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25c Walker, new and crisp ..... 41
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1893 Columbian quarter, uncirculated ..... 75
1907 Sweden, Golden Wedding 2 kronor of Oscar II. Busts of Kiug and Queen, uncirculated ..... 1.15
10 foreign silver coins, nice lot .....  60
3 foreign silver dollars ..... 1.65
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25 different bills, State and broken Bank issues ..... 65
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Australia, 1 penny token ..... 15
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rose ..... 20
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50 c green Omaha U S ..... 20
5 and 10c St. Louis pair ..... 08
50 c orange ${ }^{\prime} 02 \mathrm{U} . \mathrm{S}$ ..... 06
$\$ 1$ black 02 U. S. fine ..... 20

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4c Philippines carmine '06 ..... 02
2c same green "O. B." in blue ..... 10
2c greei "O. B" in red ..... 15
1000 Nupeel Hinges. ..... 10
Benzine Cups, (Wmk detector) ..... 35
Nickled Stamp Tongs ..... 25
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100" 5 a ultramprine Wed30
1900 3s carmine Wed ..... 22
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1899 1c green ..... 30
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She has laughing brown eves and hair of brownish hue,
Five feet secen and weighs 122,
Winning ways. ruty lips and roguish snolle
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So come along and don't stay in your shell.
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82250 For A PENNY STAMP. - A total of about $\$ 10,000$ was realized by a two days sale of rare postage stamp collections. The gem of the sale was a copy of the 'Post Office'' Mauritus 1 d . stamp of 1847, one of the greatest rarit les known to philatelists. Bidding rose from $\$ 1000$, to 82250 , at which fgure the sramp was acquired by a well known private collector. Recently a very fine unused copy of the Mauritius 21 . "blue' was sold for $\$ 725 t$ at auction.

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SECRETARY'S MONTHLY REMINDER.
It is with a great feelug of satisfaction that I offer for the approval of members the applicatiuns of five prospeotives, and I take great pleasure in extending my thanks, as well as an expression of the appreciatnin of the So. ciety, those who have taken sufficlent interest in-its welfare to extend a lielping hand and assist in guiding its steps in the right direction.

Now that our membersinif roll has started to grow, let us hope that the next few months will see a large increase in the number of applications to be reported. Remember, if each member will secure but one application the Soclety will double its present membership, cau you not help?

I wisn to request members to send notification at once of change in address, also to advise promptly if the cfficial organ does not reach thom regularly. It is, no donbt, a big undertaking to publish and deliver a magazine of the "WEST'S'' proportions promptly and Mr. Brodstnie is sincere in hic desire to have as little dissatisfaction as possible and will, upon notificatiou forward another copy whenever a list number is reported.

A mong the suggestions which have been offered for the improvement of the Society, I find-Soheme to establish an exchange department, and a selies of auction sales amoug members and in this connection I wish to state that whlle I consider each of these ideas good and well worthy of considera. tion, the assistance and co operation of many members will be necessary to make it a success and the only means of gathering any definite idea of the feeling of the majority is tlirough the medium of correspondence. Let me know what your idea is and what you. have to assist in insuring its success, and I will d, eversthing possible to help ra postal will do.

The folliowing applicants will be admitted to membership, upon pasment of balance of dues, if no objection is received by the Secretary before A pril 30،h. 1908.
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No objectious haping been received, Mr. Stephec Colder has been admitted to membership.

Don't forget yuur new one-Send his application to R. J. Mundell. Box 733, Montreal, Canada.

## Fiscal Department

I have attempted to fill the part of Fiscal Editor of the WEST and I will be pleased to receive ootes at any time of newissues and of variaties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me - ill be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa. Lock Box 7 .
(Continued from last issue).
$1879-165 \times 205 \mathrm{~mm}$. - large figures Series of 1878 Stp $67 \times 38 . \quad 19 \quad 2 \mathbf{o z}_{\text {と }}$ blue. 13. 2 oz red. 14 . $2 \mathrm{o} \%$ brown. $15 \quad 2 \mathrm{oz}$ gold $205 \times 285$. 16.4 az gold 2060x340. 17.8 oz gold.

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1883-145x 158 -Serles of 1883 -stapp $666 \times 40 \mathrm{~mm} . \quad 23 \quad 1$ oz gold. $24 . \quad 1$ oz oarmine. 251 oz blue 26 . 1 oz black, $175 \times 225$, Sty 70x52. 27.2 oz gold. 28. 2 oz blue, $205 \mathrm{~s} 280 \mathrm{Sip} 95 \times 52.29 \quad 4 \mathrm{oz}$ gold, 260x340 Stp 102866. 30. 8 こ2 gold.

By referring to the WEST for Januaiy will be found descriptions of the lowa and Tesis Feed lax Tags. No 3, ueder the Iowa list, has now been replaced by No. 5 , which is described in W uST for March. No. 5 is issued in strips of tive vertical and is rouletted 1 horizontally. I presume that No. 3 was issued in the same way Nos. 1 and 2 are issued in sirips of four ver. tical roulette 1 . No. 4 is issued in sheets fire rertically and four horizon. tally. Perforated.

