minor Ave.; Earle Robinson, St. Josep's, Mo., 814 Felix; R. H. Wilson, Rock Island, Ill., 1102 77 St.

SALES SUPT'S REPORT.

New Milford, Pa., July 10, '07.

Dear Fellow Members:—Since my last report I have received 11 books net value \$49.70 and retired 6 books net value \$15.80

Many bargains are being offered and it will pay members to receive circuits. If you have stamps to sell it will pay you to remit 3c each for some sales books and send them in. The society only charges 10 per cent com. on sales and 1 per cent of net value for insurance.

Fraternally, L. V. Cass.

An inventory of the jewel treasure left by the Shah of Persia shows that the precious stones collected by him are valued at about \$50,000,000. This collection contains a number of diamonds unrivaled, and other stones. The old crown of the Persian dynasty holds a ruby as big as a hen's egg. A belt studded with diamonds, worn only on great state occasions, weighs eighteen pounds and is valued at millions of dollars. A wonderful silver vase is decorated with a hundred emeralds one of which was so large it was possible to engrave on it the Shah's numberless titles. A sword with a diamond covered scabbard is valued at \$120,000. A remarkable feature of the collection is a square block of amber of 400 cubic inches, which the Persians say dropped from the skies in the time of Mahomet.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

By Archibald Crozier, Wilmington, Delaware

The most remarkable coin sale that has ever been held in this country, if not in the world, took place in Philadelphia June 26 to 29. For the five days of the sale three notable records were broken—that for the entire sale, for a single day, and for a single coin. The collection comprised the coins, medals, books and cabinets of the late Matthew A. Stickney of Massachusetts. The proceeds of the sale amounted to about \$10000, the first day's sale realizing \$17,000, the record price of \$6,200 being paid on this day for a Brasher doubloon. This coin was struck in N. Y. City in 1787 by Ephriam Brasher, and there are only five known specimens in existence. The coin bringing the second highest price at the first days sale was a "Paul Revere" half-penny, the celebrated and unique "Janus" head piece dated 1776, and supposed to have been engraved by Paul Revere. This coin brought \$1050, the highest price ever paid for an American copper coin. Other high prices realized at his days sale were \$800 for the rare "Inimica Tyrannis" cent dated 1785, only three of which are known to be in existence; a New Jersey cent of 1786 which sold for \$700; a New York State cent dated 1787 for \$850, only four being known to exist. This coin is known as the "Liber Natus Defends," and bears an Indian standing facing with a raised tomahawk in his right hand, his left supporting a bow with the words, "Liber Natus Liberatim Defends." Another rare New York State cent dated 1787 sold for \$210, and one of the same general type and date, but struck from a different die, brought \$460. Only two specimens of this latter coin are known. Hundreds of coppers of Vermont, New Jersey, and Connecticut were sold at prices ranging from a few cents to \$10.

On the second day of the sale many more record prices were established. The most famous coin of the day was the eagerly sought silver dollar of 1804, of which only six copies are known, sold to a Philadelphia dealer for \$3600. The bidding for the half-eagle of 1850 was also spirited, the coin selling for \$2000. This also is one of but six known specimens. Another half-eagle of 1819, was sold for \$560, that of 1797 brought \$250, and one of 1798 over 1797 sold for \$125. Still another of 1821 brought \$200, and that of 1827 sold for \$350. One of 1829 with same date brought 360, only five of them being known in existence. In quarter-eagles one of 1797 went for 200, and one of 1826 for \$165, while one of 1824 was sold for \$320. With the exception of the 1804 dollar the prices on this denomination were not remark-

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Ancient coins, Jackson and Philadelphia tokens, and foreign coins occupied the fourth day. The Jackson token of 1841 struck in silver instead of copper sold for \$43, another with the inscription R. E. Russell brought \$105.00. A Philadelphia token of Fenchwanger silver sold for \$28. The ancient coins went at very low prices, foreign coins also selling rather low.

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Among the richest of archaeological discoveries are those of the opening of two brick pyramids on the Nile at Dashur. The explorers found that the tombs had been plundered for the gold and jewels buried with the royal personages for whom they were constructed. Fortunately some of these precious relics escaped the plunderers, being concealed in the tombs of the princesses on the north side of one of the pyramids. Three splendid breast ornaments were unearthed, beautifully worked in gold, set with carnelian, lapis lazuli and turquoise, and covered with human figures and curious insignia employed by the ancient Egyptians. Although they are fully 5000 years old these Dashur jewels are set and finished in a manner that excites the admiration of modern experts.

Not less wonderful as a specimen of artistic skill of the builders of the pyramids is a statue representing King Rah--Fowa— at the age of 16 which was found in a chamber near the sarcophagus containing the mummified body of the King. The statue is carved out of a hard, black wood, with great attention to detail.

A few months ago an ancient boat was dug out of the peat moor at Showic, England, which apparently belonged to the lake-dwellers. The boat is about 20 feet long and four feet wide, and was evidently hewn out of a tree-trunk. The wood was too rotten to be removed intact from the ditch in which it was discovered by a laborer who had delved to a depth of 12 feet.

During the excavation for the building of a villa near the church gates at Ribchester, England, the base of a Roman column was found. This is believed to be one of a colonnade which formed the facade of a temple. As is well known Ribchester was the scene of an important Roman camp, of which interesting memorials have been unearthed from time to time.

CAN WRITE ON BOTH SIDES.

The Postmaster General yesterday issued an order permitting postal cards to have writing on a part of the address side. This concession was granted some time ago in the matter of souvenir cards. The new order includes everything in the way of cards, and has been brought about by the souvenir craze.

That the face side of postal cards may be divided by a vertical line placed approximately one-third of the distance from the left end of the card: the space to the left of the line to be used for a message, &c., the portion to the right to be used for the address only. A very thin sheet of paper may be attached if completely adhered to the card, and such paster may bear both writing and printing. Advertisements, illustrations, or writing may appear on the back of the cards and on the left third of the front.

This and That. Ingenuity and a pocket knife can make many pretty things from the blue soapstone found along the banks of creeks. It is soft enough to mold or cut when found, but rapidly hardens as it dries, and souvenirs made of it can be kept for years. I have in mind three pieces, one is a perfect heart with a flower outlined on one side and some initials and a date on the other. A small cake just like a cake of soap and last a small jug with a tippy looking handle. This was molded by hand.



THE CHICAGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.

The 42nd regular meeting of the above named Society was held in their new rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, July 5th, the following members being present: Verkler, W. F. Dunham, Brand, Excell, Leon, Blumenschein, Merrill, Holmes, Sorensen and Green

A communication was read from the Secretary of the Ohio State Numismatic Society in regard to the meeting of the American Numismatic Association in Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 2nd.

Eben S. Martin, Wm. E. Thompson, C. F. Gunther and M. J. Cavanaugh were elected members.

A paper on 'The original 1852 Half-cent' by Chester Dunham was read by the Secretary, as was also an anonymous poem.

Mr. Brand exhibited a set of the 'Seasons' medals in silver and bronze; an 1863 proof set in aluminum; an 1846 proof set; an 1879 gold \$20 piece of the gold set; a \$45 34 Kohler gold pioneer piece of 1850, and a fine lot of U. S. gold and silver. Mr. Dunham showed half eagles of 1819 and 1822; an uncirculated \$50 gold piece; and the famous 1804 Chicago dollar. Mr. Leon exhibited a round \$50 slug. And Mr. Blumenschein some U. S. freak coinage.

Books received were Coins of the Grand Master of Malta by Robt. Morris; Coins, Medals and Seals by W. C. Prime; Biographical Dictionary of Medalists Vol III by L. Forrer; Anhaltische Munzen und Medallion by Dr. J. Mann; The Numismatist for May-June; Philatelic West and Spink's Numismatic Circular for June; and auction catalogues from Mehl and Henry Chapman were also received.

Adjourned to meet Aug. 2, 1907.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

Nebraska Philatelic Society. Nebraska's Pride

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President—E. H. Wilkinson.....	Omaha, 210 So. 30th St.
Vice-President—F. B. Woolston.....	Omaha Registry Dept.
Secretary—Treasurer—L. T. Brodstone.....	Superior, Neb.
Sales Superintendent—L. H. Lederer.....	Norfolk, Nebr.
Attorney—H. Ketchum.....	Chester, Neb.
Auction Manager—R. Gerpacher.....	Grand Island Neb.
Trustees—W. Hendricks, Faxton Hotel; Hopson and Brown.....	Omaha, Neb.

Applications: Dr. W. F. Herron, L Bx 12, Pender, Nebr., Thurston County.

We hope to have a meeting of the Nebraska Camera Club during Ak-sarben week at Omaha.

New Members: 736. Joseph Biger, Omaha, 2239 19th St. 737 Bert Wright, Superior. 738 L. M. Quinlan, Ohiowa. 739. Burt Sicke, Blair. 740. R. Martin Jones, Omaha, 4027 Lafayette. 741. xE Soverine, Stromsburg. 742. H. Haddock, Bertrand. 743. B. F. Hill, Hastings. 744. xB. R. Larkin, Omaha, 1910 Elm St. 745. xxDr. Wait, Superior. Last wants only Developing Post Cards.

Mrs. Roosevelt is an ardent admirer of Rembrandt and owns several fine prints of the great Dutch master, which she has at her home at Oyster Bay. She is a staunch admirer also of the old Dutch school, and a few paintings which adorn the president's home are from the hands of Netherland's painters.

THE KANSAS CITY STAMP CLUB

ORGANIZED FEB. 1905

The only stamp collectors society in Kansas City. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 7:45 P. M. in Room 442, fourth floor of the Jenkins Building, Thirteenth and Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. Visitors are always welcome.

Officers for 1907

President—Charles F. Rouse	4154 Oak Street
Vice President—Carl S. Davis	4427 Jefferson Street
Secretary—Arthur L. Nelson	1823 W. Prospect Place
Treasurer—H. K. Poindexter	3119 Forest Avenue
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Counterfeit Detector—Frank Bescher	39 City Hall Market
Exchange Superintendent and Auction Manager—O. Paul Luther	15 East Thirty-fourth Street
Critic—Wm. Fishman	820 Pennsylvania Avenue
Sargent—Robert Woodward	1310 East Fourteenth Street

Official Organ—The WEST and Redfield's Stamp Weekly.

PRESIDENTS' NOTICE.

I wish to urge those K. C. S. C. members who have not been present at the club's meetings recently to endeavor to be present at our second annual picnic. The arrangements committee is formulating its plans with a view to pleasing everybody present and the hearty co-operation of every member is desired that it may be a big success. Postals giving full particulars will be mailed to all members in due time.

Sincerely,

Chas. F. Rouse, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, July 17, 1907.

The thirteenth meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Club held this year was called to order by President Rouse, Friday evening June, 28 1907 at 8:20 p. m., the following members being present: Messrs Fishman, Nelson, Brocesky, H. K. Poindexter, Luther, Rouse, Davis, Woodward, F. Poindexter, Sutorius and J. Malcolmson. The minutes of the meeting held June 14, 1907 were read and accepted without change. Mr. Davis reported that he had made no progress in getting a stronger flow of gas for lighting purposes. Mr. Woodward was asked to attend to the matter before the next meeting. The librarian reported that the publisher of the "Caroline Philatelist," a new paper had consented to furnish copies of the publication each month for the reading table and library. The members were asked to contribute anything in the literature line for the benefit of the club library.

Mr. Davis moved that the special assessment passed April 26, should be applied as one month's dues instead. The motion was not seconded. Mr. H. K. Poindexter moved that in addition to the sales superintendent's other duties that he be required to fill the want lists of members receiving the stamps out of the books in the exchange department when possible otherwise at the lowest market price elsewhere. The motion, after a great deal of discussion, failed to pass. The secretary then read communications from Mr. A. W. Batchelder and The Redfield Pub. Co. Upon motion made by Mr. Nelson it was voted to hold a special meeting in the club room Monday night, August 5, in order that members might have an opportunity to meet Mr. Batchelder, president of the New England Stamp Co., who stopped in Kansas City on his return from the A. P. A. convention at Denver August 4 and 5. Mr. Nelson moved that Redfield's Stamp Weekly be adopted by the club as its official organ upon the terms stated in their letter.

ter. The motion carried after much discussion. The Philatelic West will remain as heretofore official journal in addition to the new Weekly.

In the stamp drawing then held, Mr. Davis drew first and Mr. Luther second prize, the former receiving a mint set of three of the new 1906 Bosnia stamps showing landscape views and the latter an unused block of four of the one cent U. S. imperforates issued a few months ago by our government. The entertainment feature of this meeting announced at the previous meeting took the form of contest. Slips of paper were supplied and those present asked to write the names of the continents upon which twenty five stamp issuing countries colonies and protectorates (read by Mr. Davis) are to be found. That very little "cramming" had been done for this philatelic exam was painfully apparent. Mr. Luther received 88 having misclassified only 3 out of 52. Mr. Nelson received 76 and Mr. H. K. Poindexter 40. The remainder ranged between 36 and 40, a majority being near the latter figure. A fifteen cent, ten cent, and five cent stamp unused of the U. S. present issue were presented by Mr. Davis the writer of the three most correct list. Mr. Davis did not take part.

The entertainment feature of the next meeting it was announced, would be an impromptu contest of some kind but its nature was not revealed by Mr. H. K. Poindexter, who will have it in charge. The meeting then adjourned to meet again July 12, 1907.

The fourteenth meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Club held during the present season was called to order at 8:26 p. m. on Friday evening July 12, 1907 in the club room in the Jenkins Bldg., with President Rouse in the chair and the following thirteen members in attendance: Messrs. Fishman Nelson, Brocesky, H. K. Poindexter, Luther, Rouse, Franke, Davis, Woodward Heffer, F. Poindexter, Sutorius and J. Malcomson. Minutes of meeting held Friday June 28, were read and approved. Mr. Davis reported about blackboard for the club room and Mr. Woodward stated that for various reasons the lighting difficulty had not yet been disposed of. The time and place of the club's second annual picnic was brought up for discussion, at length being decided to hold it on Sunday, August 11 at Swope Park, instead of at Fairmount Park on Thursday August 8, as had been decided at the meeting of May 10. The president appointed Messrs. Fishman, chairman, Davis, and H. K. Poindexter to serve as arrangement committee who will decided almost of the details of the picnic and report the next meeting. Absent members will be notified by postal cards. The secretary read communications from Mr. Geo. Wm. Clement of Chicago and Mr. J. H. Houston of Washington, D.C. Mr. H. K. Poindexter, the newly elected treasurer, made the first report which showed the July receipts to date to have been \$9.15 and expenditures \$51.5, leaving a balance on hand July 2 of \$6.43 (including June balance). Upon motion by Mr. Davis seconded by Mr. J. Malcomson, the treasurer will in the future be reimbursed for any necessary car fare required in visiting delinquent members. Mr. Breisch through Mr. Franke, asked to be relieved of his office as Sales Superintendent to which he was recently elected. Upon motion by Mr. Nelson this resignation was accepted and Mr. Luther, our previous efficient Sales Superintendent was offered the position which he accepted. Mr. Luther announced that an auction sale of stamps stamps would be held at the next meeting

previous to the to the business session. This sale is composed entirely of lots donated by various members and all funds arising there from will be used in further decorating the club room. Mr. Davis was given a vote of thanks for a donation of pictures and a large lot of current philatelic magazine for the reading tables. The stamp drawing resulted in Mr. Frankes drawing first prize, a set of three new Bosnia jubilee issue unused, and Mr. Sutorius drawing second prize, the 300. dark brown 1898 U. S. revenue.

The rest of the evening was given over to the entertainment feature prepared by Mr. H. K. Poindexter. Each member was required to write a list of as many British Colonies and protectorates as possible in fifteen minutes. The three longest lists were returned by Messrs. Luther 51 names; Nelson 41; and Fishman 36. The winner will be awarded prizes at the next meeting. Mr. Nelson announced that the program for the next meeting would be two contest and urged all members to enter one or both. An exhibition of original covers, odd in some respect or containing scarce or rare stamps would be exhibited on the walls and those making the most interesting displays would receive some odd original covers as souvenirs. An essay contest with "My Favorite Country and the Reason for My Choice" as the subject and limited to 300 word will be another feature of the meeting of July 26. Prizes will be given the author of the three papers stating the most convincing argument for their choice. The meeting then adjourned.

Next meeting July 26, 1907.

The attendance at our meetings, considering the very hot weather is holding up well averaging thirteen members. To the entertainment committee, this is due in large measure for the novel contest and display which each member of this committee arranges by turn make the meetings well worth every member's regular attendance. I hope that many of our members who do not attend except on rare occasions will plan to attend regularly from now on and also take an active part in the contests and exhibitions.

Respectfully, Arthur L. Nelson.

LIBRARIANS REPORT, July 17, 1907.

The librarian's reports for the months of May and June were mailed in time for insertion in each month's official organ but for some reason were not printed. The report below, therefore, is a record of donations to our library for the months of May, June and July.

During May the library received the following contributions: From Dr. Chas. C. Scott: 15 unpriced auction sale catalogues and 37 philatelic magazines divided as follows: Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News 15 copies; Philatelic West 11 copies; Columbus Philatelist 4 copies; Miscellaneous 7 copies. Total number of pieces 52.

Mr. Carl S. Davis also presented several copies of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News which were lacking from our file.

During June the following were received: From Mr. O. Paul Luther: 4 unpriced auction sale catalogues and 24 philatelic magazines as follows: The Perforator, 9 copies; Columbus Philatelist, 7 copies; Chicago Collector's Monthly 3 copies; and 5 copies of a German advertising paper.

Total number of pieces 68. During July up to this date one donation has been received this being presented by Mr. Robt Woodward and consisting of 31 copies of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News: issues of 1906 and 1907.

Any person reading this notice and having philatelic literature of any description which he would be willing to donate to our society's library provided the transportation charges were paid, is requested to correspond with the undersigned and fuller particulars will be given. Philatelic books, catalogues pamphlets and magazines are very much wanted and all donations large or small will be gratefully acknowledged in the monthly reports.

Respectfully, Arthur L. Nelson, Librarian.

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We combine in Collectors Union with the next issue.

Dear Members:-- I have undertaken to compile a partial list of members of the Exchange for the benefit of those who have joined lately. We do not issue a list of members but those who want a complete list can have one by sending two cents for postage.

Yours fraternally, L. G. Cline, Secretary.

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The sixtieth regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday, June 25, 1907 at usual time and place, the following members being present.

Baer, Berger Boisselier Cornwall Hopkins, Humes, Long, Millhouse, Myers, Shellhorn, Schoeman and Wood.

President Cornwall's superb collection of Cape of Good Hope Ceylon and Queensland on exhibition, were highly admired and voted magnificent, the only criticism being that one collector should be permitted to "corner" such a splendid "aggregation" of stamps of which most collectors consider themselves fortunate to possess a single copy.

In the prize contest to identify enlarged drawing as of familiar (?) watermarks, your secretary carried away the prize offered by the President with seven correct answers out of ten items.

After a brief discussion of the advisability of adopting an official emblem, a committee of three, Messrs Hopkins, Kring and Long, was appointed to report at next meeting with designs, prices, etc.

Thanks are due Mr. Long for his kindness in furnishing the Society with a complete set of addressograph stencils.

Next meeting Tuesday, July 9th, Rooms 803-805 Wright Bld'g. We want YOU there.

Respectfully,

Chester Myers, Secy

The sixtyfirst regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday July 9, 1907, usual time and place, President Cornwall presiding, the following members present:

Baer, Berger, Cornwall, Diamant Hopkins, Kennedy, Kunz, Long, Millhouse Myers, Schoeman, Slack, and Wood.

The amusement of the evening was furnished by a prize contest requiring the identification of enlarged drawings of Surcharges produced from the Catalogue by President Cornwall, who also offered the prize carried off by Mr. Hopkins who correctly listed eight out of ten items.

An impromptu auction, "swapping" of stamps and stamp stories and discussions of topics of the day completed a most enjoyable meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday, July 23d, -Rooms 802-803 Wright Bld'g. Don't miss it.

Respectfully,

Chester Myers, Sec'y

The largest whale ever exhibited on land has just gone into the possession of the American Museum of Natural History. It is sixty-eight and a half feet in length. In life its body was thirty feet in circumference. At least fifty men could be enclosed within the interior of this enormous animal. Scientists claim that the ancestors of the whale were terrestrial or land mammals, which gradually became aquatic in their way of living.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

A special meeting of the Junior Stamp Club was held June 28, 1907, at the regular time and place, with Vice President Nell in the chair. The meeting was called to order with 12 members and 1 visitor present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. The Committee on the Constitution and ByLaws made a report which was accepted, after a few alterations by the club.

A vote of thanks was given H. A. Davis for donating membership cards to the club. After much discussion it was decided to hold the meeting once a month, on the 2nd Friday at the regular time and place until September. It was moved and carried that the Secretary draw on the treasurer for five dollars to be paid to the Denver Stamp Club for the A. P. A. fund. An auction sale was held after the meeting which brought some fancy prices.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p. m.

Yours Fraternaly,

H. E. Munger.

The seventeenth meeting of the Junior Stamp Club was held July 12, 1907 at the regular time and place with Vice President Nell in the chair. The meeting was called to order with five members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The resignation of S. Schweryman as the treasurer of the club was laid on the table.

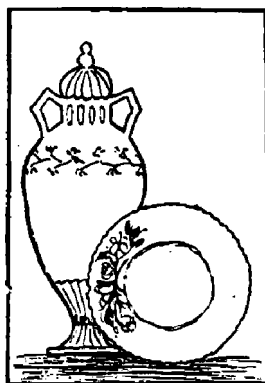
49. E. R. Vanderhoof, 1328 Grant Ave., Denver, Colo., was elected to full membership.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00: p. m.

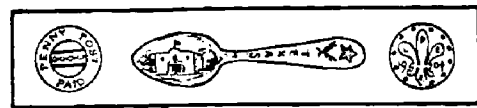
Yours Fraternaly,

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M. Clermont Ganneau, the French archaeologist, whose keen eye first detected the fraudulent tiara of Saitaphernes, has made a discovery in the Paris Academy of Inscription which may make some amends for that loss. In some vases found at Susa by M. de Morgan, he has deteced unmistakable evidence fo Hebrew origin of great antiquity. There are inscriptions in pure Hebrew, and in the same alphabet as that of Ezechia's Aqueduct in Jerusalem. M. Ganneau has no doubt that the vases are the work of an Isralitish artist, and that they are of a date anterior to the Babylonian captivity. He thinks it likely the may have made their way to Susa from Babylon.



ODDS AND ENDS



BY MISS V. W. HANWAY.

Among the curios and objects of art sold recently the rare old Elizabethan tankard of silver and gilt is notable. Mr. Erichon was the purchaser, and paid the sum of £2,300, something like \$11,000 in American money.

It is said to be an exquisite specimen and the sale attracted a large number of collectors. While only 7½ inches in height, it is richly chased, and in the center are three medallion heads. This is somewhat similar to the piece in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, and has the London hall mark of 1599. It is the last item in a collection of over 25,000 ounces of rare old plate.

The book collector will be interested in the sale of a volume of the 1751 edition of Moliere's works, at Sotheby's a short time ago. The volume was at one time the property of the notorious Lady Hamilton. Some lucky individual picked it up in London for 2½ pence! He sent it to London to be sold, and at this sale it realized \$155.

A beautiful little seventeenth century vase-shaped, patch-box of brown agate fetched \$10,750 at a sale at London auction rooms. The box is mounted with gold, partly enamelled with a small enamelled figure on cover, and is set with rose diamonds. It is a superb specimen of French art.

At another sale at London of furniture and porcelain, thirty eight Worcester porcelain plates, painted with flowers on a dark blue, scale pattern ground realized \$2,475. A rare old bowl from the same factory, with the square mark brought \$835. A Chelsea bowl and stand went for \$1000.

An associated press dispatch says that "some four penny red k-on orange stamps of the Transvaal issued during the British occupation of 1877, fetched \$200 in London."

A "Strad" violin recently sold at London for \$2590. It is a represent

ative and well preserved example of the great maker's best work, bearing the original label and date of 1703. There was a keen competition for its possession.

At the same sale a small Highland pebble seal, engraved with a coat of arms, and gold mounted, which formerly belonged to Robert Burns. This notable relic of the highland poet was sold for \$1050.

A miniature of Marie Louise by Fuger was sold at the same place for \$1785. A fine first state impression of Finlayson's mezzotint portrait of Elizabeth Duchess of Hamilton, after C. Read brought \$1050.

The main feature of another sale of the famous London sales was a dinner service of solid silver, of a total weight of nearly 3000 ounces. The service was of an early nineteenth century make, and consisted of a large soup tureen, the weight of which also was nearly 200 ounces, four circular entree dishes, and 110 soup and dinner plates, the average weight of each about 30 ounces. This dinner service brought an average of 45d an ounce, or a total of \$3125.

Indian Mounds in Missouri

By George J. Remsburg

The writer was recently informed by R. E. King, of Leavenworth, Kans., that while visiting in Cass county, Mo., about 40 miles southeast of Kansas City, he discovered a number of ancient Indian mounds. They are situated on a 70-acre tract of pasture land belonging to Dr. Bush, dentist of Harrisonville, Mo., and are about five miles south of that place. The mounds are in groups and number somewhere between 50 and 75. None have been excavated, and it is believed here is a rich field for antiquarians.

Dr. Bush did not know the mounds were of artificial origin, until his attention was called to them by Mr. King, who has assisted in mound exploration in Atchison and Leavenworth counties, Kansas, and know an Indian mound when he sees it. He will arrange with Dr. Bush for a systematic exploration of the mounds in the near future.

These tumuli extend in parallel rows, on either side of a ravine, near a small branch of Grand river. They average about 20 or 30 feet in diameter and five feet in height. By the structures being so small and such a large number together, it would seem that they were the hut-rings of an Indian village site, but Mr. King, upon close examination, says their conical shape and lack of depression in the center, preclude the possibility of their being such. That the mounds were erected by human hands, Mr. King says, is readily apparent to anyone the least bit versed in aboriginal earthworks, and he believes they were constructed for burial purposes.

About seven miles from this group, Mr. King has found another smaller group, seven or eight in number on the Harrisonville fair grounds. These grounds are in charge of Mr. King's father-in-law, John Allen, who was surprised to know Indian mounds existed on the land. An effort should be made to have this group preserved as an attraction for future fairs at Harrisonville. Many Indian relics have been picked up in the immediate vicinity of these mounds.



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Special arrangements have just been completed whereby the Kosmopolit Exchange of Iola, Kansas with their entire membership are combined with the Collectors Union, and from this date will receive all benefits of the Union. We hope to combine other societies soon and also organize a large number of branches.

To the Members of The Collectors Union:—

The time is now ripe for us to open the field for the branch clubs and I want each member to feel himself manager and start out to form a club. If you cannot get more than one or two at the first, start anyway, get a name for club and as soon as others find out that you mean business and are already organized, it will be easy to get them as members. You can hold meeting every week or two, and spend many happy hours and you will benefit by getting in touch with the thoughts and ideas of others. There is no reason because you live in a small town or even in the country that you can not start a club. I wish that every collector might read the article in last issue of this paper entitled, "Local Stamp Clubs Find Favor, by C. C. Wells and an article entitled, 'Local Stamp Clubs, by C. O. Engel'". But I believe that local clubs should be open for all kinds of collectors. Local clubs are the one thing needed to further the art of collecting. The WEST'S members are scattered all over the United States, and foreign lands, and no doubt a thousand persons could start local clubs, and just imagine what that would do for collecting! I am surprised that many people ask and wonder what good local clubs could do—we might as well ask what good local labor unions do.