A lso the Texas tags, I have a new one to add. No. 9 had in the upper right corner " $1817-906-1$ Mil". No. 10 is the same as No. 9 except upper right corner has " 8 - $1006-1$ Mil"'

There are side lines of Fiscal collecting that strongly appeal to me. I will mention a few. Lowa and Texas Feed Tax Tags; Town and City Special Tax or License, such as Billiard and Pool Hall, Saloon and Peddlars 11 censes. They are as truly Fiscals as any of the munlcipal Fiscals of Great Britaln. Again, the Rrass Cags for Express and dray wagons tacked on the wagon are as much evidence of the tax pald as the stamp stuck on a deed. Likewise the tag your dox must have on his collar has its counterpart in the Dog License of Ireland. If you run across anything its these lines let me know.

I notice in a recent report of the "Fiscal Philatelic Sociery"'(England) that Mr. Marsh sent a set of impressions of Great Britain Embossed Duty dies running as high as $£ 11.250$ ( $\$ 54,450$ ). How would gou like $\% 0$ buy that value unused?

Thu October and November numbers of Norley's Phil. Jour., had an excellent cat logue of Fiscals of Luxembourg. November and December gives a reference list of Salvador Fiscals to be continued.

Here is a list of Values of Impressed duty siamps (or stamis printed on the document) as givell in M. P .J., in the last few numbers See the leagth of the puise--perhaps we would better say the size of the barrel required to get them unused: 1d, 2d. 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 9d, 10d. 1sh, 1sh, 3d, 1sh id. 1sh 9d, $2 \mathrm{sh}, 2 \mathrm{sh}$ 6d, 3 sh . 3nh 9d, $4 \mathrm{sh}, 5 \mathrm{Fh} .6 \mathrm{sth}, 6 \mathrm{sh} 3 \mathrm{~d}, 7 \mathrm{sh}$ 6d, 9 sh , $10 \mathrm{sh}, 12 \mathrm{sh} 6 \mathrm{~d}, 15 \mathrm{sh}, 17 \mathrm{sh} 6 \mathrm{~d}, 1 £, 1 £ 2 \mathrm{sh} 6 \mathrm{~d} .1 £ 5 \mathrm{sh} .1 £ 7 \mathrm{sh}$ 8d, $1 £ 10 \mathrm{sh}, 1 £ 12 \mathrm{sh}$





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Series 1902: 33. 102 gold. I judge that there should be 202,402 and 802 stamps for the 1898 and 1902 Series. Let us hear rfom sou.

## (To be continued.)

## Amateur Investment--by J. Heslop of Eng

Now and then there are stamps on the market that attract a good deal of attention, and there are collectors who not only buy a set for their albums, but also an extra set as an lnvestment. But opinions differ as to when is the right time to sell, and the following remarks are offered as an attempt to throw a little light on this matter.

Some stamps have thelr "day." Usually it is a brief and fretful period, when the stamps are much sought after and the ege of the wold is on them. But when the day of the stamp is gone not so many people are anxious to get it. It has glided down the stream out of immediate ken The tield of enthusiastic purchasers is considerably narrower. People cease to be fretful about a stamp when it has sunk below the horizon and is out of sight.

The stamps, In order to yield some return on the outlay, have to be held either for a very short time, or for a very long time. Take the case of the ad South Nigeria multiple: it was possible to sell a copy or two a year ago at 8 d or 10 d aplece. That was holding them for a short time. Now the latest buying list values them at no more than face. In order to realise 8d or 10d again the remaining copies will have to be held for some time to come.

The reason for this is that the stamp was popular a year ago; it was belleved to be a "good" stamp, and collectors readily gave 3d But too many people, it seems laid by a dozen or two. and they are now trying to sell, with the result. that there are more sellers than buyers.