I appeal to every collector to get busy. Winter will soon be here, and let us get the ball rolling and you will find that the local club once started will become the fad and society folks who now spend time playing cards still spend their hours in collecting.

I am pleased to report this month that the Kosmopolit Exchange has been combined with The Collectors Union and that the following branches have been started: Kansas City Branch No. 1. Iola, Kansas, Branch No. 2. Following is a list of new names:

C. H. Wagner, 509 Fairview Street, Pottsville, Pa., post cards. H. S. Magney, Amery, Wis., Philatelic Dealer in stamps. Chas. C. Towle, Hammond, Ind., stamps. Leroy F. Spurlin, co Sheldon School, Chicago, Ill., Stamps, postcards. J. E. Motte, Stamps, 2846 Wabash Ave., Kansas City Mo., stamps. Mrs C. H. Saints, 2421 Walrund Ave., Kansas City Mo., leather post cards. Miss Elsie Haines 2318 Walrund Ave. Kansas City, Mo., post cards. The issue combines or takes as a branch a large exchange club.

New Members:

E. J. Clegg, bx 64 Walkerville, Ont. Canada. wants coins, medals etc. D. Leneing, R. F. D. 3 Farmington, Mex. W. S. Bradford, High Point, N. C., curios, stamps, cards. M. Mayer, King City, Mo. H. Parks, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., R. F. D. 2. J. H. Houston, Washington, D. C., 337 Penn. Ave., stamps, old autographs, etc. G. Toussaint, Millford, Ct. Foster Lilly, Sabetha, Kans., stamps. C. E. Jenny, Fresno, Calif. R. Hay, Detroit, Mich, 52 Hecla Ave. Miss F. Rivers, Providence, R I 50 Exchange pl. R. Sudath, Danville, Ill, 219 Van Buren, stamps, curios. H. Shermerhern. S. Hamond, N. Y. W. Peddrick, Bellevue, Del. M. Moreno, Tampa, Fla, Bx 31. I. W. Buck, Delaware, O. R. Worden, Saudusky, Ohio. Ed Mitchell, So. London, Ont. Canada, 85 Bruce St. W. B. Odneendoerfer, Muskegon, Mich. L. Starkwather, Rockford, Ill., 225 Camp Ave., stamps, paper money, curois. M. J. Hallett, Merle, Calif. Earle Robinson, St. Joseph, Mo., Felix St., stamps, post cards, Indian relics.

Error. Address of Harold Banning, collector of Medals, should be, 200 West High St. Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

A NATURAL CURIOSITY.

A short distance from where I live are a number of immense elm trees along the street, which are of unknown age. The two largest are fully five feet in diameter. About 10 or 15 feet from the ground these trees branch out and in several cases in the fork thus formed there are plants of various kinds growing. Two of these trees support currant bushes on which at present writing are ripe fruit. The bushes are about two and one half feet high.

It must take considerable soil to support shrubs large enough to bear fruit in such a place when no artificial assistance is given.

The soil in the trunk of the trees is formed entirely from leaves, bits of bark and such small quantities of dust as may come from the street below. It is strange too, how these currant bushes could live through such long spells of dry weather as occur in this region nearly every year.—F. E. Halbert, So. Brunswick, Me.

Talking post cards have been received in New York. The cards talk their messages to the receiver instead of conveying the written word. It may be stated at once that they talk only with the aid of a phonograph, merely lying the fact that they are nothing more or less than a brief phonographic record fixed on the card to be reproduced with the aid of one of the machines.



EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents. David B. Emert, Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.

The first magazine on the review table is the Jan.-Feb. number of the *American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal*. This magazine is published bi-monthly at Chicago, Ill., the Rev. Stephen D. Peet, editor, and Dr. Chas. H. S. Davis, associate editor. The number before me contains "The Inheritance of Noah," by Stephen D. Peet. In this the author starts with Adam and Eve, and gives versions of the Creation and of the flood as held by different Pagan tribes. This is rather a lengthy article, but is very interesting. From it I quote the following, which I think is of interest to archaeologist:

"The Prehistoric record show that a long time elapsed between the beginning of the Stone Age and that of the Metal Age, though copper appeared before brass or tin, and long before the age of iron.

According to Scripture, the age of iron was known before the Deluge occurred. The record is consistent with itself, for Noah is described as having built the ark, which was a vessel of great size, and could not have been held together except by iron.

A proper explanation of the Book of Genesis is that the first inventions appeared in the valley of the Tigris and Euphrates, though there may have been different centers in which the Stone Age grew into the Bronze Age, and the Bronze into the iron age.

Pelasgian Relics found about Lake Trasimene, in another article of interest. In this the author describes a number of relics found in the vicinity of Lake Trasimene, Italy. He states that among the uses the relics are put. The women of the country side buy them in the belief that they are "Thunder Stones" and will keep away fever and ward off thunder bolts.

Other articles in this number are "Babylonian and Assyrian Dream Books," by Joseph Offord.

"Archaeological Conditions in Italy", by J. O. Kirmaman.

A short paper on the Flat head Indians, a couple of papers on Austr

lian Folk Lore and one on the proposed excavation of Herculaneum:—these with a large number of short notes and book notices make up the number. Address the editor for specimen copy and further particulars.

“Narrative of a Visit to Indian Tribes of the Purus River, Braizl”, by Joseph Beal Steere, is a very interesting publication of the U. S. National Museum. In this work Mr. Steere tells in a very entertaining manner of a trip up the Amazon river and down the Purus. Of his overland journey to the homes of the Hypurina and Jamamadi Indians. Describes their homes and manner of building their houses. Their ways of hunting and fishing, how they make and use snuff, and gives a large number of native words, also several songs. This work is illustrated by 9 full page half-tone plates and numerous text figures, fully explaining the implements, ornaments and objects in daily use. While this is really an ethnological work, it readily combines with archaeology.

The new Director-general of the Department of Antiquities in Italy Dr. Corrado Ricci, is to push the excavations in Pompeii, which were interrupted more than ten years ago, because the excavators had reached privately owned land. Dr. Ricci has set aside 38,000 lire for the purchase of such land. (From A. A. and O. Journal.)

What would appear to be a most important archaeological discovery has been made at Formale, near which place Cicero was assassinated nearly twenty centuries ago. This discovery consists of remains which are thought to be the tomb of the great orator. They stand on a hill dominating both the Appian and Herculaneum ways. (From A. A. and O. Journal.)

I wish everyone interested in archaeology would write an article on the subject. There are hundreds of unexplored village sites, cemeteries and mounds scattered over the U. S. Likely there is one of these in your neighborhood. If you can not find anything of this kind, look up the records of your country, see what tribe occupied it, who were the most noted chiefs, and describe the various implements and objects found. This will be interesting to a majority of the readers.

Several queries regarding archaeological specimens have been sent me. These have been answered by mail. In the future, queries of this kind, of general interest will be answered in this department. Or if a stamped and addressed envelope is inclosed, an immediate reply will be sent by mail.

Record Price for Coin.—The highest price ever paid for an ancient or modern coin, \$6,200, was paid for the New York Brasher doubloon at a recent numismatic sale in Philadelphia. The nearest approach to this price is \$6,100 which was paid for the unique Bactrian twenty sater piece of Eukratides. This piece is one of the six which was struck in New York City in 1787 by Ephriam Brasher, and is considered the rarest coin in existence.—From Philadelphia Paper.



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July 15th, 1907.

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| 859. Mrs. G. Gearson | 1107. Miss Jennie Schechterly |
| 1038. Arthur Schneider. | |

Numbers in parenthesis indicate number of times names have appeared on the Roll of Honor.

THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

This is the last time we can say anything to you in regard to the coming post card collector's meeting at the Jamestown Exposition, Thursday, August 15th, for by the time the next issue of our paper comes out it will be a thing of the past.

THE UNION has no suggestions to make on the subject, for we are to be the guests of the Jolly Joker's Club, and no doubt plans have already been formulated by that society for our entertainment while there.

All we can say in conclusion is that the following members are loyal to THE UNION and will be present on this particular date, also a great many

more of our members will find it convenient to at least "drop in" before supper.

We extend our thanks to the Jolly Joker's Club for their kind invitation to the members of the UNION to unite with them and make this the Banner Day for Post Card America, and we know you will receive the best of treatment in their hands and have a grand time, but please do not forget to send in a report of your behavior for publication, for we who could not act with you, are nevertheless anxious to know what happened:

432. Milton M. Herr, Landisville, Pa.

7277. Miss Wilhelmina Altshul, 129 Willughby Ave., Brambleton, Norfolk, Va.

751. Thomas F. Karr, 413 Brunswick St., Wilmington, N. C.

1008. Miss Azelee Perry, Fort Spring, W. Va.

1012. Ralph Bagley, 372 Darwin Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

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WILLIAM E. HOFFMAN.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the death of one of our late members, William E. Hoffman, of 919 North Arlington Avenue, Baltimore, Md. We feel sure all our members unite with us in extending our heartfelt sympathy to the grief stricken relatives.

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AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

868. Mrs. John Hoffman, 1414 Harlem Ave., Baltimore Md, desires from now on to exchange with foreign members only, excepting those in the United States with whom she is now in communication.

916. L W. Dison, San Fernando, Pampanga, Phillipine Islands, collects and exchanges for colored view cards only with stamps placed on view side.

925 C. d'Encarnacao, 25 Quinsan Road, Shanghai, China, would like all members who have sent him cards for exchange and have not received a reply to communicate direct with him and he will see that all favors are returned. This request is made for the reason that a number unanswered cards have been lost or stolen. Mr. d'Encarnacao also desires that colored cards only be sent him for exchange in the future.

1108. Jasper Spock, Jr., 164 Locust Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y., prefers views of Baptist churches and Y. M. C. A. buildings from members in the United States.

1164. N. E. Newton, *South Providence Car House, Providence, R. I., wishes to exchange for photograph cards only.

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To answer all cards promptly.

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To enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.

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That we close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

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The Romance of Book-collecting *By A Bibliomaniac*

PART II.

In my former article I made a plea for the delightsomeness of book-collecting as over against stamp-collecting. Assuming that I have made some converts and touched a responsive chord and that some of your readers might be interested in forming a collection, either from the love of old books per se or for speculative purposes, the next thing is how to proceed. Well! how am I to start! I would answer—Follow your personal likes and preferences in the field of literature and limit yourself to one line of collecting.

If you are fond of the representative American authors, poets essayists, prose writers, begin collecting their First Editions. First Editions of leading American authors are becoming very scarce and are rapidly appreciating in value. Get a bibliograph of First Editions—Leon' will do—and find out just what are First Editions, then browse around old book shops, rummage thro' your neighbors libraries and like the pedlar in Arabian nights who worked a slick game and got the magical enchanted Alladin's lamp for an old pewter one, trade off your nice new revised second and third editions for the homely "Firsts" in boards of your neighbors. If you run down a Poe's Tamerlane and Minor Poems Baltimore 1829 it means a cool \$2000 00 to you, and I fancy there are still some copies slumbering in dusty and dirty attics in the old Colonial houses in Baltimore, Virginia and Maryland. But here I am giving away the mysteries of our craft—"mystery of iniquity" you perhaps may say—ah, well! I'll say no more and only give you a few practical pointers on how to start collecting.

Maybe you're fond of collecting old Almanacs—'tis a pleasing pastime—there's something very appealing in these old faded members of by-gone years with their crude quaint wood cuts, the wise "saws and modern instances" of Poor Richard, Will Ames, etc., those especially with old wood cuts of Geo. Washington being much sought after and prized. Write to Supt. of Pub. Documents, Wash., D. C and get a Check List of almanacs from 1639 to 1800. It costs about a dollar.

Perhaps you are an admirer of Old Abe—Abraham Lincoln—that grand old man and would like to collect all the literature on him procurable. Well, I can tell you at the start that it's going to cost you all kinds of money to secure the rarer items. But then when you have them they are

something worth while, as good as gold, old china or diamonds.

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You cannot make any mistake in picking up at reasonable prices all the early English Black on Gothic Letter items you can. It's good stuff, especially those religious items of the Reformation Period. Many of these books were of a decided Lutheran theological tone and were zealously sought after from house to house by officials of Henry 8th, and his Romish abettors and publicly burned by the hangman, consequently are becoming very scarce and rising in value.

If you are fond of old Bibles, Prayer books etc., you can easily separate yourself from dollars in forming a very humble start in collecting. Better begin collecting the old editions of American Bibles and Testaments, rather than English or Continental editions. Wright's "Early Bibles of America" will give you valuable information as to various editions, but is untrustworthy as regards prices and values. Don't load up with old German Bibles because they are a few hundred years old—they are common as dirt and of little value except those printed prior to 1600 which have fine woodcuts by the Masters of early German Holtzschnitte viz Durer, Hoboein Springinkleo Schauffleina etc., on these the price is prohibitive among German dealers. Rare editions of the Bible will always be in demand, it is the One Book for which there is always a demand in a rare state.

The collecting of Indian items appeals to any—that vanishing race whose memorials will eagerly be sought for in future years. It offers a fine field for collecting—many of those early works on Indians being excessively rare and command good prices. The literature in this line is exhaustive that it would take a life time to complete a collection. You can only learn what is really rare and desirable in either line after years of study, research and perusal of sales catalogues and price currents. Prices are very variable some years there seems to be a sort of epidemical craze for it and prices soar unreasonably, then there is an ebb in values and one can pick up rare items very cheaply. The Field Indian Bibliography is a good and helpful Manuel.

(To be continued.)

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..Camera News..

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Weak, Flat Fogged Negatives

By R. Child Bayley



A letter and its Answer, that may be useful to beginners—and others.

Dear Sir: Can you tell me how to ensure always getting negatives, contrasty and plucky? Although I have been doing photography several years, the majority of my negatives it seems to me, lack all these qualities. When looked at, not through, they look black, all over alike; the image cannot be seen or only very faintly. I seem to get the same sort of results with all sorts of plates, exposures, and developers. I have lately been covering my red lamp with red fabric, and developing almost in darkness, with very similar results.

I know how to improve an over-developed or very contrasty negative, but my difficulty is to get them so. They are usually very thin and weak, or very dense and black, but always contrastless. I have often noticed when developing (with various developers) that the image takes a long time to come up, but when it does, goes rapidly back all over, yet had had normal or even short exposure. These seem to be my worst negatives as regards contrast.

When I get a plate to build up gradually, first one thing, then another, then slowly darker, I usually (but not always), get a good negative. On the other hand, under exposures, of course, take a long time coming up, but instead of being too contrasty (as I read on every hand), under exposed and over-developed negatives should be, mine are still more or less all over alike, as instance No. 6 enclosed puzzles me.

I do not use faster plates than "special rapid" as a rule, and often "ordinary," and think I get more contrasty negatives when I do use ordinary.

Yours, etc., W. G. A.

The letter, which in slightly condensed form is given above, reached us the other day, accompanied by a little packet of negatives referred to in it. As the troubles of our correspondent have been so clearly "set forth", and are, as we know, those which beset a large number of our readers, it has occurred to us that it would be best if we give such a reply to his letter as shall only help him as far as we can, but help others as well.

WHAT THE NEGATIVES ARE LIKE.

In order that others may see whether in any way the cap fits themselves, we will describe briefly the negatives upon which we are asked to pronounce, leaving our diagnosis until all have been so described.

No. 1. This is described as taken late in a bad light. Its subject is part of a ship. The rebate is reasonably but not very clear. The foreground, sky, rigging, the whole image in short, is almost of the same den-

sity—one through which print can just be read in the light of an ordinary room.

No. 2. A man seated in a garden. A little more contrast between the different parts, but not much, heavily fogged rebate, the general density of the film such that print cannot be read through it at all.

No. 3. Clifton Suspension Bridge. Decidedly more contrast, print cannot be read through sky, but can very easily through the foreground shadows. Edges cleaner than the last, but not what they ought to be.

No. 4. Landscape and shipping. This has a fair amount of contrast, more than any of the others, although print can be read through the densest parts in a good light. The shadows are not quite clear glass, though without detail. Edges reasonably clean.

No. 5. This and No. 6 are of the same subject—a fairly open landscape, No. 5 has its sky about as dense as No. 4. A label stuck over the rebate prevents us from seeing clearly whether this is fogged, but it looks as if it was. The shadows are reasonably clear, but in this negative every tone between shadows and sky is missing.

No. 6 is a grey fog all over, through which only the most prominent features are just discernible. As with No. 5, there are no tones between the shadows and the sky, but the shadows in this negative are almost as grey as the highest lights. The rebate appears to be equally dense.

WHAT WAS THE MATTER WITH EACH.

Has any reader negative to which these apply? If so and if he would know how to avoid them in future let him see if he is transgressing in any way similar to that of our correspondent. To describe these negatives in terms of their faults, we should say—

No. 1 is undeveloped and light-fogged in the camera. Developing further, therefore, would only have made it more opaque, as the fog would have been the principle thing to develop. As the edges are reasonably clear, neither dark-room, light, nor developer seems to be much at fault, although had the plate been free from camera fog, it would perhaps have been developed for a longer time, and both these factors might have proved at fault.

No. 2 has been correctly exposed, and developed to about the right extent to give a good plucky print, but a great proportion of this density is simply fog, as shown by the rebate, which is quite dense itself. This may have been brought about by too much light in the dark-room when filling the slides, or when developing, or by an unsuitable developer—one too strong in alkali for example. (To be continued).

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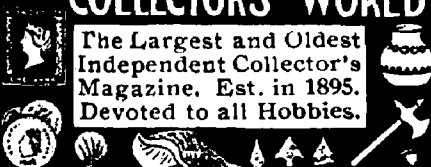
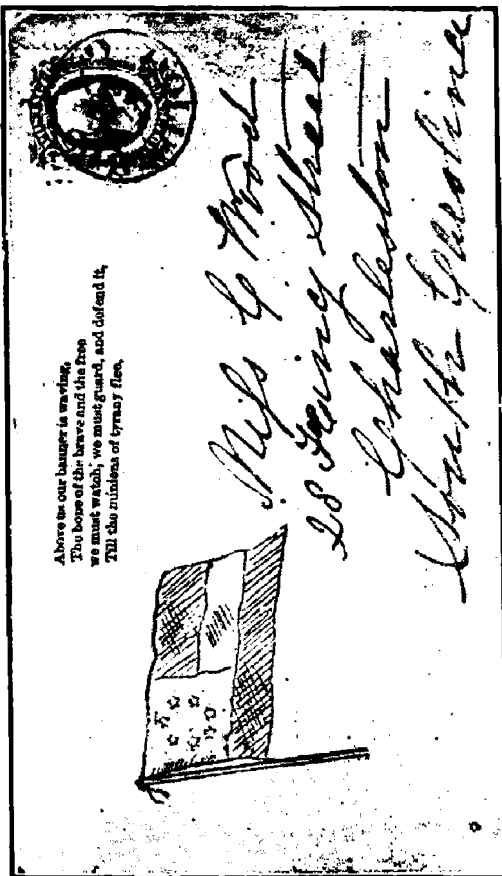
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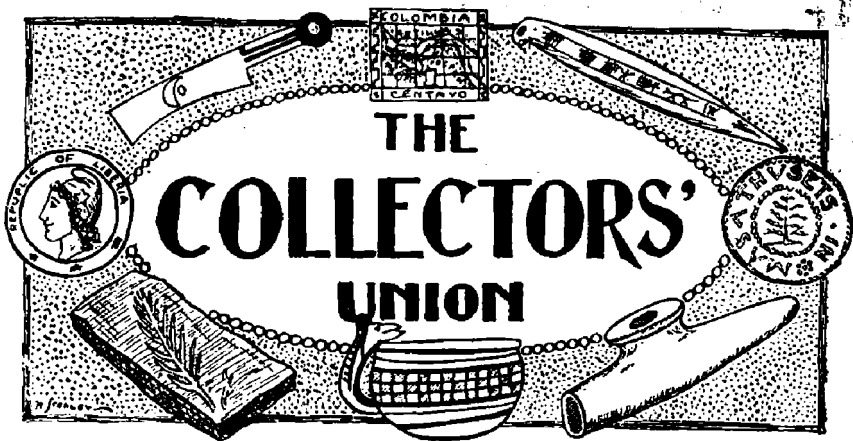
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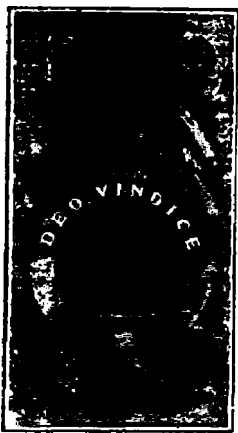
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Nerva 2n B, " 96
Trojan 2n B. " 98
Hadrian " 117
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Faustina, wife of Ant. Pius
M. Aurelius 2n B, A. D. 161
Faustina, wife of M. Aurelius
Domitian A. D. 80-96
Commodus 2n B, A. D. 180
Julia Domna 1st B, " 193
Silver Denarii, Faustina
" " " " Jr.
" " " " Memmia Consular
" " " " Piso Frugi
" " " " Nero
" " " " Anthony
" " " " Julius Caesar
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2c	.02	.12
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Buffalo 1c	.04	.30
2c	.02	.10
4c	.15	1.50
5c	.30	
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10c	.30	
St. Louis 1c	.03	.30
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1/8c	.03	.20
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1c " " 2c	.02	.20
1c & 2c	.01	.04
5c & 10c	.02	.12
25c	.02	.15
40c	.08	.60
50c	.04	.30
80c	.40	
\$1 green	.04	.30
1 red	.05	.50
Philippines on U. S. 1c	.08	.75
" " " 2c 95	.10	
" " " 2c 02	.15	
" " " 2c 03	.10	
" " " 3c	.25	
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German 1900 1 mk	.06	
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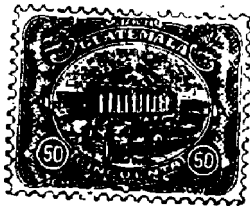
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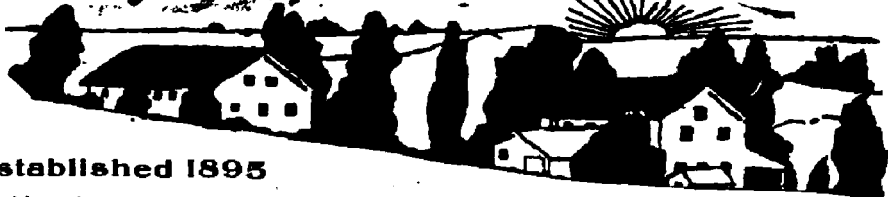
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By VERNA WESTON HANWAY

The most elaborate system ever devised for improving the postal service was announced by Postmaster General von L. Meyer the other day after an extended conference with President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay. In brief Mr. Meyer contemplates:

The establishment of a parcel post service throughout the country.

A reduction in the postal rates on first class mail matter between this, and foreign countries

The establishment of a postal savings bank system.

The manufacture by the government, and a wide spread installation of the stamp vending machines.

A revival of the postal note and increase of money order facilities.

The sorting of foreign mail matter on ocean liners coming into New York, including the Cunard and French lines.

The improvement of conditions in New York City. In connection with this effort an additional evening delivery is prepared in the thickly populated residential districts; additional collections and deliveries in the financial districts. The pneumatic tube system which I briefly described in this publication some months ago will be extended as rapidly as possible. Mr. Meyer states that there will positively be no increase of the rates on any class of mail matter.

In connection with the above the widespread rumor that the letter rates are to be cut in half deserves mention. It seems scarcely credible that this is seriously considered. The post office department has an annual deficit, and unless the improvement in service, methods and expenditures is radical, it is difficult to conceive how a measure which would subtract 50 per cent from the receipts on first class mail matter will remedy that deficit. In any case the present rate seems a fair one considering the wide dominions of our country, and until our department is conducted on as profitable a basis as certain European post office departments it would seem best to let the present rate stand, and improve various other branches which need it sadly.

Mr. William B. MacDaniel of 552 Ocean Avenue, Patchogue, N. Y., had the rather remarkable experience of receiving a letter mailed to him Feb. 1, 1901. Since that time Mr. MacDaniel has been living in various sections of New York City and part of the time received his mail from the

general delivery department at the post office. The letter has followed him about to his various addresses, but always arrived a trifle too late.

Mr. Leon V. Cass in the July number of the WEST takes an optimistic view of some phases of collecting conditions. Incidentally, he says:

"Upon joining a stamp society as soon as my application was printed I was nearly swamped with unsolicited approval selections.

Today the beginner, as a rule receives genuine, salable stamps on approval from the majority of dealers, and the unsolicited approval selection is almost a thing of the past."

Granted that this bugbear has been to some noticeable extent exterminated, the present condition of affairs is far from desirable or ideal. Personally, I have received a half dozen or more such selections in the space of a comparatively short time. In less experienced days I used to reply with a request for postage to cover return charges on the packages, but now that these dealers know that this system is banned by philatelists and responsible dealers, as well as by the societies there is no excuse for such practices. Drastric measures are necessary with these sort of folk and there is no need to hesitate in ignoring such selection. Of course this method exposes one to repeated requests for the return of the selection. But it is really time that the remaining symptoms of this nuisance be treated with measures so stringent that they will be remembered.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

THOS. S. HILL was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, in 1872 and has been a collector of stone relics, fossils, bird's eggs, reptiles, shells, coins, stamps, and curios from his early youth. His collection numbers but 25,000 specimens. He enlisted in regular army in 1896 at Des Moines, Ia., Served in Cuba during Spanish war in 1898 regiment 1st, U. S. cavalry, brigaded with the famous Roosevelt Rough Riders, was engaged in the battle of Las Guásimor June 24th, 1898. Was honorably discharged at Ft. Robinson, Nebr., June 7, 1899. See his ad in this issue.

WALTER M. OVERTON was born in Chicago, Ill., in 1891. After living here for two years he moved to Iowa and then to Wisconsin finally moving back to Iowa where he has since made his home. He has been a stamp collector and dealer for 6 years. Recently he sold his entire stamp stock to L. L. Dolson of Geneva, Iowa. He has also written many poems, stories and articles, some of which have appeared in the WEST.

Those of our readers who wish to join the Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club will do well to do so at once, for, as soon as the limit of 5000 members is reached, the annual dues for new members will be raised to \$2.50. Present members and all joining before the 5000 is full have and retain the advantage of present rates, viz \$2.00 annually. Considering the size of the Globe Trotter (144 pages and cover to the last number) the excellence of its make-up and wealth of its contents, this is very cheap. With 5000 as a membership even \$2.50 a year is cheap, for then each number of the official quarterly will contain nearly 200⁺ pages, if not more, and will give 20 or more addresses of correspondents in all parts of the world for but one cent.