Three stages are thus revealed: the date of issue or withdrawal, when the stamp is in request; the intermediate period, when the stamp has lost its glamour; and the distant future. When newcomers in the tield will want it for their collection Three courses of action are thus open to the holder of a dozen of these stamps. The first method of sale will bring the smallest gain. but it will find a ready market. (From the second predicament may the fates preserve the reader). The third course requires patience, it means a less enthuslastic field of buyers, and a higher price which may be difficult to get. Moreover there are sensible proverbs that seem dead against it: a nimble ninepance is better than a slow shilling, and small profis bring quick returns. The chances are great that the man who sells quickly, and uhile the stamp is in request, is more fortunate in the long run than the man who
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SECRETARYS' MONTHLY REPORT March 29, 190w
The second regular meeting of the Kansas City Siamp Club of the year was called to order bs the presidell at 8:24 p. m Friday January 2t, 1908. Fourteen members answered to roll call: Messrs Nelsnn. Puindexter, Luther, Bescher, Rouse, Frank Davis. Wooriward. Helfer. W Malcoloson, Sutorius, J. Malcolmson, Fonlk and Hayum. Mr. L T. Brodstolse, honorary member from Superior. Nebraska, and Mr. Shepherd of this city were present, as visitors. Mr. Davis, for the annjversary entertainment committee outlined the program as it had been decided upon by the conmitt-e and menor details apranged. I'he secretary reported that 1000 folders had been printed giving reasona who any stamp colleat or nor already a member, should join oar sojety Upon motin by the secelary seconded by M. Hescher $\$ 1.00$ was appropriated from the treasury for malling 100 to the leading philatelists of the the country. Mr. Donovan Malcolmson whose turn it was to arrange the contest started a competitive exhibit of postage stamps having a map as a part of their design would be the subject of the contest for the anniversary meeting Three splendid prizes offered for the largest exhibit of DIFFERENT MAPS Upon motion made by Mr. Pondester. application fees will be set aside to the future for subscribing to the current philatelic periodicals which will be issued to members applying for them as recelved. The treas-
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LIBRARIANS' REPORT March 29th 1908
A number of donations to our society's library have been received since my last report which appeared in the January issue. Pesonally I wish to express my apprechal ion $\rightarrow$ the club has already done so bs vote of :hanks-to the following members and others for their co-operation in building up our own library.

From Mr. Rouse 22 fopies of miscellaneous literature including current magazines and auction sa'e catalogues. From Mr. Frank Bescher 58 pleces including 53 American and Ewropean papers and 5 auction sale catalogues all being issues of 1907 . From Mr. Luther 44 coples of anction sale catalogues and price lists of varlous dealers also quite a number of newspaper clipplogs relating to plilately or matters of special in'etest to phtlatulists From Mr. Davis 49 acution sale catalogues "Carter Messenger" and "The Denver Stamp Journal" have been donated for the benetit of our library by the publishers. "The Philatelic Almamac' for 1907 has been purchased for the library. Other membors have promised dotial intis including several of considerable quantity. A 'eport upon those received will berprinted in the next issue of the WEST.

Respectfully Arthur L Nelson Librarian.
SECRETARYS' MONTHLY REPURT March 29, 190 :
The second regular meetine of the Kansas City Sianp Club of the year was called to order by the president at. 8:24 p. m Friday January 2t, 1908. Fourteen members answered to roll call: Messrs Nelgnn. Puludexter, Luther, Bescher, Rouse. Frank Divis. Wuodward. Heffer. "I Malcolwson. sutorius, J. Malcolmson, Fonlk and IIayum. Mr. L T. Brodstotre, honorarv member Prom Superior, Nebraska, and Mr. Shepherd of this city were present as visitors. Mr. Davis, for the anniversary entertainment committee outlined the program as it had been deolded upon by the conmitt e and minor details arranged. The secretary reported that 1000 folders had been printed giving reasons why any stamp collect or not alreadv a member, should join our soiety Upon molln by the secetary seconded by M. Hescher $\$ 1.00$ was appropriated from the treasury for mailing $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ to the leading philarelists of the the country. Mr. Dodovan Malcolmson whose turu it was to arradge the cootest started a competitive exhibit of postage stamps having a map as a part of their design would be the subject of the contest for the anniversary meeting Three splendid prizes offered for the largest exhibit of DIFFERENT MAPS Upon motion made by Mr. Pondexter. application fees wlll be set aside io the future for subscribing to the current philatelic periodicals whlch will be issued to members applying for them as recelved. Tlie treas-
(Continued under the report of the Junior Stamp Club of Denver.)


## St. Louis Ntamp Collectors م"ociety

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March 4, 1908
'I'he Seventy Elghth regular meeting of this Sociecy was held Tuesday March $3 \mathrm{~m}_{\mathrm{c}}$, at the usual piace and time. President Myers in the chair. Thirteen meinuers and one visitor present, Anschuetz, Baer, Bain, Boisselier, Bollouav, Jiamant, Ilumes, Low, Milhouse, Myers, Schoeman, Schoeman, Sisson and Wood.

The Exchange Manager read a letter from W. E. Ault, Sales Superintendent of the Louisville Philatelic Club with regard to exchanging circuits. Mr. Sisson moved the communication be tiled.
'The application of Messrs Fuesel, Haintz and Low were broungt up and they were declared elected.

The "Germany" competition brought out five collections, and the President appointed M+s-1s hain, Humes, Millhouse and Schoeman as Judges. The percentages awarded were not so high as in the Netherlands contest but again the clustness of the competitors was remarkable only eleven points separating first and last, the award being as follows:-Delatield 80, Wood 79, Myers 73. Low 71, Sieson 69

Dr. Baer had his splendid collection of goth century in unased condition on exbibition.

Applicaticu recelved Philip H. Ward, Jr.: 1756 Penn Ave., Washiogton, D C. Proposed by F R Cornwall.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday March 17 th, Rooms 803805 Wright Ruilding. Corner 8th and Pine Sts. Next competitón will be France on March 3lst. This contest will be limited to the Major varieties only so that we may have had a large number of entries.

March 18, 1908
'The seventy נinth regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday Murch lith at the usual place and rime. President.Mgers on the chair.

Whelher Ireland's Patron Saint had anything to do with ir as some sug. gested or nut the fact remains that we had the biggest turn out that we have had for over a yeur upon his natal day, the number coinciding with the date, sevent een,--being the following: Anschuetz, Baer, Bain, Bollman, Chase, Kennerig. Diamant, Haintz. Hıbert, Humes, Low, Millhouse, Myers. Ruedi, Schoeman, Voelker and Wood.

The minutes of the preplois meeting were read and approved.
The application of Philip II. Ward, Jr., 1756 Penn Ave, Washington, D. C. was brought up and he was duly declared elected.

The Piestdent, reported for the Chairman of the Emblem Committee that a new design might be necessary.

The Chairman of the Recruiting Committee reported that he had gotten together another Ilst of 29 names of supposed collectors who were being communicated with.

The Chairamn of the Entertainment Committee reported ithat so far the
following members had donated stamps to the Prize Fuod Vyers, \$15.00, Ielafield, $\$ 13.05$, Wood $\$ 508$ and he trusted that others would respond as iiberally and without delay.

The entertainicent of the evening was provided by the Committee in the form of ten questions which we afterwards found out had taken them two evenings to get together, if they had said it took them two weeks to do it we would have believed them for they were slmply lierce Mr. Schoeman came out on top of the contest with 71 points, followed by Wood 57, Myers 48 etc. This ended pot only the best attended but most interestivg and lively meeting we have had in a long time. If our new members continue to increase as we believe they will a New Club Room Committee will be in order shortly.

Applications received, H. Wesley Legg, Dorchester Centre, Mass., proposed by G. Wood; Fred E. Doelker, 4226 St. Loul; Are., proposed by Chester Myers.

Next meeling will be held Tuesday March 3ist. Rooms 803805 Wright Bldg., Cor. 8 th and Pine Sts. The entertainment will consist of a compe. tition of France, major varieties only. We fully exptct lhe best turn out yet for that competition.

## She Junior Stamp Club of Denver. Colorado

Organized Oct. 19. 190\% officers
Honorary President, Dr. H. A. Davis President. C M Sayder
Vice Yresidevt, A L, Nell Secretary, V N Garreson Treasurer and Libratian. Exchange Manager, I. C'Nelson


MINUTES.

The 3lst regular meeting of the 3. S. C. of Denver was hald Mar. 6th regular time at 412 Nassau Bidg., with 11 members and one visitur present. The meeting was called to order with Pres. Nell presiding. The miuntes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Resignation of A. Chappe, was read and accepted. Rill was received from V. N. Garretson for a letter fle,same was allowed. Mr. J. C. Skinner was giren orders to get any rubber scamps that he might need in connection with the exchange department.

Clarence Jackson of 128 S . Pennsylvania A ve., Denser was admitted to full membership in the J. S. C. Application was received from Nell Fim. ball, Box A, Golden, Golo. Guaranteed by C. M. Suyder and proposed by R. T. Bunney.

Nomination of ofticers for the ensuing half year was held at this meet. jng, resulted in the following members teing nominated. Honorary President, H A. Davis; President, A. L. Nell, James Jackson and Robt, Jackson; Ist V. Pres., C. M. Sayder; 2nd V. Pres., J. C. Skinaer; Secretary, V. N. Garretson: Treasurer, S. A. McManus, Bernard Nelson, V. N. Garretson, R.
N. Starrett and E. B. Vanderhoof; Exchange Department, J. C. Skinner; Trustees, S. A. McManus, C. M. Snyder, H. N. Starrett, R. Jackson, J. Jackson, C. Jackson and Fred Fellows.

The entertainment for the evening was given by C. M. Snyder. A prize was given to all the members who participated in this contest

Meeting adjourded at $0: 30 \mathrm{p}$. m. after a very jolly evening Next meating, election night, will be held at 602 Nassau Blig. Visitors welcome.
Yours iraternally. V. N. Garretson, Secy.