The Progress of Postage Stamps

Among the thousands of persons who visited the extremely interesting Exhibition of postage stamps held last year in the Hall of the Horticultural Society at London, there may have been a few who realized for the first time what a hopelessly difficult and complicated business the collecting of postage stamps as a hobby has become. The long rows of glass cases, each of them filled with beautifully clean and fresh specimens, as bewildering in quantity as in variety of colour, in differences of watermark, in minute details of perforation; specimens of "essays," of proofs, of patterns submitted for Royal approval, of "errors", of "locals"; above all, of complete new sheets of stamps so rare as to make the obtaining of a single used specimen an occasion, for humbler collectors, to be marked with a white stone—the effect of the juxtaposition of such galaxies of rarities must surely have been, even to the connoisseurs, a little depressing in its completeness. If the layman, unversed in the mysteries of watermarks and perforations, adds to that sense of depression the realisation that what is apparently complete is in fact incomplete, and that every month increases the number of issues which must be added to a representative collection, the futility of trying to keep up with the Post Offices of all the different countries is plain enough—or it is plain enough for the average person. In the "sixties" and "seventies" almost anybody could make a good collection of the world; today it may take a man of means to make—that is, buy—a decent collection of the stamps of a single country.

According to a catalogue which has just been published by an Ipswich firm of stamp dealers, the total number of postage stamps issued by Governments up to January 1st last was 20,496, of which 6,153 belong to the British Empire, and 14,343 to the rest of the world. The issues of Europe amount to 4,361, those of Asia to 3,856, Africa has issued 4,469, America 4,688, the West Indies 1,637, and Oceania 1,485. These numbers exclude varieties differing only in the matter of watermark, perforation, and so on, also "local" stamps and those issued by any other authority except Government. If these varieties were included—and there are many collectors whose chief interest is in minute variations—the foregoing numbers would probably be at least doubled, which is a consideration that could only be inspiring to the enthusiast. But if no one would think of attempting a complete collection of the whole forty thousand, a general survey of a fairly representative collection still makes a rather interesting review, as forming some kind of an index not only to the history, but also to the tastes and predilections of the different people of the world. More than that; for it would not be difficult to draw inference, from looking at a fairly complete collection of stamps, as to the history of civilized mankind during the past century. History, of course, could be read to some extent from the portraits on many of the issues; it would not be difficult, for instance, to draw a contrast between the histories of France and England during the years since 1840. The happiness of the country that has, at all events on its postage stamps, no history could hardly be more surely guessed at than by noticing the fact that on the British stamps the same young Queen's head appears unaltered on every stamp from the black "V. R." penny of 1840 to the issues of 1902, when the first British stamp was struck bearing the head of a King. As a sharp contrast to that era of calm and prosperity, look at the quickly vary-

ing issues of the years which followed the adoption by France of the prepaid postage system in 1849. First comes the wreathed head of Liberty, but for three years only. In 1852 an issue appears still bearing the words "Repub. Franc.," but bearing instead of the head of Liberty the portrait of the President Louis Napoleon. Next year the same head is on the stamps, but with the inscription altered to "Empire Franc.;" ten years later, the same head is crowned with laurel. Eighteen years more, and the finely engraved stamps of the Empire give way to rough, lithographed impressions of the old head of Liberty; those are the stamps struck during the siege of Paris. Six years of recuperation follow, and then you get the restful design of the familiar issue of "Peace and Commerce," succeeded by the designs of the current stamps, of which perhaps the most prominent is the graceful figure of a girl sowing, the emblem of the ideals of a quiet and contented peasant proprietary. Agriculture, indeed, has always held a foremost place in the minds of designers of French postage stamps, the so-called "Head of Liberty" which is the centre of the first and many succeeding issues being in reality the head of the goddess Ceres, crowned with olive and vine.

It is impossible, in taking a general survey of the designs of British and foreign postage stamps, not to be struck with one curious fact, and that is the tendency of all the chief countries, with possibly one important exception, to issue stamps becoming gradually worse in colour, workmanship and design. In the case of no country, perhaps, is the deterioration more noticeable or definite than with Great Britain. The first issues, the penny and two penny stamps, are probably the finest examples in existence of what a postage stamp should be. They are of a size which general imitation and adoption have emphasized as most convenient; they are clear and bold in design, and the delicate workmanship of the engraving, particularly in the modeling of the face and in the transparent depth of the back ground, has not been surpassed by the best work of the stamp engraver's of any foreign country, above all, they are unequalled in the strength and purity of their colouring. The penny black, which is in reality the deepest possible Indian-ink brown; the penny red, either pure maroon or dark rose; and the two penny blue, ranging in tint from the clearest Prussian blue to the clearest ultramarine, are a trio of postage stamps which, as they were the first to ride on envelopes through the post, so are still first among all countries in every essential of a good postage stamp. Hardly behind them come the first issue of France. It is rather remarkable that, although Great Britain's nearest Continental neighbour, France, took nine years to follow out the principles of Rowland Hill, she was even beaten in the race by Brazil, which had an admirably executed series of stamps as early as 1843. Brazil also beat Spain (1850), Italy (1851), Russia (1857), and Turkey (1863.) The first issues of France are admirable; the design is striking but severe, the engraving is fine, and the colour deep and clean. But in France and England the progress of time only produced poorer colour and worse designs. England first fell from her pinnacle in 1880, when the old penny red became brick-red, and looked worth a farthing; but the lilac and green issue of 1884 was perhaps the dullest and most monotonous of all. The culminating point of weak design and bad colour has been reached in the current half penny stamp, which for the sloppiness of its green and the poverty of its workmanship is rivalled, among many modern Continental stamps, perhaps only by

the five-centime French and the five-pfennig German. But the tendency to deteriorate is the same with all the other Continental countries. Holland and Belgium began with cameo-like portraits in strong healthy blues and crimsons and oranges; they have washed out into watery weakness. Spain issued first a nobly massive portraiture of Isabella, and degenerated into light colour and dullness with her 'baby King' issue. The German Empire never had a good postage stamp; but it never had a worse one than the current green five pfennig. Here the design is even weaker than the colour; the drawing of the steel clad warrior, who presumably shake the mailed fist, is less suggestive of Kaisermacht than of the kindergarten.

Perhaps, however, the most Humpty-Dumpty-like fall of all is in the great majority of our own Colonies. Canada and Newfoundland, it is true, have never slipped much below the level of their first issues; but contrast the earliest stamps of Ceylon, St. Helena, the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, the Bahamas, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, and New Zealand, with their later issues, and notice the difference between the admirably delicate pictures of Queen Victoria in the "fifties" and "sixties," and the cheap and undistinctive designs of the issues of today. If a selection had to be made of the ugliest postage stamp in existence, it would probably be the 1873 penny stamp of the Austrian Colony of Victoria. To call the portrait of the Queen upon it ugly would be flattering; the colouring is pale green upon sickly yellow, and the combined effect is appalling. It is of this stamp that the punning philatelist made the remark that "the Yankee may boast that he licks creation, but it would take a man and an Australian to lick that." It is not very much worse than some of its contemporaries.

The exception to the general decadence of design and colour, to be found, of course in the postage stamps of the United States. A few modern issues, such as those of the Soudan, North Borneo, Liberia, and one or two of the West Indies, have been most elaborate and beautifully executed; but for a general high level of artistic care no stamps can approach the American. For what reason? In the European and Colonial issues you are tempted to suppose that the gradual transition from extreme care in workmanship to ugly utility is due to some reflected recognition of the hurry and press of modern life, and of the needlessness of devoting time to the designing of what is, after all, only a mixture of a receipt and a passport. You would perhaps, expect the keen business-head of the American to carry him along similar lines of thought, and to result in the production of equally ugly stamps. But it does not. Is the reason, then, to be found in a search after increase of revenue, such as tempted some of the Central and South American Republics to contract for a yearly issue of fresh specimens in the hope of attracting purchase from philatelists? That will hardly do. More probably the answer is to be found in the superabundant vitality of a nation which, like a busy man, still has more time than the idle to devote to apparently unimportant business. Doubtless the whole business of the designing postage stamps cannot be called important; but the progress of the designing is not without interest as a by-path in the study of national character.—Stamp Collectors Fortnightly, England.

In Admiration of Mr. Roosevelt as a man and a president we yield to no one, but we cannot, we really cannot spell it Filately — England Paper.

Chronicles of the "Filatelic Four"

By Narcissus

(Continued.)

At the next meeting which was held at Jack's home they were examining choice specimens, and Archie was mounting some into his album. Great interest was manifested in a very fine copy of New Brunswick No. 4, which he had managed to get possession of through an aged relative in Canada. They had each examined it carefully, and passed their opinions that it was a beauty, and Archie had attached a large hinge to it and moistened it to transfer it to the pages of his album when it slipped from his hand to the floor. He was sitting near to the wall and behind a table, and of course made a dive to the floor for the stamp upsetting his album and a lot of loose stamps belonging to the others in the effort. But he could not find his precious stamp. The table was moved and he got down on his knees, and with Jack holding the light made a diligent search for it. The album and all the other loose stamps were easily recovered; but look as long and as carefully and they would, no trace could be found of the missing treasure. One suggested that it had stuck on the sole of one of their shoes, and immediately feet were turned up to make further search for the truant, but all efforts were vain. They had to leave it so; Jack's mother promising to look carefully when she swept the room next day. However, her report was that she could find no trace of the stamp.

Time went on and Archie had unwillingly given up all hope of again seeing his lost beauty, when one day Jack met him as he was leaving the office and opening his pocket stamp wallet produced the missing stamp. The sight of it nearly took Archie's breath. "Why! however did you find that and where did it turn up?" he exclaimed.

"Mother found it," Jack said, "when she was sweeping behind a side-board; she noticed a piece of paper in a spider's web, and when she swept it away, picked up the piece of paper and found it was the stamp. It had fallen on the back of a spider when you dropped it, and the moist hinge made it stick to his back, and he scurried home with a richer burden than he had ever carried before!"

Archie was wonderfully delighted, and on relating it to the club at the next meeting it was unanimously resolved to make a special record of this peculiar occurrence and hence its appearance here.

(To be continued.)

A matter that has struck us, is, that in the lists of new issues which appear in the Philatelic papers, hardly any date, or approximate date of issue is given. This is a subject of much interest, if not importance in philately. Dates we believe, could without much difficulty be given; and on our correspondents should be impressed the necessity of giving not only early information as to new issues, but also the dates of issue.

The Colony of British New Guinea has now been merged in the commonwealth of Australia and the name altered to that of "Papua" consequently all the stamps have been surcharged with the new title.

Stamps Going Up in Price

The advance sheets of the standard stamp catalogue for 1908 show increases in the premiums on certain foreign stamps and substantial advances in the price of nearly all the United States issues.

According to stamp authorities there never was a time when the stamps of this country were in greater demand or held at a higher figure. But collectors are yearly becoming more discriminating and want specimens in perfect condition, for which they are often willing to pay prices that exceed by far those given in the catalogue.

It is for this reason that the price of a stamp varies so much. An imperfect or slightly damaged specimen sometimes does not bring one half of the premium paid for a perfect stamp.

American stamp collectors are now beginning to turn their attention to stamps issued for use in American colonial possessions—Hawaii, Porto Rico, and the Phillipines, with the result that a boom is taking place in these stamps.

Among United States stamped envelopes the greatest advance for the coming year will be made in one of comparatively recent date that of 1884 the 2 cent brown, known as the Die B or blue variety. The catalogue for 1906 give the value of this variety unused, at \$39, while for 1907 its price will be \$50.

In 1906, owing to the rapidly increasing number of collectors, especially in certain branches, many new varieties of stamps have come to light. The local and revenue stamps of the more common types have all increased in value as a consequence, and many of the proprietary issues are now quoted in the catalogue for the first time.

The advances in many of the foreign stamps have been marked and the collector who gathers the issues of all the countries of the world, which the majority of them do, will be able to review his albums, with a good deal of gratification, not only because of the possession of specimens classed among the rarities, but for pecuniary reasons as well.

The greatest advance of the year will be for one of the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope, which jumps from 5 cents at the present time to \$10. This is the bistre colored 2 penny stamp of 1893, which has been surcharged "One Penny." In making this surcharge a period was left off some of the stamps, and this trifling omission gives it the increased value.

With the period this stamp is worth just 20 cents. The scarcity of stamps with the error was not discovered until recently, and is owing to the attention that is now being paid to Cape of Good Hope stamps by collectors. They find these stamps difficult to obtain, hence the quick advance.

The 10 cent green stamp of Argentina of 1864 issue has advanced to \$35 from \$25. Another notable advance is in one of the Fiji Island stamps. This is the 2 pence dark green, without the surcharge. The 1906 catalogue placed its value at \$1.50. But for 1907 the price was pushed up to \$10.

The rise in value of the stamps of Finland has been remarkable, as all but one of the issues of 1886-87 have advanced. The New Zealand 6 penny black brown stamp, rouletted, of the issue of 1862, has advanced to \$30 from \$6.50.

Russian stamps show quite a number of advances. The 10 kopec brown and green stamps of the 1859-1864 issue, which is known as an error, has

jumped to \$25 from \$12 in 1906. The Russian Levant stamp has advanced to \$10 from \$2.50.

Nearly all of the 1891 inverted surcharged stamps of St. Pierre, of which there are a great many varieties, have doubled in value. The Japanese-Corean stamps have increased from 25 to 200 per cent, and all the high values of Abyssinia of the 1893-94 issue have advanced 20 per cent.

All the denominations of Spain's commemorative issue of Cervantes, showing Don Quixote in varying scenes have advanced, the most notable being the stamp of 10 pesetas, brown and orange. While the original value in 1905 of this stamp, the year of its issue, was \$2, for the coming year it will be held at \$5. This is unusual in this class of stamp, especially of recent issue.

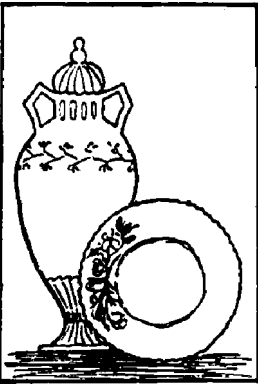
The First Postage Stamp

By "A Stamp Man"

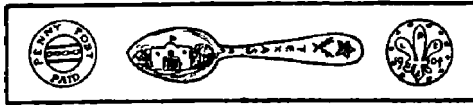
Postage stamps, in the form of stamped envelopes, were first used by M. de Velaye, who owned a private post in the city of Paris in the reign of Louis XVI. Over a century later, in 1758 M. de Chamouset, also the proprietor of a post, issued printed postage slips to be attached to letters. In Spain, in 1716, and in Italy also, stamped covers for mail matter were tried; but it was not until in 1840 that stamps, as we know them now, were put in use. This was in England, the Government adopting the system devised by Rowland Hill. Brazil was the first country to take up the new invention. Russia adopted the postage stamp next, in 1845; then Switzerland, in 1846; and March 3rd, 1847, the Congress of the United States authorized the issue of postage stamps. These were at first a five-cent stamp and a ten-cent stamp. The reduction of rates in 1851 gave a new set of stamps, valued at one, three and twelve cents respectively. Other stamps of different values were added from time to time to meet the exigencies of postal arrangements, reduction of postage to foreign countries, etc.

Before 1845 the postal rate on letters in the United States varied from six cents for carrying a distance of thirty miles to twenty-five cents for over four hundred miles. By the reduction of that year the postage was made five cents for three hundred miles or less, and ten cents for any distance above that. In 1851 the rate was fixed at three cents for every half ounce for three thousand miles, and six cents for any greater distance within the United States. In 1883 the postage was reduced to two cents for half an ounce for letters sent less than three thousand miles, and in 1895 to two cents an ounce.

It may be interesting to some to learn that the new issue of stamped envelopes has produced another error. One of the first lots printed was for the La Grande Nat'l. Bank, La Grande, Ore., and bore their return card. In this lot were about three dozen which had the stamp impressed on the envelope but was not printed. The raised work makes the stamp very plain but it is without color. Of these, about two dozen were returned to the postal authorities and the remainder are in the hands of clerks in the bank. At least two of these stamps have done duty in carrying letters through the mails. One of these is in the possession of the writer, and bears a very plain cancellation.—Herman Clark.



ODDS AND ENDS



The collection of old Wedgwood china is a somewhat expensive hobby, and yet some of the examples in the collection of Mr. Sanderson, which was sold in London recently for many thousands of dollars, cost quite trifling sums when collected. Wedgwood, the great English potter (did his best work from 1770 to 1795, and it is the earliest specimens which collectors should aim at securing. His beautifully wrought blue and white and green and white jasper ware are well worth buying, but care should be exercised in avoiding reproductions.

Most of the Roman coins found in this country are of the Imperial series, chiefly those struck in the third century. Now and then, a few of the older consular or family coins in circulation in Rome before the first Roman invasion of this country, turn up in England. One of the little pieces (which may be purchased for 25c to 60c from any good dealer) was dug up in England a short time ago.

Now and then, the sea gives up its treasures and persistent diving reveals many quaint relics. One of these discoveries is a wrought iron banded naval cannon of the Tudor period just found in Pevensky Bay, England. There is quite a rage just now for iron curios, especially cast iron Sussex backs and cast door porters, knockers, and old fashioned iron and brass fireplace ornaments.

The gold medal given after the Battle of Culloden and similar mementoes are some of the treasures sought for by collectors of war medals. One of these was sold in London for \$510 recently. This medal was not given to officers who commanded regiments present at the battle. On the medal the Duke of Cumberland, appears as Apollo and the dragon representing the rebellion overthrown. Perhaps some of our readers may have medals on bronze commemorating this event in history?

Stones possess curious histories, and if they could speak would reveal stories of peoples and customs long forgotten. The "Pudeus Stone," one of the curiosities in Goodwood Park is to be given to the City of London Guildhall Museum. It is of Roman origin, and its Latin inscription means, "Pudeus, Son of Pudentius giving this ground." The collections of small

stones as relics of places visited, when properly labelled, recalls pleasant excursions and does no harm, but the habit of chipping ancient monuments is to be deprecated. A policeman now guards Stonehenge.

What a craze there is just now for snuff boxes! Not necessarily a craze to collect jewelled boxes worth hundreds of dollars, but those of more modest pretensions. The beautifully painted snuff boxes about a century old, which can be purchased for a small sum each, are well worth securing. They are getting scarce, especially those with miniature paintings on the lids. Horn snuff boxes too, mounted with silver lids and rims sell well. The Louis XVI. period are much sought after. Fifty-eight of these choice curios were sold at Christies in London a while ago, two of them realizing \$3000.00 each.

It is not often that a key, although handsomely wrought, when brought under the hammer, fetches as much as the one sold at Worthing, England, recently. But the key, which was secured for \$200 by Mr. Thomas, was of great historic interest. The monogram on the bow, "Maria Regina," decorated with the Scotch thistle and French crown, proclaimed it as having been once used by Mary, Queen of Scots, and tradition has it that it was the key admitting to the Earl of Darnley's rooms, in Edinburgh Castle.

Some interesting relics of the stone age have just been found in a field at Crockenhill, England. They include a fine axe head and several beautifully formed barbed arrow heads of chipped flint.

A massive stone column has been discovered at Leicester, England. It is evidently of the Roman period. Tradition has always pointed to the old market place being the site of the Roman Forum near which stood the Praetorium, or governor's residence.

There are many curious gateways in England, but few date so far back as Roman times. The Newport arch in Lincoln is said to be the oldest known. It was built in A. D. 42.

The remains of a Roman villa have just been unearthed on the Abbey Farm, Montacute; perhaps one of the most curious finds of recent years, discovered in the ruins, is a Roman steelyard with leaden weight and bronze scalepan.

Collections of visiting cards are not uncommon. An Italian nobleman is said to have 20,000 Railway tickets, theatre coupons, and play bills are frequently collected by enthusiasts.

Perhaps one of the most cumbersome fads is that of a collection of old boneshakers. He has had a gallery built, round the walls of which he hangs his treasures.

There was very keen competition in London recently for a rare little gold coin of Henry VIII. It was known as the "Crown of the Rose" and is almost unique. It was struck in 1526, and was made of somewhat debased gold, its nominal value being \$1.10. This rare specimen was knocked down for \$1100. Those who possess gold coins of his reign or earlier dates must not however, expect they would realise any such price. For instance, the beautiful rose-nobles of Henry IV. vary in value from \$10 to \$30 and are incomparably more important looking pieces—well struck from pure gold.

Some Random Notes on Canadians

By "*Wallaby*"

The stamps of Canada are eminently suited for amateur specialists; they are, with few exceptions, comparatively easy to obtain, while at the same time there are a few rarities that prevent the ordinary collector from saying he has exhausted its capabilities.

All issues of Canadian stamps abound in shades, while a few scarce varieties of common stamps lend an added zest to the philatelic search.

Fortunately, there are no tiresome varieties of perforation, the few known being, I think, undoubtedly freaks, or at the best, unofficial trials.

The first set of stamps issued to the Canadian public consisted of three values, and was put on sale at most of the postoffices during the first week of April, 1851. The rate for local, or Canadian letters, was 3d. the half-oz., 6d. for the United States, and 1s. to Newfoundland and the West Indies. These stamps were printed by Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, of New York (who were already well known as the engravers of the 1847 issue of U. S. A.) and were printed in ten rows, on thin white laid paper.

Early during the following year fresh supplies were ordered from New York, and these stamps were found to be on wove paper of ordinary thickness. Owing to the reduction on the postal rates, two new values became necessary, namely, 7½d. and 10d., while a third new value, the ½d., was printed to meet the demand for circulars.

The 12d. black was not included in the second and subsequent deliveries from New York; consequently, it is a rare avis, and exceptionably hard to find. Later on this stamp was printed on wove paper, but in that condition only ranks as a reprint, and is always found with a red "specimen" surcharge.

The stamps, including the three new values now printed on wove paper, vary considerably in thickness, the 3d., 6d., and 1s., being found on very thin (almost pelure) paper, while the 6d. exist on a very thick paper—almost, indeed, a thin cardboard. The ½d. and 3d. are also found on a medium ribbed paper. Needless to say, as 3d. was the local letter rate, the stamp of that value is by far the commonest. Early in 1858 the printers made use of the perforating machine, and the three values most in demand (1d., 3d. and 6d.) were perforated 12. Doubtless, had Messrs. Rawdon, Wright retained the printing contract, the two other values would have shortly followed; but the new Canadian party in power decided to give the printing contract to the American Bank Note Co., so all the dies and other accessories were handed over to them.

Several re-touches of the pence issue are known to extreme specialists—notably the re-touched numeral in the corners of the 3d. stamp—but stamps from all the retouched dies are extremely scarce, and hardly likely to interest the embryo specialist.

Owing to the change to a decimal currency a completely new set of stamps was engraved by the new printers—consisting of six values—all of which are to be found in a number of shades. Some collectors think all the stamps of this issue contain secret printers' marks; and certainly the two most noticeable—the tiny line on the 17c above the "o" and "s" of postage and the dot to the right of "C" and "a" of Canada on the 12½c.—lend col-

our to this supposition, but as the line on the 17c is to be found on the 10d. in exactly the same position, and pairs of the 12½c. are common—one with and one without dot—I think that prove the fallacy of the secret mark theory.

The 1859 issue was well printed, and with the exception of the 1, 2, 5 and 10c. which are known on ribbed paper, only contains one very marked variety—this is the 5c., described in most catalogues as the variety with "extra line in outer oval on left" As this stamp is really very scarce, most collectors are not able to recognize it at a glance; but it is a marked variety and worth looking for, being caused by a shift in the die, which he touched the paper in this particular place a good millimetre out of the normal, causing the appearance of a double line directly to the left of "Can" in the word Canada

Most if not all, the stamps of this issue are to be found imperforate, and some values passed through the post in this condition, but I think they should be classed as proofs.

The number of these stamps issued to postmasters was:—1c, 24,166,500; 2c, 689,500; 5c, 34,739,072; 10c, 4,952,978; 12½c, 2,790,882; 17c., 518,026.

The 10c. bears a portrait of Prince Albert—the only postage stamp that has that distinction.

On July 1st, 1867, the Dominion of Canada was formed, and ten months later a completely new set of stamps was issued, consisting of seven values, printed by the British American Bank Note Co. Owing to the further reductions in the postal rates, several new denominations were required—namely, the ½c., 3c, 6c., and 15c. As far as I know, there are no minor varieties to be found in this set, excepting of course the three values printed on laid paper, all of which are fairly scarce. There is, however, a wealth of shades to be obtained, most of which are very easy to find. I have also seen this issue separated into three sets—one on thick paper, one on thin, and one showing trace of the paper-makers' name as a watermark, but I fancy most collectors will be satisfied to collect the numerous shades and ignore the slight variations in the thickness of the paper. All the values exist on slightly ribbed paper, and are almost as common as those showing no traces of ribbing.

Although these stamps were acknowledged to be very handsome they were considered too large and were shortly replaced by a smaller set, of which the 1c. appeared early in 1870, followed by the 2 and 6c., while a new value, in the form of a 10c. stamp, appeared in 1874. Curiously enough, however, another new value, the 5c, was issued late in 1875 in the old shape, only to be replaced by the smaller design a few months later.

AN UNDER-CATALOGUED STAMP.

Few stamps have had such a lengthy use as this issue, dating from the 1c. first printed in 1870, until the Jubilee and maple leaf issues superseded them in 1897.

Between 1888 and 1890 several changes of colour took place, all of which are very distinctive and should cause no bother even to the beginners.

In 1893 another new value was issued, the 8c., a value combining the local postage and registration fee, this stamp, like some of the early Canadas, bears the Queen's Head looking to the left, a distinction only shared by a few other British stamps, namely some of the issue of Tasmania, Transvaal, Newfoundland, Falkland Isles.

Most of this issue, as in the previous one, can be found on slightly ribbed paper, while I believe the ½, 3 and 5 cents are known perforate.

Two new values. the 20c. and 50c., were issued in 1893, the design evidently being adapted from the bill stamps. These stamps were largely used and are too highly priced in most catalogues, in fact the 50c. was still on sale at the Montreal P. O. when I left Canada in the fall of 1902.

The Jubilee stamp of 1897 are too well known to need any describing. A good many collectors ignore this issue as purely a speculative one, and indeed the fact that only 75'000 of one value (the 6c.) was printed, against 20,000,000 of the 3c., condemns this issue with many.

The later issues of Canada are not particularly interesting. The design of 1897 with the four maple leaves was soon replaced by the 1898 set with numerals in the lower corners. Personally, I think this change quite justifiable owing to the large percentage of French Canadian employes in the Quebec provincial post offices, to say nothing of the thousands of Canadians, who can neither read or write English.

The 5c. of the maple leaf issue was printed by mistake on white, instead of bluish paper, but this error was soon rectified and the variety should be fairly scarce. Collectors must, however, beware of fraudulently bleached copies.

The map stamp was a quite unnecessary issue, so too were the local surcharges, both of which—issued by the Postmaster of a Nova Scotian town—should not be given catalogue rank. The only genuine surcharge is the well known 2 cents on the 3c. of 1897 and 1898, necessitated by the reduction in the local postage rates from 3c. to 2c. This surcharge varies considerably in thickness, three or more completely different types being obtainable.

The current King's Head stamps are all exceedingly common, with perhaps the exception of the 20c., of which value there does not appear to be a very big demand, and as there is no troublesome watermark to be changed, there is every chance of this set being current for many years to come.

Most of the early Canadians are well centered and easily obtainable with eight cancellations—two very important considerations when a country's merits or demerits are being considered from an amateur specialist's point of view.—From S. C. F., of England.

Of all philatelic oddities and curios it may be said that they are worth just what they will fetch. Equally true is it that stamps normally worthless will sometimes command a cash value through a temporary association with matters of current interest. In Paris recently, in connection with the great auction sale of the LeRoy d'Etioilles' collection, a quantity of Moroccan courier stamps of the Fez-Sefro route realised quite a respectable price, and this must surely have been the result of the present keen interest in Moroccan affairs among French people of all classes. In our own country I do not think anyone would buy Fez-Sefro stamps at waste paper price.

The Post Office was first established between Vienna and Brussels in 1516. Posts were established regularly between London and all the principal towns throughout England in 1635. Postage Stamps were introduced in England in 1840; in the United States in 1847.

Stamp Notes

By Charles E. Jenney

As not all collectors have a Scott's catalogue and of those who have, not all study it closely, perhaps the mention of a few varieties given therein but not generally noticed, may be of interest.

In 1905 Denmark issued a set of three stamps with the king's portrait shown. It these there is a star like that of the Legion of Honor shown on his left breast, or the right as we look at the stamp. In 1906 the two lower value, 5 ore green and 10 ore red were re-engraved and for some reason this star left off his uniform.

The one and two cent stamps of Cuba of the 1899 issue are common. In 1905 these were re-engraved. The color of the two cent stamp becomes more of a spreading rose shade and the two ovals which contain the numeral 2 have no ornaments projecting into them as in the originals. The difference in the one cent values is also explained in the catalogue.

The appearance of the new issue of envelopes, closely following the style of the old 1864 issue, makes those collectors who are interested in the types of the just discontinued set more anxious than ever to complete their list of types. Some of them will be found of considerable scarcity and several will doubtless be listed in the regular catalogue, notably, the re-engraved die with the round 0 in Two. I would advise all collectors of U. S. stamps to get the copies of Mekeel's Weekly containing Mr. Barrett's description of these types and study them out. There is lots of material now to be easily gotten for study and all specialists in U. S. stamps and a good many general collectors will in the future pay attention to these types.

The 1900 issue of Germany (Reichspost) is given in the catalogue as perforated 14 and 14½. It appears that some of these stamps were issued with a much coarser perforation, namely 11½, but the number apparently was few as they are of considerable scarcity.

How many collectors pay attention to the varieties of the 1883 to 1888 issue of Norway having no period after postfrim. These are valid varieties and may be occasionally run across when you have a lot of these issues to look over.

There is an interesting variety in the June 1884 issue of U. S. stamped envelopes which shows a white dot in the centre of each of the links above and below the numeral 2.

A Carmine Pair

By Verna Weston Hartway

Cozy corner,
And man and maid,
Stampic-lovers,
An ardent swain.

A carmine pair
Of ruby lips;
And un-a-wares,
Centered kiss.

But carmine fleets.
Severed lips.
Man is huffy,
And maiden weeps.

The moral's plain:
With stamps as lips,
Colors well set
Before you kiss.

A Postal Coupon Novelty

Berne, Aug. 15.—A new postage stamp, or rather the equivalent of a postage stamp, a reply coupon, as it is officially called, has been designed and will be put into circulation on October 1, next by the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union at Berne.

The new postal token is in the form of a ticket, entitling the holder to exchange it for a postage stamp of the value of 25 centimes or 5c, or the equivalent of that sum in those countries that have adopted the arrangement concluded last year by the delegates of most of the civilized nations assembled at the postal congress in Rome.

The arrangement was that a coupon should be devised to enable a person to write to a correspondent in a foreign land, enclosing the value of a stamp for a reply. Incidentally also, the coupon will enable persons to pay small accounts in foreign lands without going to the trouble of procuring money orders.

For instance, a resident of the United States may write to a correspondent in France and Germany and desire to prepay the stamp required for the answer. All he has to do is to spend six cents for a reply coupon at any American postoffice and enclose it in his letter. The French or German addressee will exchange the coupon at his own postoffice for a French or German stamp with which he will prepay his reply letter.

It was the British postoffice that proposed the innovation. The adoption of the coupon scheme was not made compulsory for all the nations comprised in the Universal Postal union, but the following have signified their acceptance of it. The United States, Great Britain and most of her colonies, including Canada; Japan, Germany and her protectorates; France and her colonies, Austria, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Spain, Denmark and her possessions; Switzerland, Greece, Chile, Bulgaria, Mexico, Costa Rica, Crete, Hayti, Hungary, Corea, Luxemburg, Roumania and Siam.

The coupons are supplied to the postal administration of the above countries at cost price and are interchangeable between them at the price of 25 centimes or its equivalent.

So far 5,000,000 coupons have been printed, of which 3,793,000 have already been taken up by the various postal administrations. Upon the international bureau at Berne, will fall all the administrative work, which bids fair to be of considerable magnitude, as every single token must ultimately find its way back again to that central office.

N. B. This is a great scheme—invaluable for paying small sums. See illustration next issue.—Daily Newspaper Clippings.

The map stamp of the Dominican Republic (which very nearly brought about a war with jealous Hayti, because the Dominicans in their vanity had taken up more of the island than really belonged to them!) brings to mind Panama, with its series of geographical stamp designs. The map stamps of this portion of the world have a unique historical interest in view of the long projected and soon to be accomplished fact. The first stamps of the country give a graphic touch to the subject by depicting two ships sailing the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, with only a tantalizing neck of land dividing them.

Mexican Fiscals

By F. A. Broton

(Continued.)

1899 00 23x43. Perf. 12.

174-1c dark green
175-2c orange
176-5c ultramarine
177-10c emerald
178-25c brown

179-50c blue
180-1p red
181-5p carmine
182-10p violet
183 50p brown red

184-100p red and black

1900 01. 23x43. Perf. 12.

185-1c brown
186-2c blue
187-5c green
188-10c ultramarine
189-25c red

190-50c dark blue
191-1p brown carmine
192-5p olive
193-10p dark carmine

194-50p 195-100p

1901 02 23x43. Perf. 12.

196-1c orange
197 2c green
198 5c ultramarine
199-10c red brown
200 25c chocolate

201-50c red
202-1p olive
203-5p dark green
204-10p dark blue
205-50p chocolate

206-100p dark red and green

1902 03. 23x43. Perf. 12.

207-1c orange
208-2c green
209-5c ultramarine
210-10c red brown
211-25c chocolate

212-50c red
213-1c olive
214-5p dark green
215-10p dark blue
216-50p chocolate

217-100p dark red and green

1903-04. 23x43. Perf. 12.

218-1c ultramarine
219 2c orange
220-5c brown
221-10c vermillion
222-25c yellow green

223-50c dark green
224-1p carmine
225-5p blue
229-10p ultramarine
227-50c red

228-100p olive and black.

1904-05. Perf. 12.

229-1c dark green; 230 2c carmine; 231 5c; 232-10c;
233-25c; 234 50c; 235-1p; 236-5p; 237-10p; 238-50p; 239-100p.

1905 06.

240 1c green
241-2c orange
242-5c blue
243-10c sepia
244-25c carmine
245-50c violet

245-50c violet
246-1p brown
247-5p bright rose
248-10p slate
249 50p light green
250 100p red and green

1906-07. 251-1c; 252-2c; 253-5c; 254-10c; 255-25c; 256-50c; 257-1p; 258-5p;

259-10p; 260-50p; 261-100p.

Revenue Notes

By Oscar T. Hartman

In my opinion revenue stamps are only unused when the original gum still adheres to the stamp. The reason I have for this, is that quite frequently you come across a revenue stamp, which has been used still on a piece of document or soaked off the paper (without the gum) which bears no sign of ink pen cancellation or otherwise.

But how about those revenues, which are issued without gum? Here it is a different matter to tell. Generally they are pasted, or glued, or fastened in some way which tends to destroy their freshness and general appearance.

I believe, one of the main reasons that revenue catalogs do not catalog unused, that there is no absolute guarantee can be given, that the particular stamp is unused. Ink marks can be removed. Remainders of issues are in the market. Most of them are o. g., without any defacing mark. Others are punched or have a bar or words printed across.

Used revenue stamps can be divided in three classes:

First: All those stamps or bands without original gum, which have been used, but bear no cancellation mark of any kind.

Second: All those which have been cancelled by pen and ink.

Third: All those which have a cancellation by rubber stamp or printing, used by firm, banks or government departments.

These are the most desirable but at the same time more difficult to procure. Many of these have an additional pen and ink cancellation.

Perhaps you have seen German Telegraph stamps which have a black and a red ink line across stamp. One is for receiving and the other for delivering mark.

As the readers of the WEST interested in stamps know many stamps are used either for postage or fiscal purposes, but it may not come amiss to say something about postage stamps which were surcharged or marked in some way to become fiscals only.

British Central Africa, issue of 1898 01, surcharged Consular.

“ East “ “ 1890 95 “ Inland Revenue.

“ South “ “ 1890-91 “

Bolivia “ “ 1887-93 “ Timbre

Borneo used for both purposes after 1886.

Crete postage of 1900 perforated with an X.

Dominia postage surcharged: Revenue.

Phillippines 1882 “ Habilitado para Derechos de Firma.

France some stamps used for: Affishes.

Guatemala, postage used for telegraph purposes.

Germany “ “ “ “ “

Guiana, postage 1876 surcharged: Inland Revenue.

Jamaica 1883 96 “ Judicial.

Niger Coast 1898 “ Consular.

Orange Free State, 1883 “ B. W.

“ “ “ 1885 “ Ord. 22, 85 A.

Uganda 1898 “ Inland Revenue

St. Christopher, Stamps of Nevis, surcharged: Revenue & St. Christopher.
 St. Lucia, 1859, One penny stamp, etc.
 St. Vincent, 1871-81-85, surcharged: Revenue.
 Sierra Leona, 1890 " Sierra 5s. Leona.
 Trinidad 1883 " FEE
 U. S. 1898 I. R. on 1 & 2c postage.
 Int. Rev. \$5 Documentary on the \$5 Newspaper.
 Sarawak, 1898, surcharged: Revenue only or single R.
 Seychells, 1890-97 " " 4 cents.

The English revenue stamps on glazed paper or if sea green color are better left out of the water. It spoils them. 5

Story of the Stamped Envelope

By F. L. Miller

Everybody is familiar with the stamped envelope of the United States, but few know how it is made

For 40 years Mr. Henry Mitchell has been engraving the plates from which these stamps are made. When the government wishes to issue a new set of stamped envelopes it sends the selected design to the United States Stamped Envelope Company of Hartford, and thence to Mr. Mitchell, in Boston.

The selection of Mr. Mitchell as the official engraver of stamped envelopes was made in 1868. That is a long record in an era of spirited competition for government contracts, but the art of intaglio engraving is very scantily disseminated.

On the wall in the workshop of this expert engraver there is a large frame containing perhaps 28 or 30 examples of embossed stamps. They represent, of course, only a part of the issues of the past 38 years, but in showing the changes of three decades they help mightily to impress the layman with the the longevity of their maker's service.

The art of making the dies properly, with Mr. Mitchell, depends on making the matrix properly. The matrix is formed of a small steel block topped by a disk about a half-inch thick. All the engraving is done on this upper structure, and it is downward. Here enters the difficulty of the task; cut downward and make an intaglio instead of a relief.

When the matrix, or, as Mr. Mitchell calls it, the mother die, is done, a soft hub slightly less in diameter is thrust into it and kept there until a relief design of the figure is obtained. The die is then complete and from the two parent dies—the intaglio and the relief—many thousands of stamped envelopes are produced. This manufacture is of course done at Hartford; Mr. Mitchell's task ending with the production of the dies.

More than one set of dies are used in the manufacture of a new issue, but they are all obtained from the original matrix. New hubs are mated with the mother; they in turn create new matrices, and the process of propagation is kept up until evidences of wear and tear on the original dies show and the finer lines begin to lose their absolute resemblance to the original engraving.



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.

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375. Which is the best philatelic paper published in England? I do not dare to decide. first for fear of offending publishers and editors and secondly, because your query is not definite enough, as it does not state in what respect you mean "best". I may name some though which are all good: The London Philatelist, Stanley Gibbons Monthly and Weekly, the Phil. Journal of Great Britain, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, the Stamp Collector's Fortnightly, and the West End Philatelist. You might get a sample copy of each and decide for yourself, which suits you best.

376. How may the French stamps of 1849, 1870 and 1871, design head of Liberty, be distinguished from one another? In Scott's Catalogue there are types A 1, A 8, A 9, A 10, A 11, A 13, and A 14, for France and type A 1 and A 7 for the French Colonies. They are all so very nearly alike that each in turn will have to be noted in order to make the proper distinctions. Stamps of A 1 (1849) are engraved but imperforate. All the later engraved stamps are perforated, the colonials excepted. The latter are of paler colors than those of 1849 and can usually be distinguished also by the postmark. It would take too much room to describe the postmarks here though.

Stamps of types A 8, A 9, A 10 and A 11, are all lithographed and officially imperforate. For the differences between these four types see any catalogue or handbook. The lithographed stamps have a blurred appearance and the shading on the face and neck of Ceres (not Liberty, by the way) consists of lines instead of dots as in the engraved stamps.

Stamps of type A 13, are engraved and perforated, the color is usually paler than in the issue of 1849, and the post marks on used specimens may also help to distinguish them.

Stamps of type A 14 have decidedly larger figures of value. They are distinguished from the colonial stamps type A 7 by the perforation.

Stamps of type A 1 and A 7 of the colonies are imperforate. Otherwise they are identical with types A 3 and A 4 of the mother country.

These remarks may serve as a general guide. There are some cases, however, as when unused stamps are concerned or post marks are to be identified, when it is best to employ an expert.

377. Where can the Schwaneberger Albums be obtained in the U. S.? If there is any dealer who carries them in stock, will he, please, send his address for publication. Who is willing to import them?

378. Are there any stamp papers issued in Italian? Yes. But I know of one only the "Giornale dei Collezionisti già Guida Cartofila Italiana" by Conte Diego Cumbo, Corso Vitt. Emanuele 290, Rome, Italy, price \$1.00. It devotes very much space to post cards, commemorative and illustrated.

379. Where can I get a wholesale price list of postage stamps and stamp dealer's supplies? Write to the Toledo Stamp Company, 408-414 St. Clair Building, Toledo, Ohio, Marks Stamp Co., Toronto, Canada, or better, put a request notice in the WEST asking dealers all over the world to send

you such lists; then you can pick out the one that suits you best.

380. Are used and unused copies of the same stamp considered as varieties of that stamp? No, not as the word variety is commonly understood. But many collectors treat them as such, collecting, if possible, all stamps in both the used and the unused state. In many instances the difference in price is very considerable, because the comparative rarity differs widely, take for instance the 5c U. S. 1847, which is 75c used and \$7.50 unused, or the 10c U. S. 1847, which is \$5 00 used and \$35.00 unused. In some others the ratio is reversed, and the used stamp is much rarer than the unused, as would be the case if a copy of the Connell stamp of New Brunswick genuinely used could be found, and as is the case with the cents issue of the same country. See also Heligoland.

381. Is there an educational committee, whose business it is to bring philately attractively before the public? Yes. There is a press-committee and I think you may address it in care of Mr. Willard O. Wylie, editor of Mekeel's Weekly News, Boston, Mass. Stereoptican views have for several years been used in stamp lectures in England and to some extent in the U. S. also. But, to my knowledge the press comite has not had anything to do with things of this kind, their work being limited to journalism only. Stereoptican views are undoubtedly a splendid means of proselyting, if accompanied by a good lecture, one being about as important as the other. If you can make good stereopticon slides of stamps, I would advise you to offer them in an advertisement in the WEST, and have no doubt that you would find customers. Some slides should contain one stamp only, others two or three for comparison of types, and again others whole sets of stamps to illustrate whole issues. If you cannot make good slides yourself, but know anyone who can, you might send me his address and prices, and I will insert it in some future issue of the WEST. The idea is certainly good, as has been proven by experience.

382. Has the Philatelic Directory of Mr. Fuller already been issued? No. There is yet time to send in your address or business card, if you do it at once. Advance subscribers get the book for 25 cents. Address Mr. Ben L. Fuller, 1608 13th Str., Washington, D. C.

383. Can anyone of our readers give the address of F. A. Busch, manufacturer of advertising stamp like those issued for the Pan American Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y., with pictures of the exposition buildings?

384. What is the nature of stamps surcharged "Specimen", "Canceled", or "Fac Simile"? "Specimen" and "Canceled" designates a stamp as a sample and makes it void for postage; they are not sold but given away to officials. Their price among stamp collectors is about one half to one tenth of the unused and unsurcharged stamps. "Fac Simile" means counterfeit; these have very little or no value at all.

385. What is the value of unused revenue stamps as compared with the same stamps used postally? In all cases where no large remainders were sold below face value, they should be worth about face value, or whatever revenue catalogues may specify on account of rarity, demand, etc. Unless the price of postally used revenues far excels the face value, the price of the unused should be about the same.

386. Who can give directions for cleaning soiled and oxidized coins without injury to the same, and who will state how to keep them bright and clean?

387. Where can one find the numbers of U. S. Revenue stamps printed and issued since 1898?

388. What U. S. Locals have been reprinted? When? Where?

389. When the U. S. documentary and proprietary review stamps of 1898 were put into use, the first were made by surcharging the 1 and 2 cents postage stamps with the letters I. R.—was it lawful to use postage stamps for revenue purposes, as on bank checks, without such surcharge, or use later on, the regular revenue issue in place of postage stamps on letters? It was not lawful. Yet in some cases it was done. The probable reasons are ignorance, trickery or a shortage of the proper kind of stamps and the desire to prove honesty. Even before 1898 postage stamps are sometimes found used in place of revenues and possibly revenues in place of postage (though I have not seen the latter). They are to be considered as freaks or curiosities and may be collected as such.

390. What is the scope of a philatelic club or society? Each body may define its own sphere and aim and nobody else has a right to prescribe anything. Yet a new society may learn from the experience of others, and the best advice I could give would be, to get the constitutions, bylaws and rulings of other, old and successful corporations and to follow their example. One thing I may mention is this: Stamp collectors want stamps, and to make a stamp association successful all actions must serve this end and none must oppose it. All members must co operate for the getting, exchanging, buying or selling of stamps. The second point is the dissemination of knowledge in regard to stamps is to aid each member in his getting, exchanging, buying or selling of stamps.

Amusements not bearing on these points, pleasant as they may be at times, are more or less dangerous to the success of a stamp society. It must be stamp first and stamps last and stamps all the time, and not the losing but the getting of them. I would suggest the following: As soon as the treasury can afford it, buy a large packet or collection, say of 4 or 5 thousand varieties, at wholesale price. Retail the stamps to all the members who wish to buy at catalogue value and use the proceeds for the buying of another and if possible larger packet, which again may be retailed to members. Before long it will be found that it is not necessary to retail stamps at full catalogue price and a suitable reduction may take place, until possibly members can obtain their stamps at one fourth to one tenth of catalogue quotation. If the treasury does not afford the means, or if not all members are willing to participate, those that are willing may club together and try the experiment in by paying in shares, which will entitle them to so much credit in the retailing of the packet. Instead of a packet the object of the procedure may be a quantity of new issues or anything that is desired. The idea is to buy at wholesale and to make the profit common property of the whole society. Of course the officials must be men of ability, tact, insight and above all of honesty and action, they must have the confidence of all members and must have a good deal of freedom to act for the benefit of the association without first consulting the other members in every step they take.

There are two orphan asylums in Switzerland, the "Asile des Bilades" and the "Institut Bethleem," which are partly supported by the income derived from the sale of used postage stamps.

Sunlight and Colors

The effect of sunlight upon stamps of various colors is a matter of such great importance to philatelists that we are glad to note an article on the subject in one of the magazines devoted to collecting. The writer recommends an easy and interesting experiment; he suggests that he should himself make a practical test of color-endurance under sunlight by preparing a page of his commonest stamps, and pasting against each specimen a flap of stout white paper which can be folded over to cover just about half of the stamp. Of course the stamps used should embrace as many shades of color as possible. The sheets of specimens, each one half-covered by its flap of paper should then be placed in a frame, or under a sheet of glass, and exposed to the direct sunlight. "The changes that will take place," says the writer of the article, "are surprising. The flap of opaque paper will protect the portion of the stamp that it covers, and the observer will thus be enabled to compare the changed shade with that of the original color." He then proceeds to give the following general notes as to the effect of uninterrupted sunlight on various colors, as follows:

Reds.—Some reds will fade away entirely. Others will turn to various shades of brown and grey-brown. Certain dense reds turn to orange or bronze-red.

Blues.—Dark blues usually retain their color very well. Light blue changes to grey or fades away entirely. Violets and purples often change to grey and browns. Lilacs and lavenders show a decided range of shades. A few retain their colors, but the majority fade to different pink, blue and grey tints, others fading out to white.

Greens.—Greens, as a rule, maintain their color well. Light greens sometimes change to blue or grey.

Browns.—Because of the wide range of shades in browns, the changes brought about by sunlight are numerous. Chocolate, purple-brown, and other dark shades usually turn to grey-brown and black. Light browns fade to lighter shades and to orange.

As the writer of the article in question adds, it is the origin of the pigment or pigments composing the color of the stamp that determines the degree of its change and its light resisting qualities. "Very often," he tells us, "colors of nearly the same original shade will under the sun bath, change to colors differing widely. Mineral colors resist the action of the sun's rays to the greatest extent. Vegetable and animal colors are next in permanency. Aniline colors, now frequently used in stamp printing, are perhaps the most fugitive."

Perhaps some of the readers of the WEST will make a trial of this experiment and report results for the benefit of their fellow collectors. The test will have a value above and beyond its scientific and instructive side, for it will serve as a useful lesson as to the shades of color produced by the fading of specimens exposed to the light, and often wrongly classed as "errors of color."

The Bernichon sales of the Le Roy d'Etioles collection are amazing. Up to date the total realized is no less than 582,268 francs, or a little over \$115,000.00.

Terry and the Jamestown Stamps

By W. S. Bradford

Mr. Casey had just lighted his pipe and was propping his feet upon the table when Mr. Hooligan entered.

"I've been meditatin', Mister Hooligan."

"An what is thot", asked Hooligan.

"Tthot," said Mr. Casey, "is whin I'm after makin' inquiries iv' me moind, an' on this occashun, I was thinkin' iv me frind, Roosefelt, th' Natur faker."

Terry sat near the window with his stamp album, searching in valn for spaces to mount the Jamestown Exposition stamps. Patience exhausted, he showed it by ejaculating, "Ding it" in no uncertain tone. This exclamation caught the ear of Mr. Casey.

"Terry Casey, d'ye moind whin I tild ye, I'd be doimed if there be any cussin on yer fathers premisses? Whats th' matter?" Its these Jamestown stamps, replied Terry.

"There Mr. Hooligan, is another sign iv th' importance in itself thot filately has impressed upon th' government iv' our glorious raypublic.

Th' boosters iv th' Jimtown Imposition wint to th' Postmaster General an' says, "We've got a good thing au' we don't moind lettin' ye in, they says, Capt. John Smith thray hundred years ago landed on th' Stars an' Sthripes in th' name iv th' King iv England an' a few injuns in th' name iv humanity."

"An' they says, we are goin' to have a cilibration iv th' same. Now, they says very confidently, we want to advertize a little an' as th' bill boards be in th' hands iv th' trust an' consequently condemned by the Board iv Health, we are goin' to give ye th' job." "An', they says, "theres money in it, th' Filatelists have got th' coin, an' (here they spoke in a whisper), we can get it.

"Well," says th' Post Master, what's th' graft?" Same "old game," they says, "a few more postage stamps"

Next mornin' whin th' Post Master wint down to his offis, he says to th' offis boy, 'Kid,' says he, "tell th' foreman to come up." An' after th' foreman finished his can, up he came."

"Jim," says th' Postmaster, "th' country demands that we commemorate th' settlemint iv Jimtown, an' says he, draw on yer imagination, John Smith an' Pocahontas an' th' Pilgrim Fathers at Jimtown, an' he says Jim, do a good job."

"Pass th' alboom, Terry me bye. An' there Mr Hooligan, you see th' resultat. Filatelists do be goin' crazy over thim au' th' envelope makers have had to make th' envelopes larger so th' correspondin' public would have room to with th' address after th' stamp is stuck on."

Th' wan cint has th' portrait iv Captain John Smith, a great an' good man he was, always ready to leal his men in prayer or in a scrap. Whin Capt. Smith landed at Jimtown an' wint up to th' immigration offis, he says, I'm Smith. I've come over to establish freedom which I understand has been languishin' from want iv attention an' as th' men unloaded th' cannon, this he says, is wha tI'm goin' to do it with."

"I want to have an era iv good feeling," he says, an' takin' ould Powhatan in tow he made fer Rielly's.

"Drink this" he says, "to Ould Glory, long may she wave and fill 'em up again boys lets have another one."

"At thot time, Mr. Hooligan th' beef trust hadn't organized th' undertakin' business an' ould Powhatan had the Virginia smoked ham market cornered".

"Powhatan had a gurl named Pocahontas an' there on 'th five cint we have her portrait copied from a photo by Sarony and now in th' collection iv the Daughters iv th' Revolution."

"Wanst Capt. Smith was caught at ould Powhatans smoke house an' as he had th' goods ou him, th' red nagurs daycided he must die. Capt. commenced a little talk on th' effect iv th' compass in a case iv brain fog, but Powhatan says, "you needn't hand that little "can" to me" an' as my frind Roosefelt says to th' Governor iv Georgia, "cut it out."

So they carried Capt. out an' laid his head on a stump an' Powhatan raised his war club (now in the possession iv Th' Sons iv th' Big Stick) but before he could strike th' fatal blow, Pocahontas threw her arms around th' neck iv Capt. Smith an' says, "Father I cannot tell a lie about it, I regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

"Thot staggered ould Powhatan an' droppin' th' big stick, he says, "Turn boys we're goin' ba-ack."

"Pocahontas was iv th' first families iv Virignia an' married a polis-man named Rolfe an' foreigners have been buttin' in to American society iver since."

"On th' two cint we nfid th' Pilgrim Fathers landing at Jimtown. It was a bad habit, Mr. Hooligan, for they've been landin' on iverything thots loose iver since. Those Puritans were a bad lot, Mr. Hooligan, fightin' Injuns with one hand an' rayform with th' other."

"But they're all dead now?"

No, Mr. Hooligan, its one is left an' he is th' little knocker for th' Chicago Collectors Monthly.

A Novel for Stamp Collectors

Mr. S. R. Crockett the novelist will shortly publish a new novel, "Me and Myn", issued by T. Fisher, Universal, London, which is a collection of short stories on stamp collecting.

"Me" and "Myn", the hero and heroine, begin as boy and girl in the first chapter, and end by marrying or getting engaged, not to each other, but to somebody else—which comes the same thing—in the last.

This is how the book is described by Mr. Unwin:—"It is a story of rollicking escapades, told with all the swing and humour that one expects from Mr. Crockett at his best, of a boy and girl love which, curiously, has its origin in the mania of both the hero and heroine for stamp collecting, and which later becomes the strong attachment of a man and woman. The book, while full of fun, even of occasional ten horse-play, has also those touches of pathos and deeper emotion which Mr. Crockett's readers expect from him." We are glad to hear that a large second impression is now in preparation.—Excerpt from London "Publishers Circular."