Kansis clty stamp CLUB, Coutinued
urer made a statement of the present condition of the 1 reasury. The secretary then presented a medal to the society which had been denated by Mr. Brodstoue. It was decided same shall be kept as a permatient medal of this society and pressuted etch year at the andiveriary meeting with appropriate ceremony to the mamber afjudged by the execulive committee to have done the most service to the club duriug the year. The reslgations of Mr. Chas. C. Scott and Mr. M. O. Canfield were read and regretfully accepted. The contest arranged bs Mr. Woodward was the closing feature of the evening. It consisted of the exhibicon of framay of stamps bearing the likeness of blds, beasts. reptiles aud $t$ in upon them. Messrs Nelson Luther and Davis recieved prize; for the largest exhibits. Meeting atferward adjourned to meet agalo Friday February 14. 1908,

The fourth regular meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Cub of the pres. eut year was called to order at, 8:29 p. m, Friday, February 24, 1903, President $R$-use ocsupying the chair and the following eleven neembers being present: Messrs. Sutorius, Ne!son, Brocesky, Poindexter, Luther, Rouse, Davis, Woodward, D Malcolmson, J. Malcolmson and Hayum Mr. G. Louffer of Kanass City, Kansas was present as a visitor. Mr. Davis made a fipal report of the commituee which had had the programme of the anniversary meeting in charge. The libraties reported the receipt of two donations of anction sale catalogues anil magazioes of the library from Messrs. Davis and Luther A vote of thanks was taken. The followlag members being in arrears as to dues more than three months were dropued from the roll accor ding to article VI, Section 1 of the constitution: No. 40 Fred Rreisch, No. 49 Chester Mellen. The resignation of Mr. Charles Paul Stives was read by the secretary and same was regretfully accepted. The secretary moved that he be authorized to have five hundred application blanks printed as the pres ent supply is almost exhausted. Carried. Mr Davis moved that the following ammendments be made to the constitution: Amendment I. Any non member applying for membership io the K. C. S. C. (active or passive) who presents applicallon after tirst or before last meeting of any month be allowed to have privileges of club for said month without cost. Amendment 11 . Any non member tendering his resignation for mombership in the K C.S.C. (active or passive) who presents resignation no later than first meeting of any month shall be consideed resigned providing dues for previous months are pard in full. Seconded by Mr. Nelson and carried unanimously. In the usual stamp drawing then held Mr. J inalcolmson and Mr. Woodard drew first and sceund prizes respectivels, both choosing their own prizes. Mr. Nelson whose turn it was to prepare the entertainment for the next meeting announced the nature of the propramme and offered a cash premium for each new member brought in at this meeting. Mr. Foideater, ckairman of the
reoruiting committee, offered a thirty cent Columbian Exposition Stamp in mint condition to the memher on the recruiting committee obtaluing the best results before June 1st. His request for permission to inerease the number of members on the committee was granted. A list of those comprislog the committee and their record will be found at the top of the report in the WEST each month beginning with April. A number of communications were read by the secretary. The application of Mr. G. Louffer, 21 Hark Ave, Kansas City, Kansas for active mepmbership was acted upon favorably. The application of Mr. Irwin II. Joffee was referred to the executive committee. The meeting then adjourned to meet again Fridas March 13, 1908 after which a display of the stamps of the Congo Free State in competition for prizes was held, those of Mr. Nelson and Mr. Luther being awarded the prizes on the score of completeness.

The Bith regular meeting of the K C. S. C. of the year was called to order at 9:00 p. m., Friday March 13, 1908 by Mr. John H. Hefer who was called to the chair on account of the absence of the President. Following nine members answered to the roll call: Messrs. Nelson, Broceskg, Luther, Solth, Davls. Heffer, D. Malcolmson, J. Malelmson and Hayum. Mr. Douthit and Mr. Leon Crowl were present as pisitors Minutes of meeting held Friday, Fehruary 28, 1908 were read and approved. The treasurer made a monthly ieport and various recommendations which were referred to the executive committee. The application of M. Irwin H. Joffee, 1400 Linwood Blod., City for active membership was accepted unanfomusly same having been referred to the executive committee at the previous meting and reported favorably. The librarian announced that lists of current magazines being received bJ the club for the library and books of all kinds now in the 11brary would be posted on the walls at each meeting. Mr. Luther volunteered to have a sign made for the entrace of the building in which we are now located. A communication was read by the secretars. The following members were dropped from the membership list they beling more than three months in arrears as to dues: No. 58 Mr. R. B. Kimbrell, No. $\overline{5}$ Mr. Edwin H. Ellis.` A proposal by Mr. Davis to conduct a philateile lottery as a private enterprise at future meetings in which the club would receive s percent of the profts was voted negatively. The meeting then adjourned. Eotertainment provided by Mr. Nelson took up the remainder of the evening, features of which were the reading of a paper entitled "The Richest Find of Rarest Stamps" or "One of the Most Remarkable Chapters in the History of Philately" giving an account of the great ind of St. Louis Postmaster Provisionals made at Loulsville, Ky., some years ago, a stamp guessing contest in which prizes were awarded for the nearest guesses to the actual number of postage stamps enclosed in a glass jar. The number of stamps was 1218 and the guesses ranged from 838 to 3000 . A contest for prizes in which the members were asked, tirst, $t$, list the celebrities whose portralts have appeared or at present are to be fonud on United States postage stamps, second, to name the coins whose value is expressed on the postage stamps of the British Empire. The winners of the guessing contest were Mr. Davis and Mr. Ilayum and of the second contest, Mr. Luther and Mr. Davis, each receiving a prize. An exhibition by Mr. T. Fishman and Mr. Nelson of several hundred old United States and scarce forelgn original covers was arranged on the walls. The meeting broke up after an auction sale of twenty lots.