Postage Stamp Animals

The United States government has paid little attention to animals in the decoration of its stamps, having practically confined all efforts in this direction to the trans-Mississippi issue of 1898, on various stamps, of which are shown the buffalo and a few domestic animals. There are, however, lands which make a specialty of animal issues, and these form one of the most entertaining studies of philately.

It will be surprising to many to learn what a long list of dumb creatures is portrayed on postage stamps. And this, too, exclusive of such creatures as the dragon of China, the sea horse of Barbados, the mermaid of Portugal, the sphinx of Egypt, the double-headed eagle of Austria and a dozen others.

The writer recently saw a collection containing 50 different quadrupeds, and the collector explained that his particular hobby was to gather animal stamps and arrange them in a little album which he designated as his "menagerie." Here he had everything from the antelope of Rhodesia to the zebu of Madagascar, and from the aurochs of Roumania to the peculiar duckbill platypus of Tasmania.

Looking over the stamp zoo one is at once attracted by an inscription, "Guayne Francaise," above a strange-looking creature. This is the ant eater from French Guiana, on the northern coast of South America. It is also sometimes referred to as the ant bear. The ant eater belongs to the armadillo family and frequently attains a large size. The French Guiana ant eater stamps were printed in 1905 and are in six denominations, all differently colored, so that you may add to your zoo a *Myrmecophaga jubata* in either black, blue, red-brown, green, rose or violet.

There is not a single lioness in the stamp zoo, but there are several lions. Nowhere does Leo look more imposing and majestic than on the 1903 stamps of Paraguay, which is rather surprising to the layman, who would suppose that either Africa or Asia would contribute a lion. The Paraguayan lion may be had in anything from an orange-brown to a yellow-green, from vermilion to blue.

Baby animals are always interesting and for that reason a group in another corner of the zoo must attract attention. It is composed of a baby camel standing at the side of its mother. The stamp is from Nyassa, a Portuguese colony in Africa, and is a companion to another interesting exhibit in the menagerie, the giraffe. The two stamps are of the same set and were issued in 1901. The giraffe holds sway on all from the 2½ reis up to and including the 50 reis. The baby camel and its mother appear on the 75 reis and remain in evidence until the end of the set is reached with the 300 reis. Obock, a French possession in Africa, has some pretty triangular stamps showing the two hump camel.

There are African, Asiatic and white elephants in the stamp show. The African is a fine fellow from the Kongo Free State, who, however, appears to be in desperate straits as he is closely beset by naked natives with spears. This stamp is in two colors, the black center being framed in lilac in the issue of 1894 and in rose or carmine in the issue of 1900. It is in but one denomination—one franc. The Asiatic elephant is pictured on a group of stamps of the Federated Malay States, each stamp showing several of the animals. The white elephant is exhibited by the Nankin (China) local

post. There are two of the curious animals and they stand eyeing each other solemnly, while outside of the oblong panel on which they are presented two ferocious dragons are raging.

The zoo might have drawn from two or more sources for its specimens of the tiger, but selected the Malay States. The tiger is shown in fine form, springing from his lair. The stamp is printed with its center differing in color from the surrounding inscription and frame, and is to be had in various combinations and many denominations.

Of the monkey family is the ourang-outang from North Borneo. This stamp first dates from 1899 and was hailed with delight by stamp zoologists. The little animal of the 1903 series of stamps of Madagascar is a lemur.

The most curious of all beasts in stampdom is the duckbill of Tasmania. It is on a stamp designed primarily for revenue use, but used in the regular postal service. It was first printed in 1882. It is not an uncommon variety and is readily obtainable. The animal it pictures, however, is a most uncommon thing to persons living on this side of the globe. The platypus has a beaver's fur and tail, webbed feet, a duck's bill, and in the bill an excellent set of teeth.

The bear in the show hails from North Borneo and is known as a bruang. The animal is in its natural color—dark brown—within a violet frame. It is much easier to obtain than the American bear, which was shown on a provisional issue of the St. Louis postoffice in 1845-47. The St. Louis stamp bear is a little expensive, costing today almost as much as a live one.

New South Wales contributes a kangaroo to the zoo. It is on a one-shilling stamp and was issued in 1888. A hippopotamus is donated by the African republic Liberia, which also adds an elephant to the list.

The leopard from French Kongo is honored with a place on every one of a series of six stamps issued in 1900. Each stamp of the series is in two colors and these colors vary, all of which goes to prove that if a leopard can not change his spots the lithographer can do it for him.

North Borneo, which is drawn on so extensively for populating the menagerie, furnishes a fine stag and also a crocodile. The latter's cousin, the alligator, comes from Jamaica, whose specimen is, however, a rather small one. It is on a very common stamp of 1901.

The antelope is part of the arms of Rhodesia, emblazoned on the stamps of that portion of British South Africa. Another species of antelope, known as the sasin, is on the stamps of Nowanugar, a town in Hindustan with an active trade with the outside world, which has been issuing stamps of its own since the year 1877.

The aurochs of Roumania is the European buffalo. The creature that many mistake for the llama on the stamps of Peru is really the guanaco. They are both Peruvians, and the llama is the domesticated guanaco.

Other creatures in the stamp collector's zoo are the beaver from Canada, caribou from Newfoundland, gnu from the Orange River Colony, otter from Ichang, China, seal from Newfoundland, zebu from Madagascar and springbok from the Orange River Colony.

You will please your friends by persuading them to take up stamp collecting. They will find it a delightful pastime for the long winter evenings.

Ecuador

By *Rev. L. G. Dorpat*

(Continued.)

In 1899 there is a beautiful new set in two colors, black center with colored frame, also on watermarked paper same as last issue and perforated 15 and 16. The portraits are the following: 1c Louis Varg. Torres; 2c Calderon; 5c Montalvo; 10c Mejia; 20c Espejo; 50c Carbo; 1s Jose Joaquin Olmedo; 5s Moncayo. Hardly had this issue come to light, when a few of the 1s 1896 were found and quickly surcharged "DIEZ CENTAVOS." During the year 1900 there was quiet.

In 1901 the set of 1899 was reissued in new colors, and in 1902 and 1903 the surcharging fever broke out with new fury and produced such an avalanche of provisionals that it is too much for me to ever mention each kind separately. The occasion for this proceeding is said to have been the burning of the postoffice at Guayaquil, when great numbers of stamps were stolen. To make the stolen stamps useless for postage the several department head postoffices surcharged their stocks of stamps by order of the president as pleased themselves. If this is correct, the provisionals resemble the Mexican stamps with control numbers and might be classed as locals; as such they will have some show of legitimacy. Well, if anyone wishes to collect them I will not try to spoil his pleasure, but oh!—please leave me out of the game, unless you wish to present me with some of the stamps.

During 1904 there seems to have been a time of quiet and rest, there being a pretty new issue in two colors commemorating the jubilee of Captain Calderon. There are six values; 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50 centavos. For particulars see Ewens's Weekly Stamp News, 14, 5, 1904.

I may mention yet that lately I have seen some diagonally bisected stamps used in lieu of lower values, which were highly valued by their possessors.

Now we have another chapter that is even less edifying than what we have seen so far, Revenues used for Postage. To consider these we have to go back to the year 1881, the time when the first steel engraved postage stamps came into use. It appears that Ecuador had no revenue stamps before that time, and the people thinking "a stamp is a stamp" used revenue and postage stamps promiscuously. The revenues are fairly pretty. They consist of the same values as the postage stamps with a 4 centavos and a 10 sucres added. First they were without any indication of a year, then we find them with the years 1881-82 engraved at the foot and after that with various dates engraved or surcharged. In 1897 there appeared a new design with date above. Scott's Catalogue omits all of them except the series of 1896 and 1903 which are surcharged "Correos", turning them into a postal issue. Kohl's Catalogue (1903-1904) lists them under 12 numbers. Senf's Catalogue remarks that the government of Ecuador sold a large lot these revenues (issues up to 1890) to a German dealer, providing them with a postal (?) cancellation, and that these can be had at one-tenth of the price asked for genuinely used specimens. Senf's prices for the latter are not very high, ranging from 3 cents to 75 cents, but many are not priced at all.

In 1893 postage stamps were turned into telegraph stamps by surcharging them in red, "TELEGRAFOS." These were afterwards used for pos-

tage, some with the head bearing the surcharge cut off. In the same year a regular telegraphics set was issued, consisting of three values, 10, 20 and 40c: these too were used for postage. In 1894 there was a new set and this was in the following years surcharged with new dates and in 1897-1898 the 20c also with a new value "DIEZ Centavos;" these again were all used for postage.

After 1886 we find the whole sets of regular postage stamp surcharged "OFFICIAL" or "FRAQUEO OFICIAL" for official use. Some of them however are said to have been sold to private persons and used by them on private correspondence. This was certainly the case with the set of 1892, when the "head" is cut off same as was done with the telegraphos.

To complete the degeneracy, stamps cut from postal cards and envelopes (a practice, by the way, that Great Britain recently has also permitted) were pasted on letters and used in lieu of adhesives. Of spool labels surcharged "Correos" and used for stamps I have not heard, but I do not know whether not they have any spool labels down there; if they did, one should certainly expect to find them used for postage.

In 1896 Ecuador got a pretty set of Due stamps, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 centavos. These may be had at 50c per set unused. Why they were not used instead of regular postage I cannot tell.

I am much afraid that by this time the beginner, reading the foregoing remarks, has become so disgusted with the stamps of Ecuador that he will decide not to collect any of them at all. This, I think, would be too rash and an unwise resolution. It seems more reasonable to sift the mass and to select those stamps for collecting which are regular issues for postage. These are not very expensive and make a pretty representation of this country. Of course, high prices for unused stamps after 1881 or for any that are not genuinely used in the regular mails should never be paid, but, when the stamps come in miscellaneous lots, there is no reason for discarding them. The best way to collect them is, no doubt, on the original envelopes, and in this condition they all have some value. A complete collection of Ecuador, all on the original letters, would be as fine and valuable acquisition as any philatelist may expect to get.

Senf's catalogue lists twenty stamped envelopes, four wrappers, eighteen postal cards, and three letter cards, some of them with subvarieties.

Hayti has been good enough to present us with further portraits of her worthy President. Mons. Nord-Alexsis, and also some assorted views of the "Black Republic." A novel departure on the part of the postal administrators of Hayti is the creation of separate stamps for inland and over-sea postage. We have heard no special reason adduced for this, and very probably it is only another ruse to secure extra revenue from the sale of unused specimens to collectors. The difference between the "internal" and "external" stamps lies in the inscriptions of value, the former being priced in "Centimes de Gourde" and the latter in "Centimes de piastre." The values and colours of these well-produced pictorial stamps are as follows:—

Inland Service ("Centimes de Gourde"): 1c, blue; 2c, yellow; 3c., grey, 7c. green.

Over-Sea Service ("Centimes de Piastre"): 1c, green; 2c, red; 3c, brown; 4c, carmine; 5c, blue; 7c, grey-green; 8c, rose, 10c, orange; 15c, grey-green; 20c, green; 50c, vermillion, and 1 piastre, lilac.

Removing to a New Album

There is no better time for a removal from one album to another, or from an album to a card system than a wet day in summer. One's collection is at this season of the year practically at a standstill, for base ball, tennis or other outdoor interests, have monopolised one's time, and when the wet day comes—as come it must in any summer—the opportunity should be seized to carry out such "alterations and repairs" as may be necessary in one's philatelic possessions.

The stamp collector making choice of a new album or cabinet should never be in too great a hurry. The proper housing of a collection is only second in importance to the actual accumulation of the stamps themselves. Good stamps need snug and careful storage for their proper preservation.

There are many excellent stamp albums to choose from. There is also the souvenir card style. A word or two as to the selection of an album may be helpful to the novice, as well as to the more advanced collector who may be contemplating removal from a small album to a larger.

We may divide stamp albums into two great classes—the printed and the plain. In the printed book everything is made easy for the collector. He must put this stamp in this square, that stamp in that square, and so on throughout the album. The space in the book is allotted to the various countries and colonies according to their output of stamps, and one is told in the plainest possible way where each variety of every issue is to go. The only thing that the collector has to do is to buy, or otherwise acquire the stamps; the printed album does the rest.

In some of these books, especially those of German manufacture, an actual printed picture of nearly every stamp occupies the space destined for the stamp itself. This type of book is a source of much help, and instruction to the young collector since, pending the happy day when he secures all the scarcer varieties, he is able to gaze at a series of more or less faithful pictures of them in black and white. So much for the advantages of the printed album. The disadvantages are considerable.

There is nothing really permanent about a printed album. In the nature of things there never can be. The book is complete and up-to-date at the moment of publication, but how long does it remain so? New issues are constantly appearing and here and there a new country joins the list of stamp-issuing states.

Advanced collectors mostly use the blank album with interchangeable leaves or that very handy contrivance, the card system. The collector with either a blank album or a card cabinet enjoys this advantage—that he can parcel out the space at his disposal entirely in accordance with his own predictions and ideas. He is, probably, more or less a specialist, and his album or card style being blank from end to end, he can so arrange his stamps that the collection will present a compact and picturesque appearance, and will not be in any way subject to the tyranny of the printed and illustrated album.

The removal of a stamp collection from one album or cabinet to another is an operation demanding method and patience and care.

Most Valuable Stamp Said to be on Union Pacific Bill of Sale

Nearly \$500 was paid the other day for a beautiful specimen of the green five-dollar revenue stamp. This stamp, although issued no further back than the early 70s, is now among the rarest of the many priced revenues, to which stamp collectors are paying so much attention.

Recent as was this stamp's production it was only a few years ago that stamp collectors became aware of its existence. It was brought to their notice by the discovery of 24 specimens in a London warehouse. In this warehouse there had been deposited many barrels of bay rum and some of these barrels bore the scarce stamps. The bay rum, which came from Jamaica to this country, was stamped here and then sent across the water.

The barrels had been allowed to remain in their storage place for a number of years. Great as was the value of the liquid they contained, it was easily exceeded by that of the apparently insignificant stamps, each one of which is now valued at from \$350 upward. The fine copy referred to brought \$498.

The stamp belongs to the issue of 1871-5, and is of the size of a small envelope. It is printed in black and green, the portrait of Washington being in the centre, within an oval border.

It was printed on two kinds of paper, violet and green. There were issued, according to the Government records, 74 on the violet and 50 on the green paper.

The revenue stamps are in more than 800 varieties. Many of them were used during and after the Civil War on all kinds of documents, such as agreements, certificates, bills of lading, contracts, powers of attorney, bonds, warehouse receipts, conveyances, probate of wills, leases, life insurance policies, mortgages, bills of sale, bank checks, etc. They were made in denominations that ranged from 1 cent to \$1000, and there is even a story to the effect that a \$5000 stamp was issued.

According to the stamp dealer this specimen is the most valuable stamp ever issued by the United States and had its origin owing to a singular circumstance. At the time the Union Pacific Railroad was sold by the Government in 1898, the revenue taxes established during the Spanish-American War were in force

Some \$65,000,000 was involved in the transaction. The highest denomination of revenue stamp at that time was \$50, as the \$100, \$500 and \$1000 varieties were not issued until 1899.

It was clearly out of the question to use stamps of this denomination, as the number required would almost cover the document, so a special stamp of the denomination of \$5000 was ordered. Only two specimens of the stamp were printed, one of which was placed on the bill of sale, and that document is now said to be in the office of the President of the railroad.

The other stamp was added to the Government collection of stamps in the Post Office Department at Washington, which contains a specimen of every stamp that has been used by the United States. Of course this stamp had no official existence. Repeated offers, it is said, have been made for the stamp by collectors, some of them going as high as \$5000, but there is little possibility of the oddity ever being sold, as its absence from the document might lead to trouble.—From New York Newspaper.

Stamp Notes

By Aldrich

The Postmaster General has decided to have tests made of automatic stamp-vending machines. They are made to receive one and five cent pieces for the purchase of one-cent and five-cent stamps, and postal cards. There are several types to be used. The Department will locate the machines in various parts of the country. The only trouble will be that a person will have to use two one-cent stamps on all letters calling for the two-cent postage, as there are no coins in this country equivalent to the two-cent stamp. They will be put in drug stores, station, etc.

An English specialist is endeavoring to plate the different varieties of the one penny black, the first issued British postage stamp. As there are 2640 varieties in all, needed to do this, and the position in the eleven different plates are in many cases unknown, the magnitude of this task can hardly be comprehended by the average collector.

The Siamese stamp used in foreign correspondence is the 14 atts, the 28 atts being used for a double weight letter.

A collector writes that he finds much trouble in cataloging some of the higher priced stamps, including a number of United States stamps, in Scotts catalog. They only price such stamps which they have in stock or ones that they know about what the price should be.

Some time ago a postally used specimen of the British Central Africa £10. blue and black, upon a piece of the original cover was offered at a London auction sale and realized a price of \$27.30.

A very scarce minor variety of the 2½d rose 1873 issue of England, is a stamp from plate 2 in which there is an error in the corner letters, the mistake being LH-FL instead of LH-IL a would be normal.

More forgeries have appeared on the market: this time the surcharge varieties of the 1902 issue of Hayti. The forgeries are in the form of double and inverted surcharges. They have been recently discovered in auctions in America. We advise collectors to beware of these surcharged stamps.

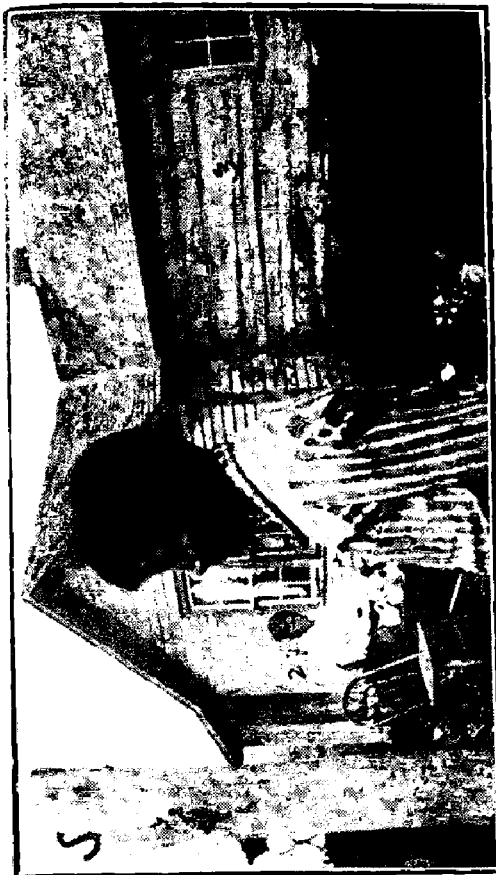
The first Philatelic Society was founded at Paris, in 1865.

We can now use any stamps to the value of 10c for special delivery instead of the usual special delivery stamp. provided the letter or package is marked special delivery.

A coin collection on a stamp is what one might term the one candarine stamp of Ichang. Four Chinese coins are depicted thereon, the one at the top being of Sao Kuang (1821-1851); the lower one of Hsien Feng (1851-1862) the right hand coin is that of Kung Cho (1862-1875) while that on the left is the current reign.

The American Philatelic Association, the largest and oldest of our national stamp societies now numbers eleven hundred members and there is still plenty of room within its ranks for all reliable collectors. If you have not thought of joining before why not join now.

A provisional stamp of more than ordinary interest is the one cent Philippine due stamp used during the middle of September 1902 for ordinary postage. Of course the stamp must be on original cover to be of value.



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 4. Hidatsa Indian Girls. Good Bird and his parents, the old man died since last summer.

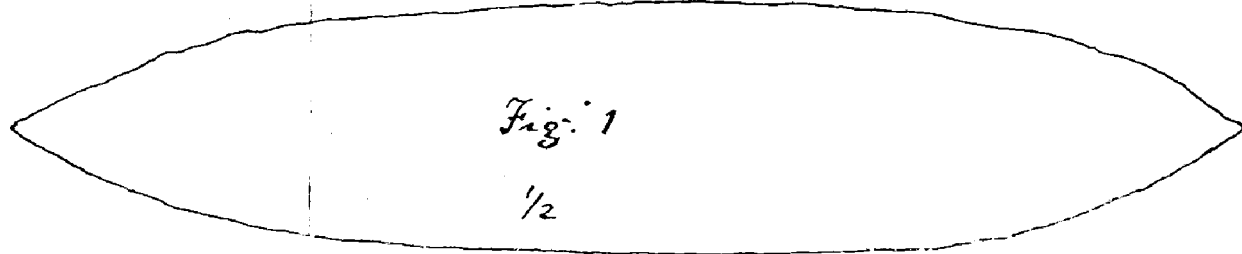




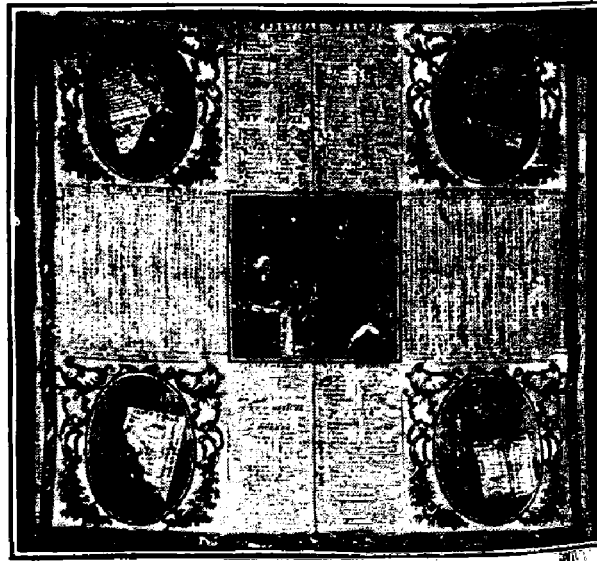
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Pueblo Indian Chief, San Juan, New Mexico. Taken by C. A. Koch.

W. M. Overton, the Stamp Man, Geneva, Iowa



Napoleon Medal and Rare Old Handkerchief. See articles in next issue





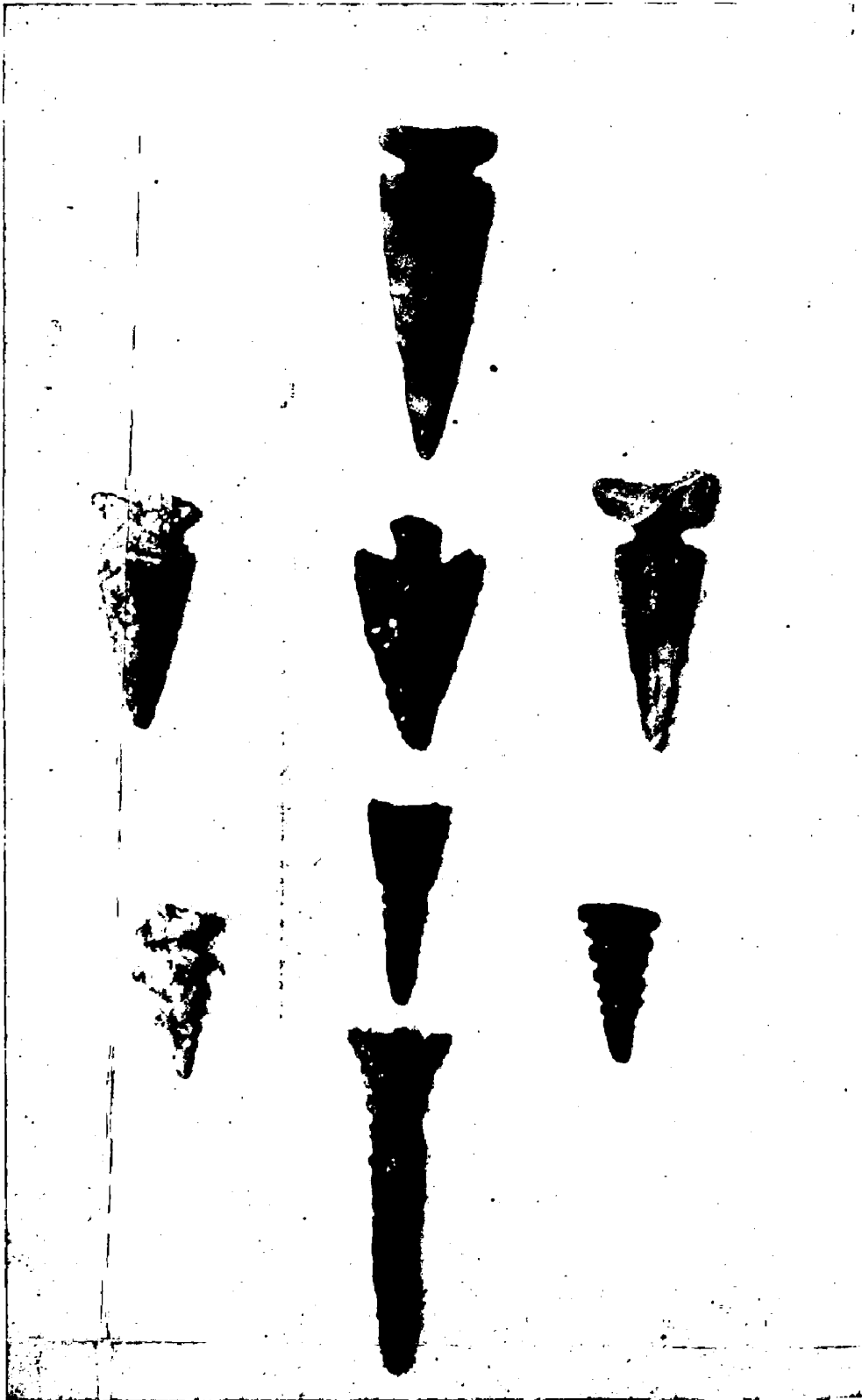
Bears in the Yellowstone National Park taken W. S. Berry, Gardiner, Mont.

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Prehistoric Indian Relics of C. A. Koch, Golden, Colo.





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POST CARD

P. C. Collectors
The World
Over

BY MISS MADELINE KELLER.

We collectors and writers are often accused of rehashing old subjects, but during the hot season we ought to be excused, and not for that alone, for in collectiondum we need to speak anew of old subjects and this is sometimes trying enough at all times

It is impossible to describe the many nice cards of today in detail. The pictures of feminine beauty, of flowers, fruit and nature, in short anything pleasing to the eye is soon to become popular. There is a little novelty art called "Fifi". Upon opening the folded mailing card a beautiful butterfly raises into the air causing sudden surprise.

The new initial name and greeting cards are quite popular. When the variety becomes so enormous in cards it is time for the collectors to specialize. Today is the day for specialization. Some collectors collect all that come their way, but I would advise selecting a specialty whether that which our fancy takes to, or whether to collect cards of rarity. A lover of nature would collect scenery. Scenery of all kinds, mountains water, hills and dale. Foreign cards alone are also what we might term a specialty. This is a line that is followed by a host of Americans.—"Stamp on the view side"—is also a proof that Foreign Specialization is followed and it shows too that the card and stamp collectors are associated to some extent.

You will not only see that specializing is much more interesting, but it is more instructive, for instead of just noticing a view of a certain thing you are impressed by seeing a series of views along the same subject. Some collectors just collect views of a certain large city which may be of interest to them. These collections may run into the hundreds.

The same may be done of a state or country. The Collectors' World devotes some space to Card Clubs and other exchange notices for some time, and so many other philatelic papers, needless to mention all that come to one's notice. But what surprises one mostly is to see the many post card papers, both here and abroad devoted to that line only, excepting the photo,

or camera branch. These usually go hand in hand.

I have before me now the Ideal Monthly, The International Post Card, The British International Postcard Exchange, The Post Card, The Post Card World, The Collectors' World, The Picture Post Card, (England), and many others. The March number of 1907 showed fine cut of a card from the Hawaiian Islands, depicting the landing place of Capt. Cook, Kurnell. He was one of England's greatest navigators and Maritime explorers. Many varied accounts have been given of Cook's death, and many causes adduced for the changed attitude of the Hawaiian, but the probability is that he simply fell a victim to a sudden outbreak of savage fury.

We ought to be grateful to the last postal congress which allows half the side formerly used for address only, to be written upon. This will work Wonders, and be the means of greatly increasing the sales of all picture cards. A personal message of at least 50 words can be sent without injuring the effect of the card.

The very latest ideas carried out in Post Cards are the collapsible, the folding etc. It is necessary that they fold and fasten with a catch in order that they may assume and retain various remarkable shapes. The one seen opens up by a hinge in the middle, disclosing something unexpected, and apropos of course, to the season. In others the cards are architectural, taking the form of houses and temples.

With Souvenir cards we have had the same experience as with most of our beloved ones. We need not beg them to come. Once here, they crept into our hearts until they became the joy of our lives. Their practical worth shows itself in many ways, as for instance, one of our friends went to a far country. We knew nothing whatever about his new home and surrounding country in which he sojourned. One day a card came on which was depicted with photographic exactness a fine landscape, still another view with a house and yard, and on the margin were the words "That's where I live now." Still more and more pictures followed with all its special points of interest till the place became as familiar to us as if we ourselves had visited there.

Humble as the post card has seemed at the start undeveloped as it was in its early youth, its destiny has never been other than to raise the artistic sense of the whole public. The only thing that has a tendency to check the interest in collecting post cards are the cheap comic cards. It is very discouraging for a true collector to receive these cheap cards, especially so when in the exchanging for fine ones. It would be a pleasant thing if more collectors of post cards would contribute articles, giving suggestions, new ideas for card collecting and tell of their experience and forms of collecting. Items of news or anything pertaining to post cards would be greatly appreciated. From Chicago Notes we have this:—that Karl Svenson intends to issue a Scandinavian series of Chicago views in colors. There are 200,000 representatives of the European Northland in Chicago. At the present time the only Swedish cards are those handled by the Advance Studios which are done by photographic process and made from negatives obtained from Sweden. The new cards will have titles in English and Swedish.

It is of interest to know that Great Britain can claim the honor of having originated the postmark. The first one which was used in London as long ago as 1660 consisted of a small circle divided into two parts. In

the top portion were two letters, indicating the month, while in the lower half the day of the month was shown. No endeavor was made to denote the year.

The most unheard in post cards are the soul saving. Grant Colfax Tullar originated the idea and it is said to have proven very satisfactory. Miniature reproductions of Gospel hymns, many of his own compositions, are printed on these postals. These are used by ministers as invitations to special services, etc. A Xmas song is for use at holiday time and is sometimes sent as a greeting together with picture and autograph of the pastor.

Archaeology of Atchison County, Kansas

By George J. Remsburg

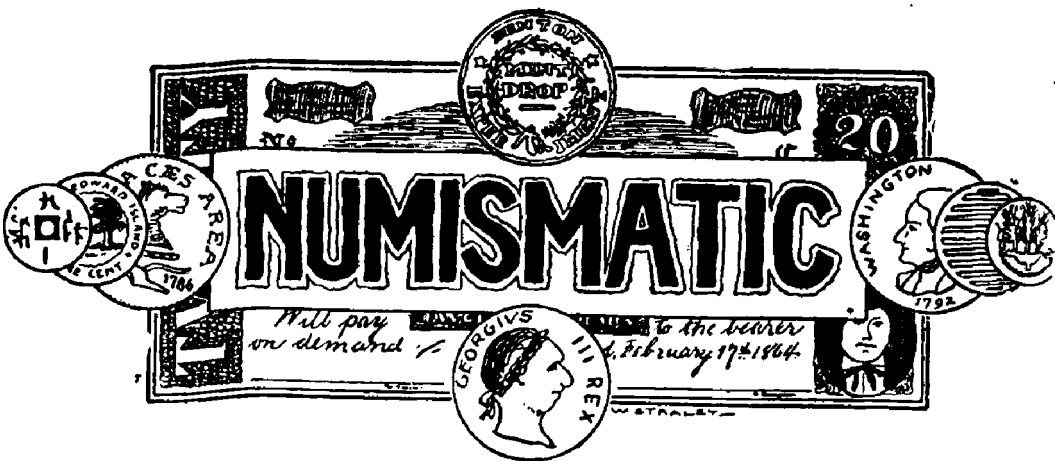
The writer is preparing for the Kansas State Historical society, a map showing the location of more than one hundred aboriginal village, camp and workshop sites in Atchison county, Kansas. This map will also designate all of the mounds, burial grounds and other remains of the Indians that have been discovered in this county.

The amount of such archaeological material that really exists within the borders of Atchison county, as shown by this map, will be surprising to anyone who has not taken the pains of looking it up. The writer believes he is safe in declaring that there is not a quarter section of land in the county that does not present some evidence of aboriginal occupancy. The average farmer may not chance to observe these scattered and disintegrating vestiges of the vanished Indian village, but they are here just the same, and can be easily pointed out by anyone who has studied the debris of these ancient sites.

Just as sure as a spring or running stream of water exists in Atchison county, just that sure the writer can go to the spot and in a few moments pick up a hat full of aboriginal material, such as pot shards, flint spalls, broken and unfinished stone implements, and in many instances finished and perfect specimens of prehistoric art.

On either side of every stream from the source to the mouth exists a chain of these old camping grounds. On the summit of nearly every hill is a similar site, and on every hand may be seen certain spots where the ancient arrow makers plied his craft. Here the earth is full of flint fragments that were struck off by the artisan in fashioning his various implements and weapons of stone. In short, Atchison county and adjacent counties, the ancient home of the Kansas Indians, from whom our state derived its name, embraces a distinct archaeological field, which afford an interesting and absorbing study, and one that is of importance to the unwritten history of the state.

Various.—“I indulge in several hobbies, viz., stamp collecting, cigarette picture collecting, postcard collecting, and fretwork—the hobby in which I take the most interest. Stamp collecting I took up for the interest I took in the various different stamps of the universe. Cigarette picture collecting I found contained a considerable amount of knowledge where one has several hundreds of the many different subjects which they illustrate. I commenced post card collecting for very much the same purpose as cigarette picture collecting.



Rare Kinds of Paper Money

By E. H. Adams

Several thousand men in this country make a specialty of collecting the different varieties of United States paper money. Chief among them are H. R. Drowne and G. H. Blake of New York, who jointly produced the paper on the history of paper money in the United States recently read by Mr. Drowne at a meeting of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society. Mr. Blake exhibited at the same time the bills referred to in the paper. Among the United States issues of paper money first came the demand notes, which gave rise to the name of greenbacks. Congress on July 17, 1861, authorized an issue of paper money of the denominations of five, ten and twenty dollars, of which \$60,030,000 went at once into circulation.

These notes were made payable in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Cincinnati and St. Louis, the idea being to distribute the redemption as much as possible and not to embarrass any one particular place. The subsequent issues were all made payable in New York alone.

Demand notes were issued for a period of less than eight months, for by act of Congress of February 25, 1862, a new issue, the first of the legal tender notes, was authorized in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1,000. Fifty million dollars of the new notes were used to take up the demand notes, and they soon disappeared from circulation.

The records now show that only a little more than \$50,000 of these notes remain to be redeemed, and it is believed that not more than \$1,000 worth are still in existence. The other notes, it is supposed, are either destroyed or lost.

The designs of the greenbacks were elaborate. The five dollar bill shows the portrait of Alexander Hamilton at the right, while on the left is a female figure representing America, after Crawford's statue now on the dome of the Capitol. The reverse shows the figure "5" within a circle at either end, with large letters spelling "Five" in the centre. The rest of the surface of the bill is covered with little "5s."

The ten dollar bill has Lincoln's portrait to the left, with a female representation of art to the right. The reverse shows a long band running

through the centre of the bill on which is "United States of America." Back of this, in size almost two-thirds of the width of the bill, is a large "X," at either side being the numerals "10" in figures of equal size. All the rest of the bill is in green and covered with minute "Xs," while at either end is a semicircle made of the word "Ten," which runs from one corner to the other.

The twenty dollar bill shows in the centre of the obverse the figure of Liberty, with sword and shield, the Capitol being in the background. At either side of the figure of Liberty are large numerals, "2" and "0," in green. The back is all green, and on the surface are sprinkled tiny "20s." In the centre, within a circle, is "United States of America," with a large "20" within.

The demand notes were printed by the American Bank Note Company, and each bill was signed in pen and ink by two persons.

All the denominations of these notes are now extremely scarce, particularly the ten and twenty dollar notes. They are all held at a premium by paper money collectors, especially when in fine condition. There were at least fifteen varieties, counting the bills made payable in the different cities, and some of these bills rank in rarity with the rarest of the postage stamps.

The first issue of legal tender notes is scarce, but not so rare as some more recent issues. These notes had the same obverse as the demand notes, but bore a different reverse. One variety showed that the bill could be convertible into United States 6 per cent twenty year bonds, while the other variety was receivable in payment of all dues, public and private, except customs and interest on the public debt.

The second issue of legal tender notes was authorized by the act of July 1862, and consisted of two denominations, one and two dollars, the first United States bills of small denominations. The one dollar note bore the portrait of Salmon Chase, Secretary of the Treasury, while the two dollar note had that of Hamilton.

This series indicated that the issue of three dollar bills was contemplated. In the centre of the obverse of the one dollar note is a circle of lathe work in green. Within this, with the figures ranged one above the other, are "1," "2" and "3". On the one dollar note is shown the "1" on a white background, the other to figures backed by green.

The two dollar bill had the figure "2" on a white background, while the other figures are in green.

But the three dollar bill never made its appearance. A bill of this denomination was engraved and proofs taken, but the Treasury Department was advised that such a denomination was not needed.

These bills are not so scarce as other issues, as at the time of their first appearance they were regarded as curiosities, and many persons laid specimens away, and they exist in perfectly crisp condition.

The third issue of legal tenders in 1863 included denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, 50, \$100, \$500, and \$1,000, while the fourth of 1869 embraced the same denominations with the addition of the one, two and \$10,000 bills. Of this series the one dollar bill is regarded as the handsomest printed up to that time. It had in the centre of the obverse the same portrait of Washington that is now used on the twenty dollar gold certificate. The two dollar bill showed a fine representation of the Capitol.

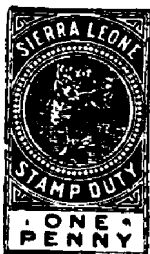
Only one legal tender bill of the denomination of \$10,000 is now in existence, and that specimen is in the Treasury Department at Washington.

All of the fourth issue of notes of 1869 are rare. Of these bills and the subsequent one and two dollar issues those which are scarcest are the 1869 reissues, signed by Allison and New; 1875, Allison and Wyman; 1880, Rosecrans and Huston; 1880, Rosecrans and Nebeker; 1880, Scofield and Gilfillan; 1886, the silver notes bearing the portrait of Martha Washington.

The scarcity of such bills is indicated by the fact that men who handle millions of dollars in paper money every year and who are on the lookout for desirable specimens of these rarities rarely come across one of them.

Other bills scarce when in fine condition are those bearing the portraits of Hancock and Windom, and the coin notes of 1890, which allow the Secretary of the Treasury in his discretion to redeem the notes in gold or silver and which show the portraits of Stanton and McPherson.

Collectors are glad to get notes of low numbers, and place great store by these. In one of the big collections are shown several notes Nos. 1 and 2, and quite a number under fifty.—Sent by Blake of N. J.



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REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1907.

Membership cards have been mailed to all paid up members. And application blanks have been sent out.

If you have not a membership card for this year Get One!—by paying your dues. Don't forget to use the application blanks and if you want more ask for them.

Members should notify secretary of change of address.

Two new members reported this month: Wallace B. Grubb, Box 100, Scranton, Pa., and Walter Clarke Bellous, Elitchs Gardens, Denver, Colo.

See if you can not get one next month.

Wm. C. Polk, Sec-Treas.

CONCOCTION OF CARBONATE OF IRON.

The specimen illustrated in No. 2, Vol. 37 of WEST are found in eastern Lewis County, Wash. They are imbedded in bluish clay, in the bank of a small stream. When first dug out they are of a yellow color, but upon exposure turn brown or rust color. They vary in size from the thickness of a lead pencil to two inches, and are curiously coiled as if pressed when soft through some orifice. I sent two specimens to the Smithsonian Institution and they were pronounced by them as very rare in this form. Look up my ad.—F. A. Degeler, Centralia, Wash.

Hidatsa Medicine

By E. R. Steinbrueck

Our picture represents the ancient medicine post at the left, and the medicine shrine to the right of the post, of the Awaticia Itaka band of the Hidatsa tribe. A tribe of Indians consisted sometimes of several bands and each band had its own medicine man. Small Ankle, the father of Wolf Chief, as the last medicine man of that band and the medicine of the band had come down to Small Ankle, from his predecessors in the holy office, and was kept in memory of the old man in his former dwelling, one of the round lodges of pre-historic times. Those lodges were constructed of timber and were clad outside with sod and clay. See illustration in last issue.

The medicine shrine as well as the post were draped in different gay colored calicoes, offerings of the supplicants to the great spirit.

The medicine shrine was taken by myself erroneously for an old arm chair, with a high back and canopy top. That is the way it looks. Closer inspection and the kind information of Wolf Chief explained the construction. What I supposed to be the seat, was a shelf, covered with calico and dry mint plant. On the mint were placed a buffalo skull, a turtle shell, an eagle's wing and an old felt hat, which also were offerings. On the top shelf, hidden under the calicos, also on a layer of dry mint plants, were deposited two human skulls and a catlinite pipe, the mystery pipe of the band, all in a bag of black cloth.

On the medicine post hung a large square bag from deerskin, ornamented with square designs in red, yellow and blue, and garnished with long leather fringes.

The skulls and the pipe were the medicine of that band of the Hidatsa, and were used in making rain when needed for the growing crops, or for the making buffalo come, when meat was scarce, or to repel the enemy, for instance the hostile Sioux or the treacherous Crows, when on a raid for horse stealing or on a piratical expedition to rob the industrious tribe of the Hidatsa of their corn and tobacco.

The medicine bag on the post contained all kinds of medicine articles, such as bear claws, bear teeth, pieces of fur of the buffalo, the bear, the wolf and the coyote, among which articles were also Wolf Chief's father's and grandfather's private medicine. The mint plant and the buffalo skull seem to be medicine, that is some venerable mystery, to which supernatural power is ascribed.

The few round earth lodges left at Fort Berthold Indian Reservation once the home of the old time and old fashioned Indians, now merely used for lumber rooms and store rooms of all kinds of truck, and many of the later modern square log houses with clay roofs are adorned with one or more buffalo skulls, of course bare of fur. Pieces of faded calico and cloth are sometimes seen wound around the horns, as offerings to the great spirit. The mint plant is used today yet for medicine, for instance at the fishtrap, built of willow sticks, to make fish come. The men, who watch the trap and dip out the fish have to go naked into the water among the catfish and after the catch they wipe themselves with a bundle of mint. "What for?" did I ask. "For medicine," was the only explanation given.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents.
David B. Emert, Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.



A journal that should have been reviewed last month is Part V of Vol. VI of *Records of the Past*. This number contains among numerous other articles the following which are of special interest to American archaeologists, viz.—*Preserving Wisconsin Mounds*—by Frank Abial Flower. In this he states that Wisconsin at the opening of the XIX century, possessed more mounds than any other state in the Union, or any other known locality of equal area in the world. He regrets the destruction of many of these earthworks, and especially of those around the city of Milwaukee among which was one of the very rare shapes, that of an oval or circus ring about 400 feet in length and 300 feet in breadth. He also gives a new idea in regard to the mound builders. He states that the Aracano Indians (or Tartars), of Chili, bury their noble dead, by first thoroughly smoking the dead body, then tying it in a canoe like coffin, (made by hollowing out a suitable log,) setting it in the ground and covering with dirt to the height of 15 feet or more. He very pertinately asks are the Aracanos a remnant of a great mound building race, which once occupied this vast tumuli covered zone.

The other paper is the *Pre Indian Inhabitants of North America*. This is a chapter taken from Prof. N. H. Winchell's *Work on the aborigines of Minnesota*. This gives a geological sketch of Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas etc., with descriptions of implements found in the Loess. Illustrations of the Lansing skull—both front and back and side and top views—also a description of ancient fire places found in the bad lands of S. Dak.

Other articles in this number are, *Site of Ancient Persepolis*, by Thomas Foisythe Nelson. *The Autobiographic Element In Latin Literature and Inscriptions*, by Henry H. Armstrong. *Palestine Exploration*, by Theodore F. Wright. Also a number of *Editorial Notes*. This Magazine is one of the best archaeological monthlys published in America. It is published by *The Records of the Past Exploration Society*, Washington, D. C., at \$2.00 per year.

A new paper on the editors desk this month is *The Quaint Old Collector* No. 1 of Vol. 1., devoted to all hobbies. The only articles of archaeological interest is *Exploring an Indian Mound*. This mound was explored, I presume, by the Editor and several other boys years ago. As no records were

kept or any measurements made, the works are of but little consequence today. Parties interested in the Q. O. C. can address the editor, Richard V. Carpenter, Belvidere, Illinois, for copies and full particulars.

Pueblo ruins have been reported near Santa Fe, New Mexico. These ruins are but very little known. Would it not be a good idea for some one to make some excavations and report to this paper?

From a number of Clippings sent by Mr. Brodstone I extract the following on Herculaneum: "The plans of excavating Herculaneum, as proposed by Prof. Charles Waldstein, has gone by the board. Prof. Waldstein proposed to have the work done by foreign help, and to that purpose made a tour of the U. S. and Europe. He secured the co-operation of the President of the U. S., the King of England, the President of France, the Emperor of Germany, the King of Italy and many other prominent men, which gave the movement greater strength, perhaps than was ever acquired by any similar undertaking. This was necessary, however, as the scheme required the consent of the Italian government, as well as a large sum of money, estimated all the way from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000. Prof. Waldstein's project was abandoned, because the Italian government objected to the participation of foreign capital the government deciding that Italy should undertake the excavating under the directions of their best archaeologists. In accordance with this decision, Signor Rava, Minister of Public Instruction of Italy has presented a bill in the chamber of Deputies for the protection of Italian antiquities. This bill carries an initial fund of 1,000,000 for the purchase of private collections, it doubles the appropriation for excavating, it orders extensive excavations at Ostia, the ancient port of Rome, at the mouth of the Tiber, which was founded by Ancus Marcius, the fourth King of Italy, and further excavations at Paestum where the ruins of Greek temples have already been uncovered.

The sum of 100,000 is set aside to restore the Baths of Diocletia, and 1,200,000 is appropriated to construct within three years, an archaeological promenade that shall start at the Roman Forum, passing by the Coliseum and taking in the Baths of Caracalia, Titus and Trojan. In his speech the minister said that his department would gladly accept any suggestions, information and contributions of money that might be made by foreign societies or individuals, but that it would not allow any foreign interference, and much less control of the work

This action by the Italian government is to be greatly regretted by archaeologists. If foreigners are not allowed any control of the work, but little foreign aid will be contributed, consequently very slow progress will be made in the excavations.

Herculaneum and Pompeii were both overwhelmed in A. D. 79, by the eruption of Vesuvius. Herculaneum was situated on the shores of the Bay of Naples, at the foot of Vesuvius, where now is a part of the City of Resina. In ancient times it was the resort of the literary, scientific and artistic circles of Italy, and was the home of many Patricians and rich collectors of art, and had large libraries. Pompeii was situated three miles farther up the mountain side, and was a commercial and manufacturing community. Its residences were not so costly, and their contents not so valuable. Pompeii being nearer the crater, was buried under molten lava and was destroyed by fire. Herculaneum, which was farther away, was not

burned to any serious extent, but was buried under cold lava and ashes to a depth of from seventy to one hundred and twelve feet. So deep that no attempt was made to uncover it, and but little exploration work has ever been done. In 1709 while sinking a well, workmen discovered a theatre containing several beautiful pieces of sculpture and carved marble wainscoting. The government of Naples then undertook excavations, but they were done without skill or care and the results were unimportant. The next work was done during the French occupation 1806-1815, when Napoleon directed systematic excavations. In 1828, in 1837 and again in 1869 the attempt was renewed, several streets were reached by shafts, and tunnels were dug along them, which revealed the remains of a theatre, a temple, a prison and several sumptuous residences, from which were taken the most important examples of statuary in the famous Museum of Naples, such as the statue of Aristides the Just, and Agrippina, busts of Plato, Demosthenes and others and also many papyrus manuscripts.

RARE COLLECTION OF EGYPTIAN CURIOS.

Egyptian antiquities, some of which date back over 4,400 years before Christ will be sold in London.

The collection, which was made by Mr. R. de Rustafjaell, is one of the largest ever brought to England by a private collector. It was commenced about twelve years ago, the antiquities as they were obtained being packed and sent to England and stored in a London depository. Arranged and classified, the collection illustrated the history of Egypt from the earliest period down to the present time, and only when the difficulty of permanently keeping such a huge gathering of objects arose did Mr. Rustafjaell determine to dispose of it.

To the pre-dynastic period belong the large series of flint implements and early pottery; to the dynastic belongs the sculpture, bronze, pottery and fresco paintings. The present time is represented by a number of personal ornaments and trophies, recalling the most important of recent events in Egypt, the campaign in Upper Egypt and the Sudan. Among the latter is the plain wood praying-board successively the property of the Mahdi and the Khalifa, so venerated by the Dervishes, who regarded it as having been handed down from the great Mahomet. It was found on the field of the final battle of the Sudan immediately in front of the body of the Khalifa.

A NEW DESIGN FOR COINS.

Numismatists have received with interest the announcement that new designs for United States coins by the artist. Augustus Saint Gaudens, have been accepted by the government. Three denominations will be affected, the double eagle, the eagle and the bronze cent.

A radical change is made in the design of the cent, and though the Indian head will be retained it will bear little resemblance to the old one, and is expected to be more characteristic of the American Indian with real head dress instead of the present design. The present Indian head is really a Caucasian type, the face having been posed for by a little daughter of James M. Longacre, the engraver of the Philadelphia mint, who designed the present penny in 1859.

Souvenir Post Cards of the United States

By C. O. Engle

Souvenir Post Cards seemed to have originated in Europe a good many years before the American people seemed to fall in love with them. The fad is growing much more in favor every day, as nearly every one you will hear of, collects cards. There seems to be a great and historical value connected with them. We can say without hesitation that this is a hobby, that like stamps, has come to stay.

Nowhere in the world is there to be seen a better and grander selection of cards than in the United States. The United States possesses some of the finest scenery in the world. She has her great cities, oceans, lakes, rivers and mountains. I only mention a very few of the cards that every collector loves to possess.

The post cards of old Illinois seems to give the postal collector great interest. Chicago, situated on beautiful Lake Michigan, and the second city in size in the U. S., gives the collector so many handsome varieties of cards that he may form a real beautiful collection merely of Chicago views. Some of her most interesting and handsome buildings which stand prominent are as follows: The New Post Office, Public Library, Court House, Art Institute, Illinois Central Depot, Board of Trade, Great Northern Hotel, Union Depot, and the University of Chicago. But when it comes to scenery, and to talk about the finest in Illinois, you will have to turn your eyes upon Rock River, in the northern part of the state of Illinois. The cities of Dixon and Sterling are flooded with these beautiful cards, and they may be found in a large number of the merchant's stores displayed in racks.

New York City is always in the lead in all of the newest fads, and the collector desirous of making a collection merely of one city, can find no better city to collect than New York. The Brooklyn Bridge, the Park Row building and the Flat Iron building are some of her most prominent features to be seen on cards, although there are hundreds of and hundreds of others they will be found a great favor with the American post card collector.

Historical Boston and Philadelphia, the historical seats of American history contributes also a very excellent line of cards, and every true American should at least have a few from these two mentioned cities, not on account of their large population thus making a great city, but on account of th historical value they display of our nation.

Next in order, and beautiful in the card line, comes beautiful California, "Nature's Playground." This state affords so many cards so interesting to the collector, that he really can't get a complete collection of the many sorts this state possesses. San Francisco, the metropolis of the "Sunset State," has doubled the number of cards since the earthquake occurred. and all collectors are turning their attention to this city in hopes of obtaining some real handsome views after the city has been rebuilt. A complete set of cards from Chinatown makes a very curious addition to any collection, although now it has been destroyed.

From the above mentioned facts, it will easily be seen that the United States is in the lead in the post card line, and every collector's collection in the world is not half complete, unless he or she has a number from our nation—United States.

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!

Considerable attention is being attracted to the scheelite deposits in Bear Gulch, Jardine, Park county, Mont., which are stated to be the purest and the greatest in the world. The Washington geological department has become interested and investigation is to follow. This much-needed mineral, so scarce and almost unknown to miners and prospectors, realizes from \$600 and upward per ton in ore carrying more than 60 per cent tungsten acid, and the Bear Gulch company is shipping by the carloads ore and concentrates that go into from \$12,000 to \$20,000 per carload. The advent of this new industry, added to Montana's already marvelous discoveries, should give great general satisfaction. The officers of the new enterprise expect that this discovery will be followed by others of equal importance.

Gold has been discovered on the Joseph Bier farm in the town of Milford, Brown county, five miles southwest of New Ulm, Minnesota, and the people are in a fury of excitement. The farm had been for sale for several years out on account of the Cottonwood River running through the land causing a deep ravine, it was not considered an ideal location. Recently, however, John X. Neuman, a local mining engineer, examined some of the sand and rock, and came to the conclusion that it contained gold, silver and copper. Samples were sent to the State University and to an assay office in Denver, Colo., and word came back that they contained gold in paying quantities, and that the explorers should secure ownership of the land at once. Huber J. Berg, for twenty years manager for J. F. Newman's department store, resigned his position, and in company with Fred Kretsch became so enthused over the discovery of gold that they purchased the farm of two hundred and thirty-seven acres for \$9,100. It is proposed to begin active mining operations as soon as possible.

Considerable of the gold bearing sand and rock is exposed. Farmers having land adjoining the Bier farm are busily engaged making excavations and expect to strike paying veins. In consequence of the discovery of gold all farms in the favored neighborhood have become the Mecca of prospectors, but the farms are not for sale at any price. Not since the discovery of gold in the Black Hills have the people become so excited in New Ulm.

The recent discovery of sapphires near the old camp of Copperopolis, in Meagher county, Mont., has led to the formation of a company in Lewiston to develop the field. Several business men who have become interested in the matter believe that by systematic work this new property may prove a rival to the famous Yogo mines in Fergus county, and anyhow, they are willing to furnish the means for developing the lead. The sapphires brought in by the discoverers appear to be identical in all respects to the Yogo gems, but this can only be determined when they have been cut and passed upon by experts. Meantime arrangements to commence the work are being made, and within a short time articles of incorporation will be filed.