Respectfully submitted, Arthur L. Nelson, Sec'y.


Dear Fellow Members:-It affords me unusual pleasure to announce to you, the appointment of Mr. L. L. Dickerson, of Fitzgerald, Ga., as Chair man of the Recruiting Committee, an ottice eminently fit, for such an energetic Philatelist, rihose untiring effurts. secured for us, a large increase in membership, and 1 wish to thank Mr Dickerson, for the work he has done for our Society.

Mr. Saxby, who for some time, beld the office of Counterfeit Detector, has informed us of his inability, to longer act in that capacity, and Mr. Even S. Martin, an expert in Stampdom has accepted the above named office, and the future of our Society looks indeed bright, w ith the different departments in the hands of the present incumbents.

In regard to the Auction Department, 1 will briefly sfate that Bro. lirodstone had inserted the list of lots of our first sale free of charge but informed me that from now on the charge would be $\$ 2.00$ per $1 / 2$ page, the Dept. however, is not as yet in the shape to throw off such a revenue to cover an expense incurred throung charges for priuting, I am therefore sorry to state that the Auscion Dopt will for the present cease to exist, until such a time, when it will iosure enough income to be seif sustaining.

Fraternally gours, Fred G. Fuessel, Pres.
SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORA': March 20th, 1908.
66 books in circulation as per last month's report, value.
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I have nothing particular to say in this report, except to urge members to hatsdle all circuits promptly and forward books as som as possible. If you can forward a circeit today, do not wait till tomorrow: better service would be obtalned both in regard to receiving circuits more regularly and in getting the new ones started.

Blarik books with printed rules of this Departmont and holding 120
stamps will be furnished at the rate of jc each. Respectilully submitted, Charles Roemer, Saperintendent. NEW MEMBERS.

1. Chas. H. Smith, Smithron, Pa.
2. K. Plympton, Laguna Beach, Callf.
3. Robt. C. Miller, M. O. Dept., Des Moines, Iowa.
4. Wm. L. Parker. Box 55, Route 2t, Morgan Hill,Calif.
5. Ira C. Greeue, Hox 142, Leominster, Mass.
6. Andrew J. Pietsch, 756 Reservoir St., Baltimore, Myd.
7. G. B. Ryman, Fitzgerald, Ga.
8. Iver R. Johnson, 1217 N. Rockwell St. . Chicago, Ill.
9. B. S. Colburn, 215 Burns A re , Detroit, Mich.
10. Harry M. Lindsay. 1003 W. North Ave., Baltimore, Myd.
11. P. M. Wolsieffer. 1011 N. 5th A ve., Maywood, III.
12. John R. Beatty, Butte, Nebr.
13. Wm. H. Matthes, 81821 st St., Milwaukee, $W$ is.
14. A. Yaremdji. 40, 41. 42 Tidjaret Hall, Constantinople, Turkey.
15. George Wood, 3920 Moffitt Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
16. Sam M. Schoemann, 4036 McPherson Ave., St. Louls, Mo.
17. Dr Paul Raer, 1016 Biddle St, St. Louls, Mo.

## REINSTATED.

272. Chas II Nammack Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.
273. Dr. Chas. L Cadding, Duluth, Minn.

## APPLICATIONS.

1. Floyd Reid, Renvilie, Minn, 21 , printer add stamp dealer, R. L. Doak, W. A. Keid.
2. R. E. Gerspaeher, Grand Island, Nebr., artist, L. Brodstone, R.L Doak.
3. F. Noyes, Alice, Texas, 52 , real estate, Charles Roemer, R.L. Doak.
4. C. Bangs, c o Custom House, Savannah, Ga.. 54, Deputy collector, W. F. Osborne, J. P. Johnson.
5. D. C. Thomas, Bos 118, Abingdon, Va., 45, I. R. Service, R. L. Doak, Chas. Waring.
6. Leon G. Myers, 309 W . Mait St., Clinton, Ill., 19, student, F. P. Breaer, Dr. J. C. Myers.