THE CHICAGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.



The 43rd monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, on Friday evening, August 2nd, Mr. T. E. Leon presiding. The following members were present: Mr. Carey, Mr. W. F. Dunham, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Brand, Mr. Jaeger, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Excell, Mr. Doherty, Mr. Leon, Mr. Blumen-schein, Dr. Merrill, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Baker, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Green.

Dr. C. T. Stovall, Mr. Harry F. Williams and Mr. Henry C. Post were elected to membership.

The meeting was essentially an exhibition night and the members responded generously by bringing some of their favorite pieces, the time being spent pleasantly and profitably in a general numismatic discussion. The principal exhibitors were Dr. Merrill, Mr. Brand, Mr. Leon and Mr. Excell.

Magazines received since last meeting were The Numismatist for July and August; Splinks Numismatic circular; Numismatische Correspondenz and Numismatischer Verkehr for July; and The Philatelic West for July.

Price List No. 5 was also received from The St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co.

It was remarked that the true numismatic spirit was manifested from the fact of fifteen members attending the August meeting

Adjourned to meet Sept. 6th.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

INFORMATION FOR CARD-COLLECTORS.

List of countries permitting correspondence on the address side of Post-cards:

Austria-Hungary, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Crete, Denmark, France and colonies, Greece, Italy, Luxemburg, Mexico, Montenegro, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Norway, Roumania, Russia, Siam, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay, United States

Countries permitting the attachment of the postage stamp to the view side of the post card:

Belgium, Cape Colony, Chile, Congo Free State, Costa Rica, Curacao, Danish West Indies, Egypt, France and colonies, Guinea, Guiana (British), Hong-Kong, Italy, Luxemburg, Malta, Mauritius, New Zealand, Orange River Colony, Paraguay, Persia, Roumania, Russia, Switzerland, Uruguay, United States.—(From the Esperanto Yearbook.)



St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

President F. R. Cornwall
 Vice President J. H. Humes
 Treasurer Wallace Delafield Jr.
 Secretary 300 S. 3 St. Chester Myers
 Exchange Mgr. and Librarian S. B. Hopkins
 Governing Board, above officers and J. W. Higson, F. Millhouse, and G. S. Schellhorn

The sixty-second regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday July 23d, 1907 at usual time and place. Due to inclement weather only ten members were present as follows: Baer, Diamant, Hopkins, Humes, Kunz, Long, Millhouse, Myers, Schoeman and Wood.

Formal business was dispensed with and an impromptu entertainment taking the form of prize contests served to amuse those in attendance until a late hour. The first of these contests required those competing to name the British Colonies which have never issued a stamp bearing the late Queen's picture, resulted in a draw between Messrs. Hopkins and Schoeman, which was decided in the good old way of chance selection of the winning or losing slip from a hat, the latter gentleman being the favorite of Fate.

The second contest, proposed as was its predecessor by Mr. Long, required a listing of the portraits appearing on the regular current issue of U. S. stamps, stating at the same time the face value of the specimen on which each picture appears. It was a revelation to learn that out of ten ACTIVE AMERICAN stamp collectors but three could name the faces appearing on stamps in current use with any degree of accuracy and at that, it is hardly to be believed that any one of the three prided himself on the fact that he named ALL BUT FOUR CORRECTLY. And yet in all probability this same showing might result in any gathering of collectors when the question is asked off hand without any previous preparations by the answerers. Messrs. Hopkins, Schoeman and Myers divided the prize equally.

Next meeting, Tuesday Aug. 6th, 1907. Rooms 803-805 Wright Bldg.
 Chester Myers, Sec'y.

The sixty-fourth regular meeting of this Society was held at usual time and place, Aug. 20, 1907, President Cornwall in the chair and the following members present: Baer, Berger, Cornwall, Hopkins, Humes, Long, Malin, Millhouse, Myers, Ruedi, Schellhorn and Schoeman.

The especial attention of all members is called to the following announcement:

At the suggestion of Mr. Myers, elaborated by President Cornwall and Mr. Long, an Entertainment Committee of three members is to be appointed at each meeting, to arrange entertainment and furnish prizes for contests at succeeding meeting. This committee is to act for a SINGLE MEETING ONLY., and each member of such committee is expected to furnish stamps to the value of \$1.00 for prizes, that is \$3 00 worth in all to be divided, \$2.00 worth for first prize and \$1.00 worth for second prize. The committee for next meeting Messrs. Long (chairman,) Berger and Malin. It is hoped and expected that each and every member will enthusiastically perform his simple duties when it becomes his turn to act as a member of this committee, thus adding, with little burden on any one member, to the enjoyment of our meetings.

Messrs. Cornwall, Hopkins and Long have each generously donated to

the Society \$10.00 worth of stamps to be auctioned for the benefit of the Treasury.

Mr. Max E Boltz of 2900 Lucas Ave., elected as member No. 58.

An old style of "drawing" contest, but one new to this Society, won by Mr. Myers, should be persisted in and repeated at each meeting, will serve as a further incentive to members to attend regularly, will aid the Sales Department and in the course of the year add a snug little sum to the Treasury.

Reminiscences of Denver and the usual interesting informal discussions which are a necessary result of any meeting of Stamp Collectors, served to entertain all present.

Next meeting Tuesday Sept. 3d, Rooms 803 805 Wright Building, and a cordial invitation is extended to all Stamp Collectors to attend.

Chester Myers, Sec'y.

Rubbings

By Jas. G. Gable

I am always an interested reader of the various hobbies and collections that are mentioned in the WEST, and literally devour the contents of each magazine.

I have waited expectantly hoping to hear some mention of my hobby; very common in Europe, but one I fear that meets with but little interest here. I refer to Rubbings or impressions of the brasses or tombstones of noted people.

Such a collection is at once interesting, instructive and impressive, combining history, biography and art, to a most marked degree.

— In the WEST I have noticed incidental mention of rubbings or impressions of coins but that is all. There are a few rubbings to be seen in this country, mostly of English subjects, notably the inscription from the grave of Shakespeare brought home by returned tourists.

Good Friend for Jesus sake forbear

To dig the dust enclosed here.

Blest be he who leaves these stones

But curst be he who moves my bones.

In the museum in the Public Library in Kansas City, Mo., there are two rubbings, or as they are better known in England, brasses, donated by the Rev. Dr. George of a knight and his wife and the Latin inscription underneath. The Episcopal church club of New York City, of which J. Howard Van Amringe of Columbia University is President, is said to contain the largest and finest collection of rubbings in this country, collected from Cathedrals, Abbeys and obscure Parish churches

Although we have not the ancient brasses, nor as many tablets to persons of historical note, as England possesses, yet we have enough to make collections by no means despicable.

If there are, among the readers of the WEST, any others that are interested in this splendid hobby, a hobby that will always possess a permanent historical value, I should like to correspond with them, or to form a Society to further our aims and establish a system of exchange so that all might be mutually benefitted.

Collecting Newspapers

By Allen Henry White

For some years I have found much of interest in a collection of newspapers which I have been accumulating, and I am gradually adding to its numbers and value. This is a field which does not require any great outlay of money, and yet as the various issues are gathered, one by one, the collector finds that he is getting something which will grow in interest as well as worth as the years pass.

Beginning with a copy of the home paper, the collector can, by exchanging, get a set of papers, one from each state and territory of the United States, and then branch out into the foreign field, or before taking the latter step he can secure copies of the papers which are issued in the various languages in this country, such as Welch, Chinese, Polish, French, Italian, Bohemian, German, Arabic and others.

In my own collection I find much of interest in comparing the styles in which news items are treated in the papers issued in England, Scotland, Shetland Islands, Fiji Islands, Australia and Canada, even though they are printed in the English language. Each separate paper has phrases that are unique, and to study them even casually is to widen one's scope of vision and increase his general knowledge.

Those papers that are printed in foreign tongues have a special interest, even though the collector cannot read them. Their illustrations and method of grouping their advertising matter is so different from those to which we are accustomed here that they have their distinctive interest.

Then there are the issues of newspapers which contain news of world-wide importance, such as the assassination of presidents or rulers, the inauguration of presidents, the opening of world's fairs, declarations of wars, etc.

Another line that can be followed is to gather papers which bear peculiar names. Some of those which come to my mind are the Oil City Derrick, the Tombstone Epitaph, the Anaconda Excuse and the Hell-for-Sartain Paradise. Other names will occur to the reader.

It may be argued that a collection of newspapers will take up a great amount of room, and that the ordinary "den" of the collector will not permit of a sacrifice of so much space. This, of course, is a matter to be settled by each individual collector. The man who gathers specimens of rocks or shells does not hesitate over the size of his acquisition if they are some which he has not had before, and in like manner the person who would get together an interesting and valuable collection of newspapers must not be deterred because his assortment will take up space.

A notable collection of pictures and bronzes, formerly the property of Baron Koningswarter, was sold recently, remarkably high prices being realized. A picture by Rembrandt fetched \$45,000 it being bought by an Australian nobleman residing in Vienna. The "Tageblatt" complains that the greater part of the Koningswarter collection will go to America, many purchases made nominally by German, French and English dealers being made by them on behalf of American clients. The paper says it is regrettable that the almighty dollar should deprive Europe of priceless works of art. The total amount realized by the whole collection was \$629,500.

THE KANSAS CITY STAMP CLUB

ORGANIZED FEB. 1905

The only stamp collectors society in Kansas City. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 7:45 P. M. in Room 442, fourth floor of the Jenkins Building, Thirteenth and Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. Visitors are always welcome.

Officers for 1907

President—Charles F. Rouse	4154 Oak Street
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Critic—Wm. Fishman	820 Pennsylvania Avenue
Sargent—Robert Woodward	1310 East Fourteenth Street

Official Organ—The WEST

The fifteenth meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Club held during the present year was called to order at 8:25 p. m. on Friday July 26, 1907. President Rouse occupied the chair and the following fourteen members were present: Messrs. Fishman, Nelson, Brocesky, H. K. Poindexter, Luther, Churns, Smith, Rouse Franke, Davis, Woodward, Heffer, Sutorius and J. Malcolmson. An auction sale of donated stamps, the funds to be expended in further furnishing the club room, was the first item on the program. Thirty five lots were sold. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and accepted. The entertainment committee through Mr. Nelson gave a report of its work during the past Quarter April 26—July 26 and announced the donation of ten stamps catalogued at \$30.50 from Mr. W. C. Michaels which will be given to the member each meeting who has secured the most new members since the preceding meeting, until December 27, when a stamp catalogued at \$20, will be presented for the most new members brought in during the remainder of this year. Mr. Fishman reported for the picnic committee that the arrangements for the coming picnic had been satisfactorily arranged except a few which would be settled at the next regular meeting. Sub committees on Athletics and Serving were appointed by Mr. Fishman and a vote taken by the club to settle the question whether ice cream should be served, which, because of the difficulty in delivery, was voted negatively. By a vote it was decided that the members attend in a body, meeting in the club room at 9:30 a. m. The special meeting for August 5 for the purpose of meeting Mr. A. W. Batchelder, president of the New England Stamp Co. was announced by the secretary who was asked to correspond with Mr. Batchelder on this subject. Mr. Luther was asked to watch the want columns of the daily papers so that the society's rooms might be rented between meetings. Mr. Davis announced that the entertainment for the next meeting which would be under his direction, would be a contest of the following nature and prize would be given for the three best lists presented. The contestants would be required to name the standard coin of the countries selected from Scott's catalogue and describe the color of ten stamp mounted on a card which Mr. Davis would exhibit. The stamp drawing, owing to the lateness of the hour, was dispensed with. Papers were then read by Mr. Luther and Mr. Davis on the subject "My Favorite Country and the Reasons for My Choice," the former electing Uruguay and the latter the United States. Mr. Luther's was considered the more convincing paper by the judges but both were given a first prize viz., an interesting Mexican original cover. The original cover exhibition, the feature of this meeting, brought forth considerably over 100 interesting and

scarce original covers from some thirty different countries. The forty covers exhibited by Mr. O. H. Phinney taken from his large original cover collection was adjudged to be the most interesting exhibit while Messrs. Nelson's and H. K. Poindexter's were also admired.

The meeting adjourned about 11:00 P. M. to meet again August 9, 1907.

The sixteenth meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Club of this year was called to order in the club room in the Jenkins Bldg. at 8:32 P. M. Friday, August 9, 1907, with President Rouse presiding and the following thirteen members in attendance:—Messrs. Fishman, Nelson, Brocesky, Small, Luther, Rouse, Kerr, Franke, Davis, Woodward, Sutorius and J. Malcolmson. The minute of the meeting held July 26, 1907 were read by the secretary and approved with a slight correction. The auction managers semi-annual report Oct. 25, 1906 to July 12, 1907 was rendered and accepted. Mr. Davis moved that the club's commission of 10 per cent on the auction sales be used for insuring the club's effects in the club room. The motion failed to receive a second. The stamp drawing prize, resulted in the following members receiving the prize: First prize, J. Malcolmson; second prize, P. Franke; third prize, Chas. F. Rouse. The prizes were the 1, 2, 5 and 10 pesos of the Costa Rica 1892 set and three values of the 1902 set of the Dominican Republic, the total catalogue valuation being \$2.58. No application for membership being presented the membership prize was not awarded. It was decided to ward it together with the 30 cent Agriculture Dept. at the next meeting for the most new applicants presented.

The entertainment consisted of naming the colors of ten stamps mounted on a card and writing the standard coin of ten countries. Mr. Davis, who arranged the contest, did not compete. The winners of the prizes and their respective grades were O. Paul Luther, 70; Arthur L. Nelson, 40; J. Malcolmson 35. Prizes were given by Mr. Davis to the winners. Upon motion by Mr. Nelson a vote of thanks was extended Mr. Davis.

Mr. Fishman, chairman of the picnic committee, then made a final report and the few remaining details were satisfactorily arranged. Communications were read by the secretary from Mr. J. T. Balink, City, and Mr. Donovan Malcolmson who is spending the summer in Shafter, Texas. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p. m. to meet again August 23, 1907.

The seventeenth meeting of the K. C. S. C. of the present year was called to order by President Rouse in the club room at 8:27 p. m., Friday August 23, 1907. The following nine members were present:—Messrs. Fishman, Nelson, Brocesky, H. K. Poindexter, Luther, Rouse, Franke, Heffer and J. Malcolmson. Mr. Ray G. Robinson was present as a visitor. Minutes of meeting held August 9, 1907 were read and approved. Upon motion made by Mr. Luther it was voted to reduce the insurance fee on stamps circulated in the sale department hereafter from 2 per cent to 1 per cent of their net value. Mr. Poindexter, treasurer, was authorized to place the rental of the club room between meetings in the hands of various real estate firms and to advertise the room in the daily papers for one week, two dollars being appropriated from the treasury for this purpose. The president appointed Mr. Luther temporary sargeant in the absence of Mr. Woodward. Upon motion by Mr. Nelson, which carried, it was decided to hold a philatelic lottery at the next meeting. The project was discussed at length and

Mr. Frank made director by the president. There will be only one prize, viz. a perfect unused set of the 1893 Columbian Exposition Stamps from one to fifty cents inclusive and all profits arising from the sale of tickets will revert to the club's treasury. Thirty tickets, only, will be issued and will be sold at ten cents each. Mr. H. K. Poindexter moved that a recruiting committee be appointed whose duty it should be to build up the club's membership as rapidly as possible. The motion carried unanimously and the following members were selected by the president to serve in this capacity: Mr. H. K. Poindexter, chairman and Messrs. Davis, Luther, Churns, Nelson and Brocesky. The latter declining to serve, Mr. H. K. Poindexter, Chairman and Messrs. Davis, Luther, Churns, Nelson and Brocesky. The latter declining to serve Mr. Woodward was appointed in his place. Mr. Nelson's motion that two dollars be set aside for printing the many advantages of a membership in this society failed to carry by one vote. A communication from Mr. F. B. Wilson of Kirksville, Mo., offering to donate his library of late philatelic magazines was read and a vote of thanks extended him. The resignation of Mr. C. S. Davis was read but action on it was postponed until the next meeting. The resignations of Messrs. Tann and Fats were read and accepted with regrets. No applications for membership being presented, the prize, the thirty cent Agriculture Dept., which was to have been awarded will be held over until the next meeting when it, together with U. S. envelope No. 1544 and U. S. postage due No. 1220—both unused—will be awarded, it is hoped for a goodly number of applications.

Mr. Nelson showed the new two cent envelopes and the new postage due printed in blue. The usual stamp drawing and entertainment was dispensed with. Double headers, however, will feature in the next meeting which occurs September 13, 1907. A motion for adjournment was then passed. Time 9:40 p. m.

Respectfully submitted, Arthur L. Nelson, Secretary.

LIBRARIANS' REPORT, August 28, 1907.

Since my last report, published in last month's issue, the following contributions have been received all of which have been placed in the club's library and may be had by any member making application for them:

From Mr. O. H. Phinney four unpriced auction sale catalogues and one priced, the latter being for sale No. 21 of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

From Mr. C. S. Davis 36 unpriced auction catalogues of recent sales, 11 philatelic magazines and 5 current price lists. Total number of pieces 52. Late numbers of various periodicals including the Pacific Monthly, Popular Mechanics, Munsey's, Metropolitan and the Cosmopolitan have also been placed on the reading table by Mr. Davis.

From Mr. Chas. F. Rose the first and second Year Books of the Metropolitan Philatelic Association (years 1906 and 1907) one copy of the Perforator Feb. 1907 and five copies of the Columbus Philatelist Nov. 1906-June 1907 and 27 unpriced auction sale catalogues.

To Mr. F. B. Wilson of Kirksville, Mo., our library is indebted for 151 copies of American philatelic papers, 16 of papers devoted to picture post card collecting and 15 of the Elder Monthly. Also 95 copies of philatelic papers from foreign countries. Unpriced catalogues of 43 stamp and 2 coin auction sales and 6 current price lists of American and foreign dealers comprise the balance, which totals 328 pieces.

Respectfully, Arthur L. Nelson, Librarian.

Chas. L. Foy



J. B. Babcock

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Frank M. Colby

What is known as Americana, i. e., books on the history and development of our country—histories, state, city, county; early travels, maps, genealogies, biographies, Indian items, archaeology, history of our several wars, etc., offer the most attractive and promising field for a collector of rare books.

The rapid multiplication of libraries throughout our country which must necessarily have on their shelves for purpose of study and research, the earlier works printed in this country has so depleted and absorbed the supply of the few existing copies that many of these early books are really unobtainable and reprints of many have become necessary. Then, too, not to speak of the ravages of fire and the other enemies of books, destructive readers, dust, damp and worms, all tend to lessen the supply and enhance the values of the earlier and rarer imprints.

The person that wishes to make a success of book collecting must have at his command all the bibliographical aids available. It is going to cost a great sum even to get the proper working machinery and outfit. If he proposes to make Americana the field of his collecting. The Annual Price Current Sales published by Dodd Mead & Co., N. Y. is almost indispensable. This gives him a fair idea of the intrinsic value of a book sold at auction in the open market without any dealers profit tacked onto it. It is however not an infallible guide—for some collector eagerly desirous of getting a certain coveted volume may either put in an "unlimited bid" or get an agent to do this, so that the volume after spirited bidding soars abnormally high—whereas, if conditions were normal the volume perhaps would only bring half the price. A pretty safe criterion to go by is to strike a general average between the highest and lowest selling price of a volume in a series of years.

Assuming then that he invests in the Price Current Sales it would be well for him to secure some of the priced catalogues of the great auction sales of rare Americana in this country within the last 25 years, viz., the Brindley, Barlow, Murphy Menzie, Manson, Pennypacker, Palock Sales. These are valuable bibliographical aids and give general ideas of what are rare books with their prices at various periods. The various bibliographies of the states like Thompson's of Ohio, and a book work just published of the bibliography of all the town, state and county books ever printed in U. S. are invaluable aids to both librarian and collector.

Now we come to the purchase of books. The amateur collector is now ready to begin his collection having some bibliographical helps at hand and

having studied up the rarity and commonness of the general run of books. Where, when and how is he to buy? No sooner is it known that he is in the market for old books than scores of offers pour in upon him, offers of old junk and worthless rubbish scarcely fit for the paper mill. Ah! how few people know what rare books are and what absurd values they attach to their old junk heaps! I know a dealer that has been deluged with offers of "rare books" in way of Patent Office Reports, files of worthless and mutilated papers and magazines, antiquated school and scientific and technical books at prices that would make your hair stand on end. Sometimes in this ocean of printers' ink and press work there is a little oasis of items of interest that if one would attempt to negotiate for these alone the price asked would be almost fabulous. I was in an old book shop recently and a man came in with an old German bible a couple of hundred years old to sell and in a very assertive way said that he had heard it was worth \$100.00 and that he knew a party that had sold one at that figure but that he was willing to take \$75.00 for his. The dealer looked at the book indifferently and in a cool bloodless manner offered him \$2.50 (all it was worth) the look of disgust on the face of the seller as he shouldered his old bible and left the store, baffles description. That, too, is about the way with people that have old books for sale, they attach some phenomenal or sentimental value to them—'tis useless to argue with them—they think because they are old they are valuable—there could not be a foolisher and more absurd notion. As I stated before an old book is only valuable when it is rare and in DEMAND by collectors or others I cannot emphasize this criteria "demand" too strongly.

But I digress. How is our newly fledged collector to buy his books! One of the best ways to buy rare books is thro' the auction sales. The leading auction houses dealing in literary property are Lebbie & Co., Boston, one of the best firms; Stan V. Henkels, Phila., Pa; and the Anderson Auction Co. and Merion Clayton & Co., both of New York. By paying \$1.00 to Lebbie & Co. you can have all their catalogues sent to you for a year of auction selling from October to July. By paying \$3.00 per year each of the other firms named will send their lists for one year—frequently there are sales every day of the season. When you become a good buyer and patron, the sales people will send the catalogues gratis. Enclosed in each catalogue sent is a bidding slip on which you write your maximum bid for an item, i. e. what you are willing to pay. These bids coming in from collectors and librarians all over the country are used in competition the one with the other and the resident bidders in New York and the highest bid gets the item. The houses charge no commission for executing your bid. These sales are for most part honestly conducted and each has a "square deal." Many good items that otherwise you could never hope to see or have access to can thus be picked up and the more keen your judgment and knowledge of rare books the greater your advantage over the fellow that doesn't know.

To be sure you must always be on the alert for old books, nosing around anywhere they are likely to be found—at old sales or Vendues as they are called—oftimes books of extreme rarity and value can be picked up at such sales for nominal sums.

Oftimes you can run across rare and valuable items in the second hand shops—the dealers can't know all the rare books and very often you will find

an uncommon and desirable book priced just about half its real value, my advice is to buy it at once and don't delay and put it off to tomorrow for the chances are ten to one it will be gone when you again look for it. I have had this experience time and again to my intense chagrin and disappointment.

You may be offered a small lot of old books, the major part of which is the veriest rubbish but amid the lot there are one or two "gems of purest ray serene" in rarity and value and which the seller doesn't care to sell without the whole lot going at the same time. My advice is buy the lot if you can reasonably—your one or two precious items will more than compensate you for the other stuff which you can consign to the furnace.

If an old book is offered you and you recognize it as a precious treasure, a pearl of great price which you have hunted years for—do not become excited and make a fancy offer for it. Be calm—if you know it is worth \$5000, to you you would be foolish to offer \$10.00 you might safely offer \$3.00, not more, for if you offered \$10.00 the seller would likely say to you "Well, if its worth \$10.00 to you its worth that to me, and perhaps more" and would refuse to sell at all, but if you were to offer him \$3.00 in a nonchalant way the doubtless would think he was getting a very good price.

Yes, there are many "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" in the mystery of our craft so that of times I fear that a dealer or collector must have a very elastic conscience, but frankly after 5 years experience I must acknowledge there are fewer dishonest and unscrupulous people in the book business than in almost any line of business I know of.

Southern Philatelic Association

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SECRETARY-TREASURERS' REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS:—1. S. C. Davis, Fitzgerald, Ga. 2. Frank P. Breuer, 200 E. S. Sq., Clinton, Ill. 3. J R. Friedman, 4227 Union Ave., Chicago, Ill 4. Thomas W. Robinson, 131 E. Sears St., Denison, Texas. 5. Walter Rummel, 117 Nolan St., San Antonio, Texas. 6. Albert N. Herzog, 223 Equitable Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. 7. R. J. Mertz, 62 Mercer St., Greenville, Pa. 8. Frank Palazuski, U. S. S. Maine, c-o P. M., New York, City. 9. Wm. H. Hush, 2218 Jefferson St., Baltimore, Md. 10. John Lee Clarke, 509 Roma Ave., Albuquerque, N. M.

APPLICATIONS:—(1.) W. F. Osborne, Fitzgerald, Ga., 17, Stenographer, S. C. Davis and L. L. Dickerson. (2.) L. C. Glover, Fitzgerald, Ga., 17, Clerk, S. C. Davis and L. L. Dickerson. (3.) Julian Park, 510 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., dealer in books, autographs, etc., Royal Phil. Socy., and Phil. Socy. of Sweden. (4.) Paul E. Miller, 1215-5th Ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 19, student, E. Snyder and R. L. Doak. (5.) Wilcox, Smith Co., 23 Crawford St., Dunedin, New Zealand, dealers, Chas. Waring and Charles Roemer.

DEAR MEMBERS:—I wish to impress upon the minds of all stamp collectors and dealers the necessity of joining the S. P. A. Our Sales Department needs more good stamps for the demand often calls for stamps that you might wish to dispose of. Furthermore you receive this journal each month FREE so long as you are a member.

Members bear in mind some one of the S. P. A. members is going to get \$5.00 cat. in good stamps (winners selection) for securing the most new members by Jan. 1st, '08. This prize is worth working for and I hope to hear from all interested.

Blanks for the asking. How many can you use?

Fraternally yours, R. L. Doak, Secy.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

26 Books in circulation, as per last month's report, value.....	\$696.38
8 " received since, value	176.96
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34	\$873.34
6 Books retired during the month, of which the amount of \$49.42 was sold, value	183.76
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28 Books in circulation, value	\$689.58

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report	\$52.77
1 per cent from retired books	1.83
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Total amount on hand.....\$54.60

I wish to call the attention of all members who are receiving circuits to the fact, that they must live up to the rules in all cases.

All members who receive circuits whether they take any stamps or not must send me a report stating they have forwarded it to next member on circuit, otherwise it is impossible to keep track of them correctly.

Have you good stamps for sale? If so, send for a book (5 cents each) fill it up and send it on for circulation.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Sup't.

While grading a road on Long Island recently, one of the workmen struck his pick into a bunch of brown stones which attracted his attention. On examining them they were found to be a bunch of large spear heads, evidently buried there by some of the ancient Red Men, of Shinnecock. The treasures for such they seemed to be, were turned over to N.S. Jackson, one of the contractors of the job. He notified the company of his find and they telephoned him to select one for himself and spare no expense in getting the rest to New York safely. This he did, and has already been offered as high as \$100 for his specimen, which he refused. The others, we understand, have been placed in a museum in New York city. They were of brown flint such as is found in only one place in the world, along the shore of the Great Lakes and must have been brought across the country and traded.