7 Arthur P. Cook, 65 S. Nidin ©̣t:; Oberlit, Ohio, 22, wechanic. J. C. Rtce, H. A. Cook.
8. Ernest D. Murdock, 32 Swan St., Rochester, N. Y., $3 \overline{0}$, camera maker, R. L. Doak, L. U. Tait.
9. Gilbert R. Sharp, People's Ave., Cor. 9th St., Troy, N. Y゙., 16, student. Toledo Stamp Co., R. L. Doak.
10. I. F. Bingham, 110 N. Osford St., Brooklgn, N. Y., 18, ntock re. porter. R L. Doak, I. C. Menze.
11. H. L. Voorhees, 1319 Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Ill., fire Ins., F. P. Brener, Amer. Tr. \& Savings Bank.
12. Geo. W. Vorhis, South Charleston, Ohio, 41, clergyman, S.B.Ashhrook, Citiken's Bank.
13. E. L. Maxson, Winter Park, Fla., 62, postmaster and druggist, R. L. Doas.
14. Charles C. Morrison, 3215 Elsinare Square, Pittsbuigh, Pa., Att's
at law, A. C. Thompson. Jno, A. McAdams.
15. L. Mathien, Beloell Sta, Box 107, Quebed, Canada, 19, bookkeeper, E. A rchetto, F. S. Powell.
16. J. W. Dickinson, Hox 520, Kamloops, B. C. Canada; 45, clergyman, R. L. Doak, Ca」adian Phil. Society.

17 W. F. Gregory 116 Nassau St., New York Clty; 56, stamp dealer, Chas. Roemer, Geo. R. Tuttle.
18. Karl Longee, East Tilton, N. H.; 16, student, L Brodstone, H. H. Trulock.

Write me for blanks-pienty on hand.
Fraternally jours, R. L. Dosk, Secy-Treas.
THE GEORGIA STAMP CLUB.
Branch No. I of the Southern Phllatelic Associstion, Fitzgerald, Ga.
The fortieth regular meeting of the Georgia Stamp Club was called to order at eight o'clock p. m. Friday March 13 th, '08 by president S. C. Davis. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved Librarian's report was recelved and approved.

Exchange Manager Dlekerson made his report for the period February Brst to March $15 t \mathrm{~h}$, '08 as follows:-Horks in circulation January 31st, 08' $\$ 117.10$. Books received since Jan 31st, 3914. Total. 15624. Books returned to date 15624 . No books tn circulation March 15th '08.

It was decided that the Exchange Manager should make a report every fifteen days, showing amounts of books cicrulated during the past fifteen days and showing the credits and deblts of each member at date of report. Also that all books in the Exchange Derartment should be checked out and returned to owners every fifteen days

The question of a regular club room which has been before the Club for some time, was again brought up and thoroughly considered. It was determined to awalt the completion of the Garbutt-Donovan Building which will be in about sisty days and then rent suitable rooms therein.

Secretary was lostruoted to purchase "What Philately Teaches" by John N. Luff, and "Notes Upon United States and Confederate Stamps and Their Varieties', by Geo. L. Toppan. Also to pay a sear's subscription to the Denver Stamp Journal.

The meeting adjourned to meet agan Friday evening March 20th, '0s. Very Respectfully, W. F. Osborne, Secy.
A RECRUITING WORD.
The Committee on recruiting is very anxious to Impress on every mem ber of the S. P. A. the need of active effort during the next few months. We have set the mark at 300 members by convention date and this number can only be attained by steady persistent work. It is not hard to secure new members and if each member would secure only one now one, look at the result. Get after that friend of yours. He will join if you will explain a few of the advantages and give him a blank. Blanks can be secured from the Secretary or any member of the recruting committee.

Now let us all pull and push together. You will want a share in the credit when we next convene, so send in that friend's application.

Let the watchword be 300 August 1 , ' 08 . We can do it.
L. L. Dickerson, Chm.

## By V. C. Aufder Heide S. H. D• Amsterdam

## A STAMPTHEFT

A stamp theft by burglars has been committed in Amsterdam. In the night from 11 to 12 February thieves entered, the shop of a well known Am sterdam Stamp dealer. The burglary was accomplished as follows: The thieves hare stolen in by day, and have gone to the upper floors which are for the present tot cccupted. When olight had fallen, they came dowu and by n:eans of a saw nade hole in the wooden wall of the stop. Tlirough this hol t they eltered the shop and ctice of the unhappy uealer.

Some books with good stamps,among others a Look of English Colouials, value $£ 75$ to. $£ 3$, three just arrived complete sustrian Jubilee sets, an al. bum thled with stamps, envelopes. $67 \mathrm{~s}^{\circ}$ eets with cheap sels, old letter with stamps on them, and a great number of rare single stamps. A mong these were Great Britain £.5. $0.0,2-£ 1$ brown, 21 , anch 1 r, $\mathrm{J} . \mathrm{S} .1847,5$ and 10 cents, Naples 50 Graua, Naples $1 / 2$ Tonese, 30 complete sets, de Ruyter stamps, surcharged as due stamps. some old German stamps, 15 se's of 50 different Luxemburg, and last but not least, a complete set U. S. Nèwspaper stamps of 1475, catalogued by Senf at M'ks, 870.-: This list is not yet complete as our stamp dealer dealt also iu colns and curiosities,-and hear. what the thieves Jiked among these goods: First, of Coronation plates, given to all chidren at school. when H. M. Wilhelmine mounted on the throne of the Netherlands, and which are now eagerly sought after; a complete set of colns of the lare President of the South African Republic, Paul Kruger; 14 A merican one and a half dollars, among them some octagons, one $21 / 2$ dollar piece, three dutch 10 Horin pleces, portrait of Queen with loose hair. as it appears on the stamps of 189194,3 old dutch a Horin pleces and a great many other gold and silver coins

The total worth is given as t1s 4884.-or about \$2,000:
The dealer was insured against theft. The renowned Amsterdam "Renerrche", as here the detectives are called, is hard at work to tiod the burglars, but tive days has now gone by without any result.