Post Cards mailed to Cuba, Canada, Mexico, Panama, and the United States postal agency at Shanghai, China, need only a one-cent stamp. To other countries a two-cent stamp is necessary.



Union Souvenir Card Exchange

America's Largest Card Collectors' Club. Organized April, 1904



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 Missouri—Arthur Soderstrum, 217 W. 18th Street, Kansas City
 New Brunswick—Arthur Odell, 9 Pokiook Road, St. John
 New York—Frank G. Johnson, 23 Gault Ave., Oneonta
 Oklahoma—Forney Gilliam, Ardmore
 Ontario—A. F. Lane, Fort Erie
 Pennsylvania—Arthur L. Shaver, 1106 15th Ave., Altoona
 Quebec—F. H. Bell, 126 Paris St., Montreal
 Washington—Kenneth D. Powell, 1021 N. Eye St., Tacoma

DUES: United States, 60c per year; Canada, 75 cents; Mexico, \$1.50, (Mexican); Foreign, \$1.00, 4 shillings, 5 francs, 4 marks, 5 lire, 2 yen; to PHILATELIC WEST subscribers everywhere 35 cents.

Address all communications to the Secretary. Application Blanks and particulars furnished free upon request by any of the Officers or Representatives.

August 15th, 1907. ROLL OF HONOR.

449. Miss Elsie Sullivan	1070. R. Fischel
857. Stephen L. Clinton (3)	1168. George Guy
931. W. Kay Fetter	1170. Miss Helen L. Parshall (2)
1050. Mrs. Walter Bowdon	1198. C. A. Blodgett
1056. Edward E. Stafford (2)	1199. Paul C. Robinson

Numbers in parenthesis indicate number of times names have appeared on the Roll of Honor.

OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT.

With regret we announce the resignation of our esteemed Vice President, Herman J. Funk. Mr. Funk has been with The Union at all times and it is largely through his ever helping hand that the little Union of two years ago has been made the mighty and invincible Union which it now is. We publish below Mr. Funk's official farewell to The Union and its members.

As a successor, Mr. W. Eugene Le Huquet, has been chosen. Mr. Le Huquet needs no introduction to our members as he is one of the pioneers in

the philocartic field as well as one of The Union's oldest and most active members.

"To the Members of the Union Souvenir Card Exchange:

Owing to pressure of business and limit of spare time, I am unable to properly look after the interests of The Union any longer and therefore send in my resignation as Vice President.

I shall not forget the many friends which I have acquired through The Union and shall always have a good word in behalf of the society.

May The Union thrive and succeed beyond all expectations.

Fraternally yours, Herman J. Funk."

FOREIGN EXCHANGE ONLY

Is hereafter desired by Member No. 789, Roger Edwards, 1023 Newton Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

ERRATUM.

In the July number of the WEST the address of Member No. 1196, Joseph M. Zamoiski, was published as 2527 Madison Avenue, South Seattle, Wash.; it should have been 2527 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

REPRESENTATIVES WANTED.

Before the heavy fall and winter business commences, we are extremely anxious to appoint a representative for every state in the United States and in every Province in Canada, not already representated.

The commissions we pay are quite liberal and no specific amount of new business is required of any of our representatives. We leave that to you to get many or few members, new members, large or small commissions.

Please let us hear from you for we have a proposition to submit which will be more than satisfactory to you.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

869. Oscar Tedeschi, 3 Bardissi Street, Alexandria, Egypt, will be traveling for the next three months and will therefore be unable to answer cards until his return.

948. Frank D. Hague, 7803 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburg, Pa., will be glad to exchange views of the Iron and Steel Industries of Pittsburg, with all who request them. They are new and pretty as well.

PLEASE REMEMBER

To answer all cards promptly.

To place full name and address and Union number on all cards sent for or in exchange.

To enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.

To notify the publisher if you do not receive the WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of The Union. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under obligation to send you the paper.

That we close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

That members are forbidden to mail view cards, for or in exchange from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards, which are necessarily mailed in violation of this rule, are under no obligations to reply.

To promptly advise the Secretary of all members who fail to answer your cards, giving states cards were sent as well as full names and addresses

of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico, West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three months; Australia, four months.

That we do not publish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish anyone with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when published, to all remitting postage. The next list will be published about October 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.

That we give as a premium, five beautiful cards for each new member you secure, and also publish your name on our Roll of Honor.

To promptly renew when your membership expires.

That we do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The Union.

RENEWALS.

- 500. A. Perlet, 50 Rue Molitor, Paris, XVI; France.
- 594. Geo. H. Chandler, 127 Main St., Oneonta, N. Y.
- 595. Frank G. Johnson, P. O. Box 144, Oneonta, N. Y.
- 619. Erhard Rapprich, Nerudagasse 237, Prag III, Bohemia, Austria.
- 622. Herman R. Yates, Longview, Texas.
- 628. J. Park Graybell, 1113 E. Alameda Ave., Denver, Colo. (foreign only.)
- 654. William H. McLean, 75 Alger Ave., Providence, R. I.

NEW MEMBERS.

- | Last Month 16! | This Month 25! | Next Month 30! |
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| 1210. | D. C. Parkinson, Jr., Monongahela, Pa. | |
| 1211. | Miss Eva Jurgenson, 1622 14th St., Sacramento, Calif | |
| 1212. | Miss Jennie L. Dutcher, 31 Main St., Cooperstown, N. Y. | |
| 1213. | George H. Snyder, 1022 West 57th St., New York, N. Y. | |
| 1214. | Horace Fava, Larache, Morocco. | |
| 1215. | J. Hill, McPheeters, 1414 Maxwell Ave., Spokane, Wash. | |
| 1216. | Louis Knauber, 1727 Nora Ave., Spckane, Wash. | |
| 1217. | B. E. McClain, 1204 Guaranty Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn. | |
| 1218. | J. N. Skau, P. O. Box 1002 Denver, Colo. | |
| 1219. | Orval E. Sellers, 235 W. 3rd St., East Liverpool, Ohio. | |
| 1220. | Collie P. Guys, St. Cloud, Minn. | |
| 1221. | O Nelson, P. O. Box 1331, Boston, Mass. | |
| 1222. | Alfred Scherri, Beni-Souef, Upper Egypt. | |
| 1223. | Marvin S. Wolverton, Ardmore, Ind. Ty. | |
| 1224. | Miss Emma A. Blodgett, 1619 Sharp Ave., Spokane, Wash. | |
| 1225. | Leo Whitemarsh, 1403 Grace Ave., Spokane, Wash. | |
| 1226. | Geo. J. Meiley, 33 S. Perrine St., Dayton, Ohio. | |
| 1227. | Miss Katherine Waterman, 1741 California St., Dayton, Ohio. | |
| 1228. | Archie MacDonald, Box 1033, Goldfield, Nev. | |
| 1229. | Wm. F. Rodriguess, U. S. P O. Box 993, Shanghai, China. | |
| 1230. | Miss Catherine C. Miller, 328 Race St., Sunbury, Pa. | |
| 1231. | Dr. Juan Westervelt, Concordia, Sin., Mexico. | |
| 1232. | Joseph W. Seltzer, 137 N. Kenwood Ave., Baltimore, Md. | |
| 1233. | Irving C. Hayes, 185 Thompson St., Springfield, Mass. | |
| 1234. | Basil E. Newmark, 377 Grosvenor Ave., Westmount, Que., Canada. | |

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

595. Frank G. Johnson, from 23 Gault Ave., to P. O. Box 144, Oneonta, N. Y.

769. Frank F. Parker, from 5009 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., to Rockford, Mich.

890. Wm. T. Jacoby, from 1528 Webster Street, to 219 Fifth Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

1110. Clarence C. Robinson, from Vanceburg, Ky., to Kenova, W. Va.

1115. Miss Villa Both, from 53 N. 12th St., Portland, Ore., to 3241 4th St., Portland, Ore.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

The following memberships expire this month and we hope, if your number is on the list, that you will find it convenient to promptly renew. At any rate, let us hear from you. The renewal fee is but 40 cents: 656, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 677, 678, 679, 680, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702 and 703

RESIGNED.

676. Mrs. W. E. Fudger, 487 Ontario Street, Toronto, Ont., Canada.

When a member resigns it is because he no longer wishes to exchange cards. Therefore, when a resignation is announced, please discontinue sending the resigner cards for exchange and erase the name from your membership list.

The Queerest House in the World

By Phil Ately

"The queerest house in the world," said a Washington zoologist, "is undoubtedly the famous bone cabin in Wyoming, near the Medicine Bow River. This cabin's foundations are built of fossil bones.

"Bones of dinosaurs—jaws of the diplodocus, teeth of the bronosaurus, knuckles of the ichtyosaurus, vertebrae of the camarasaurus, chunks of the barosaurus, the cetiosaurus, the brachiocaurus, the stegiosaurus, the ornitholestes or bird catching dinosaur—all entered into this wonderful cabin's foundations, making it the most curious and costly edifice in America

"This hut was built by a Mexican sheep herder, who had happened by chance on the grandest extinct animal bed in the world. This was a plot about 50 yards square, wherein lay in rich profusion the bones of all the animals of the reptilian age. The heaviest, the lightest, the largest and the smallest, the most tranquil and the most ferocious, lay side by side.

"The place was evidently once a river bar, and the dead bodies that floated down the stream were here arrested to lie for hundreds of thousands of year till a sheep herder came along and, rooting among bones as big as boulders, set about the building of the world's queerest cabin.

First Ten Dollar Gold Bill. Washington, July 28.—Tomorrow will be placed in circulation the first ten dollar gold certificate ever issued by the Government. The new paper currency bears an excellent vignette of Michael Hillegas, the first Treasurer of the United States. The new note is difficult of counterfeit. The first eight notes have been taken by Treasury officials as souvenirs.



Organized Jan. 1, 1907, for the purpose of drawing every collector into
One Great Union for the benefit of all.

L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr. President
C. H. Saint, c-o Money Order Dept., Main Postoffice, Kansas City, Mo. Secretary-Treasurer
One person in each state wanted as State Vice President.
One person in each county in the United States wanted as Deputy in charge of County Branch.

Special: On account of poor health, Mr. Cline, manager of the Kosmopolit Exchange has found that he can not give the society the required amount of work and has therefore combined with The Union. All members will receive all privileges of The Collectors Union Those whose memberships have expired are asked to renew at once. Below we give a list of new members and those of the Kosmopolit Exchange. We have had a large list of new members each month and now is the time to open local branches and help make many happy evenings this winter. I would like to hear from every one that is willing to start a local branch. Watch this page each month for surprises. If space will permit, in the next issue we desire to print a list of state V. P. and before long a complete list of firms who are loyal to the Union. We have almost three hundred members now scattered all over the world and at the rate we are going by the time the Union is a year old we will have one of the largest societies in the world.

You are either for or against the Union. If you have not joined send in today

See our list and watch it grow. Fill in blank on another page.

Rolo Cline, 402 S Kentucky St., Iola, Kansas. L. G. Cline, 402 S. Kentucky St., Iola, Kansas. Clippings and things of general interest. H. Ball, Box 96, Santa Ana, California. Active exchanging not desired. Water Craig, 2 E. Church St., Uniontown, Pa. Mrs. E. Fack, 556 S. Rodney St., Helena, Montana. C. F. Pool, Chester, W. Virginia. Mrs. W. S. Varney, 24½ Newbury St., Worcester, Mass. Miss Christina G. Harris, Lewwhitehaven, Guys Co., Nova Scotia H. S. Stansel, 1324 N. 3rd St., Columbus, Miss. O. F. Copenbarger, 13 N. Clinton St., Decatur, Ill. F. C. Gowan, Box 251, Santa Ana, Calif. Miss Daida Petty, Paola, Kansas. Will Blomberg, 1503 Atchison St., Atchison, Kan. Henry Dieder, 14 Austin St., Danbury, Conn. Lizzie Smith, Box 30, Marcellus, N. Y. Clare Snyder, Caney, Kansas. Bessie Cline, 9232 N. 22nd St., Camden, N. J.

Miss Mary Hayes, 25 E. 94th St., N. Y. City. Colored actress cards. Myra M. Kimball, 110 Burnett Ave., Syracuse, N. Y. Colored cards. Oscar W. Anderson, 913 4th Ave., Rockford, Ill. Blanche Hazel, Anadarko, O. T. R. E. Davis. Wellston, O. T. C. A. Blodgett, 1619 Sharpe Ave., Spokane, Wash. Miss Amelia Linder, Anadarko, O. T. Colored and photo cards. Myron Campion, Marcellus, N. Y. J. Hill MacPheitus, 1414 Maxwell Ave., Spokane, Wash. Leo M. Whitmarsh, Spokane, Wash., 1403 Grace Ave. Daniel Gibson, 1204 Sharpe Ave., Spokane, Wash. Fred Zimmerman, 1228 Augusta Ave., Spokane, Wash. Lewis Knauber, Spokane, Wash., 1727 Nora Ave. Marion B. Warren, Box 628, Foxboro, Mass. All kind cards except comics. Chas. Cauthorne, Hay Springs, Neb. Collects post cards, coins, Indian relics, antiques, fossils, minerals, etc. A. F. Kronener, Colo Iowa. Coins and post cards.

LARGEST STAMP SOCIETY IN AMERICA

Stamp Collector's Protective Association of America

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 3, 1899.

President-- E. Chandlee.....	Roanoke, Va
Vice-President, S. P. Hughes.....	Omaha, Neb
Secretary-Treasure--L. Brodstone.....	Superior, Neb
Sales Superintendent--Leon V. Cass.....	New Milford, Pen..
Auc. Manager--R. Williams.....	W. Roxbury, Mass.
Attorney--H. Swenson.....	Minneapolis, Minn.
Trustees--Wilkinson, Brown, Hopson.....	Omaha
Official Organ, The WEST.	

Complaints have been made by Voorhees on party named R. Easton, Winnipeg, Canada. Geo. I. Fowler, Lynn, Mass., Gen. Del. by American Stamp Co., Chicago. Any others on the two parties, Easton or Fowler, like to hear at once.

New Members. E. J. Dietrich, Oregon City, Org. Dr. Jefferies, Chicago, 12198 Milwaukee Ave. Chas. Cawthorne, Hay Springs, Nebr. Benj. Hoag, Stephentown, N. Y. C. Cobb, York, Nebr. J. Sonslow, La Porte, Ind. P. D. Peterson, Eau Claire, Wis. R. R. McGill, Chicago, 243 East 77 st. L. Walter, Chicago, 5951 Carpenter St. Hush, Batlmore, Md., 2218 Jefferson St. P. R. Berand, Fruit Vale, Calif. W. Overton, Geneva, Ia.

Wish to hear from members any ideas as to what is the best method to pursue to get frauds cleaned out.

Nebraska Philatelic Society.
Nebraska's Pride

ORGANIZED 1892. LARGEST STATE SOCIETY EXTANT.

President--E. H. Wilkinson.....	Omaha, 210 So. 30th St.
Vice-President--F. B. Woolston.....	Omaha Registry Dept.
Secretary-Treasure--L. T. Brodstone.....	Superior, Neb.
Sales Superintendent--L. H. Lederer.....	Norfolk, Nebr.
Attorney--H. Ketchum.....	Chester, Neb.
Auction Manager--R. Gerpacher.....	Grand Island Neb.
Trustees--W. Hendricks. Paxton Hotel; Hopson and Brown.....	Omaha, Neb.

Hope to send cards to all members regarding meeting to be held in October, or to get notice in next issue.

New Members: Dr. F. Herron, Pender, Nebr., box 12.

Applications: Chas. P. Johnson, Minden, and Chas. Cawthorn, Hay Springs. C. Cobb, York, Ref. Brodstone.



..Camera News..

Editor—F. J. Clute, San Francisco



Weak, Flat Fogged Negatives

By R. Child Bayley

(Continued from last month.)

No. 3 has been said by some people to be a good negative. It is certainly the best of the six sent, and would be plucky enough to suit our correspondent if it had not been fogged all over, in much the same way as No. 2. Had the sky been its present density, and the shadows their present density less the fog, this would have been a good negative. The exposure is right and development has been carried far enough.

No. 4 is distinctly under-exposed, but not enough to give only a thin image, though enough to give shadows almost without detail. Development has been about correct; a little more exposure (say half as much again), and a little more development (say for about one-fifth more of the time given), would have made this still better. The edges, which are curiously wide, are slightly discolored.

No. 5 is just hopelessly under-exposed and developed with a developer with no very great tendency to fog the plate; while

No. 6 is similarly under-exposed and very badly fogged either with the developer or the light or both into the bargain.

THE DIFFICULTY OF SAYING EXACTLY WHAT IS WRONG.

No one can read this report upon the negatives without noticing that there is what looks like "hedging" on our part in several instances. The fact is that when a negative suffers, as most of these do, from a complication of disorders, it is extremely difficult, and often impossible, to distinguish the parts played by each. We can, nevertheless, distinguish beyond all doubt some defects in these, and we will proceed to point them out and to show how they can be avoided.

DIFFUSED LIGHT IN THE CAMERA, AND A DUSTY LENS.

Looking at the whole lot, but especially at No. 1, it seems to be quite clear that the camera is not all it should be. There is a great deal of diffused light in it, due possibly to reflections from inside the bellows—a very common defect in some patterns of reflector camera, and instrument used for some of these. On the other hand, it may be that the bellows are faultless, and that it is dust or dirt on the lens which is the cause of the trouble. Whatever it is, it must be sought out, and as far as possible removed. If it is entirely a matter of bellows, then these should be reblacked, if need be, and any other reflections put up with. They are sure to give most trouble when the plate is very much under-exposed, as was the case with No. 1. This defect can be recognized, because it does not in any way degrade the unexposed edges of the plate, as light fog outside the camera or chemical

fog would do. It is similar, to some extent, in its result to over-exposure, but can be easily distinguished from it, when the negative, by the absence of detail in the shadows, is evidently under-exposed. If it is absent, the shadows in an unexposed plate should be quite clear.

FOGGED EDGES AND HOW TO FIND THEIR CAUSE.

The next defect shows itself in No. 2. The unexposed edges of the plate are badly fogged. We have no means whatever of saying from inspection of the negative, whether this is light fog from unsafe dark-room illumination, or chemical fog from an unsuitable developer. But those who are troubled with it can easily find out for themselves. Let the camera have two plates put straight into it out of a fresh box of plates, in absolute darkness, and two others in the light generally used for the purpose, marking one corner of each of the latter two in pencil to distinguish them. Then let all four plates be exposed for the same length of time, as near the correct exposure as possible, on some convenient subject. Develop all four plates at the same time with the same developer, but in two separate dishes, each containing one marked and one unmarked plate. One of these dishes should be filled in absolute darkness, and kept covered all the time, the progress of development being timed by means of the plates in the other dish. When the plates are thought to be sufficiently developed, all four are quickly rinsed and placed in the fixing bath, taking care to note which were developed in complete darkness and which in the ordinary non-actinic light. We shall now have four negatives, which we will call A, B, C, and D.

A has been filled and developed incomplete in darkness.

B has been filled in darkness, but developed in the dark-room light.

C has been filled in the usual light, but developed in darkness.

D has been filled and developed in the usual light.

When the negatives have been fixed, washed and dried, they are placed film downwards on a clean sheet of paper, and particular attention is paid to that part of each which was covered by the rebate or edge of the dark slide or sheath during exposure, and consequently has not been exposed at all.

If the plates were not backed, there may be just a slight deposit on these unexposed portions, but it should be of the very slightest—a just perceptible greyness, in short.

(To be continued.)

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 post-cards, xx photo cards.

New Members. 742. Chas. P. Johnson, Minden. 743. Claude B. McClellan, Florence. 744. xChas. Hawthorne, Hay Springs. 745. Anton Zabkr, Omaha, c-o Kramer & Chandler. 746. xxMrs. W. Newberg, Ravenna. 747. xMiss M. Balduff, Fremont. 748. xR. Gerpatcher, bx 62, Grand Island. 749 C. C. Cobb, York. Deceased H. V. Ketchum, Chester, Neb

American Camera Club Exchange

President—H. V. Thornton, 304 No.
State St., Chicago, Ill.

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

Why not become a member? It costs
you nothing if a subscriber. Member-
ship card sent for 5c. Foreign 10c.

Those marked x are Souvenir Card collectors.
xx are Photograph Post Card Collectors.



- 6594 xMargaret Crickett, Stansberry,
Mo., bx 107.
- 5 xRatno, Seattle, Wash, East &
Wallingford Sts.
- 6 xxNute Bagley, Superior, Nebr
- 7 xL. V. Barger, Danville, Ill.,
29 Tenn Ave
- 8 xW. Charlsbord, Chelmsford,
Ont, Canada
- 9 xW. C. Ellinson, Minneapolis,
Minn., c-o Int. Stock Food Co.
- 6600 xR. Brown, Auckland, N. Z.,
261 Karugahpe Rd.
- 1 xF A. Breitkreuz, Minneapolis,
Minn., care of Tribune.
- 2 xF. Robinson, St. Joe, Mo., 814
Felix St.
- 3 xChas. Knutsen, Porter, Minn.,
Bx 53
- 4 xEmma Anderson, Box 173,
Hartford, Ks.
- 5 xC. A. Hare, London, Eng., 7
Grt. Eastern Rd, Stratford
- 6 xxWilliam Shumaker, Chicago,
Ill., 6742 Paulina St.
- 7 xEve Noble, New Orleans, La.,
3109 Palmyra.
- 8 xS. Andruni, Box 1106, San
Juan, Porto Rico.
- 9 xxDora Gunther, Columbus, Tex.
- 6610 xHilje Eleme, Groningen, Hol-
land.
- 1 xLuis B. Walters, Chicago, 5951
Carpenter St.
- 2 xxW. E. Taylor, McCoy, Org.
- 3 xH. Williams, LeClaire, Ia.
- 4 xD. Lemerling, Farmington,
Mo., R. F. D. 3
- 5 xMiss R. H. Jensen, Toveka,
Ks., 1414 W 7 St.
- 6 xF Hagur, Pittsburg, Pa., 7803
Hamilton Ave.
- 7 xMrs. E. W. Reed, Lemon,
Costa Rica.
- 8 xxJ. B. Planta, Valladolid Oec
Neg, Phillipines
- 6620 xF. J. Hawley, 54 Booth St.,
Hulme Manchester, Eng
- 1 xW. F. Rodrigues, P O Bx 993,
Shanghai, China.
- 2 xT. J. Hall, East Branch, N Y
- 3 xL. Crandall, Ithaca, N. Y.
- 4 xJ. Paquette, Brunswick, Me.
- 5 xFrancis Ward, Red Cloud, Neb.
- 6 xR. G. Ridgway, Park Ave.,
St. Helens, England.
- 7 xMrs. C. Chappell, Narragansett
Pier, R. I.
- 8 xJohn J. Nee, Ashtabula Har-
bor, O.
- 9 xR. Little, Omaha, Nebr., 504
N. 21st.
- 6630 xDr. J. Williams, Ft. Wayne,
Ind.
- 1 xJ. D. Fox, UpStewiacke, N.
S., Canada.
- 2 xE. Severine, Stromsburg, Neb.
- 3 xL. B. Tietze, Oakland, Mo.
- 4 xB. F. Hill, Hastings, Neb.
- 5 xxD. F. Blakeman, Little
Sioux, Ia.
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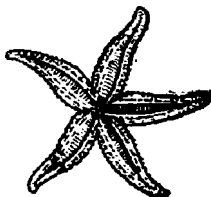
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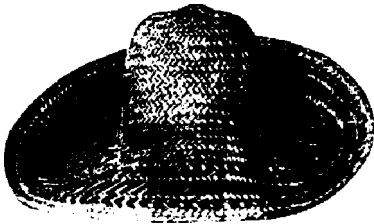
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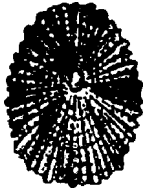
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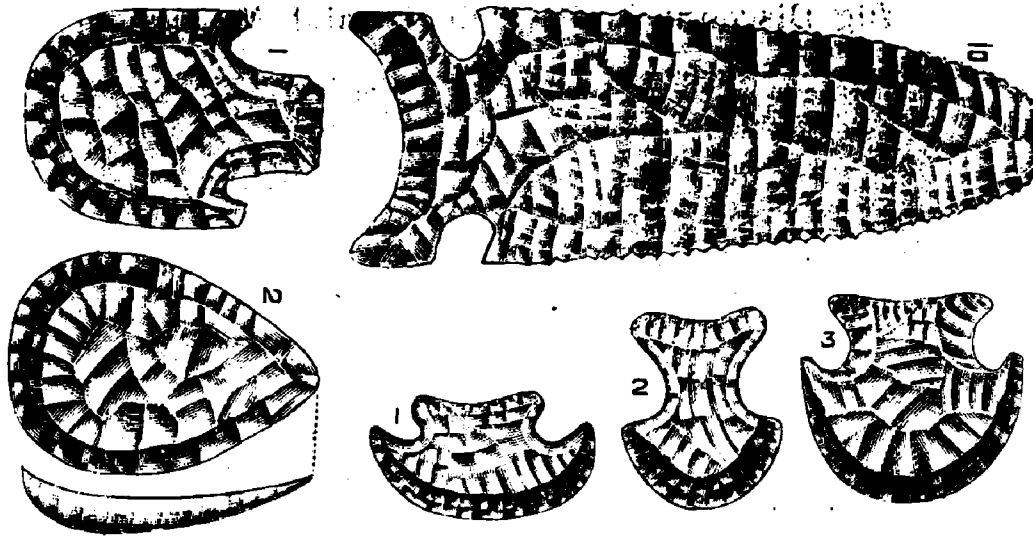
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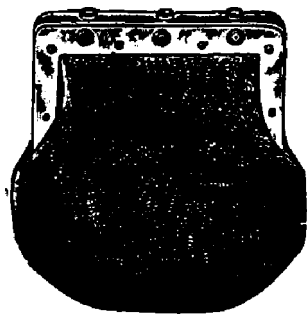
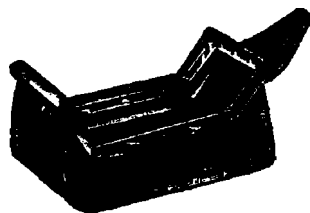
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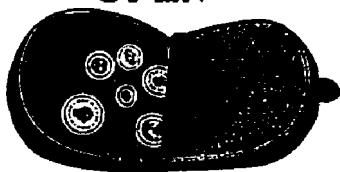
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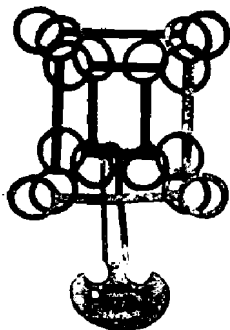
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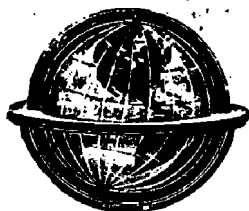
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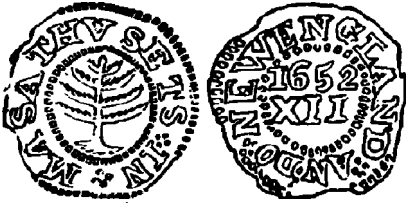
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