ANOTHER THEFT.
The next day two albume were stolen from a physician living also in A msterdam by thieves entering his study through the street door with a false key. I hope to be able to send more particiulras next month, as I think my readers will be interested in learning about these two first stamp burglaries in Amsterdam.

## Ohe American Junior Philatelic Assoc'n

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\text { MINUTES OF BRANCH } 1 . \quad \text { Jan. } 20,1908 .
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The 22 nd regular meeting was held at 107 E . Chicago, St. with every member and two visitors present. The meeting was called to order bs Pres. Champion. The Sery. read minutes of last meetng which were approved. There being no business the members adjourned to the exhibit which was of British Colonies. The prizes nere as follows: Ist, Mr. John Walker; 2nd, Mr. Folbiook; 3rd, Mr. Woodward; 4th Mr. Tuttle: 5th, Mr. Clark, 6th, Mr. W. Walker.

Adjourned at $8: 30$
Respectfulls, submitted, Geo. T. Holbrook, Secy.

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\text { MINUTES OF BRANCH } 1 . \quad \text { Feb. 3. } 1908 .
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The 23rd regular meeting of Branch 1, was held at 169 Pearl St, Cold. water, Mich. There were sis members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. ' i here belug no business the motion to adjourn was carried. The host had frepared an entertainment and club adjounrned at 8:20

Respect'ully, Geo. T. Holbrook, Secy.

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\text { MINUTES OE BRANCH 1, Feb. 17, } 1908 .
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The 24 th regular meeting of Branch 1 met at 215 Chicago St , Coldwater, sich. One member of Branch 1 was absent and a member of A. J. P. A. from Laurence, Mass. was present. No business came before meeting. A motion to adjourn was carried. An exhibit of Dutch German and Portugese ColoDies was furnished for entertainment. The prizes are as follows: lst, Mr. Clarke, 2pd, Mr. Tuttle, 3rd, Mr. Molbrook, 4ih, Mr. Wm. Walker. Adjourned at 8:30.

Yours Respectfully, Geu. T. Holbrook, Secy MINUTES OF bRaNCH 1. March 2, 1908.
The 25 th regular meeting of Branch 1, was held at 170 E . Chicago St. Colduater, Mich. Every membel, and one visitor and Ryrcn Cleveland, a nember of A. J. P. a. from Laureuce, Mass. It was decided that the next exhibit was to be of U. S. stamps. Sfter a pleasant evening the club adjourned at 8:35.

Yours respectfully, Geo. T. Holbraok, Secy.
The applications for membership are Ralph Conner, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., with Mr. J. W. Champion of Coldwater, Mich. and Mrs. Geo. Conner, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., for reference.

The new Swiss stamps are out; all of the European papers unite in poking fun at them, especially at the we with William Tell's little boy and a gigantic crossbow; a British paper very appropriately calls the lad a "straphanger." Queer things in stamp, some European countries are turning out nowadays.

## Stampic Token--by L. Crandall

(Written several jears ago)
James Henry was anrgy. The most casual glance thrown in his direction by an entire stranger would tiave indicared that fact. With a flushed face and an angry heart, he went about his eveniug chores, cosing from time to time a mailcious glance towards his father, to whore he owed his present trouble. "What's the use of a fellow tryiug to do anything, auyhow'" he muttered, answering with a scowl the call of his mother to supper. For James Henry was in trouble. That yery day his father had told fim, in fact, commanded him, to dispose of his stamp collection before the week was over. He didu't want a lot of old worthless pieces of paper lyink around, taking up room and alwass in the way: besides being the suspected cause of the disappearance of one dollar whith James had recently earned and which had been placed in his small bank by his father, but which had mysteriously disappeared a week or so ago, and althn Mr. Menry said nothing he belleved, from the sudden augmentation of his son's collection, that he knew where the money had gone and consequently deter vined that the collerion must go, "it took up too mueh room anyway."

Measured by its movetary value. the collection was small. Suld to a dealer it would not retch $\$ \underset{a}{ }$ but to Jawes Henry it represented countiess sacritices during the single gear that had been occupied in its formation. Every cent that he could posstbly earn, every stamp that he could beg had gene into that collection and now in two dass he was to lose it all. The bare thought over whelmed him. With a dry sob he choked down his supper and hurried icto the large comfortable sitting room where he stietched himself out on the luunge in front of the blazing log fire whose effects soon began 10 be felt and the boy abandoned himseli and his troubles and pently glidad jnto the land of dreams. It seemed to him that he was suddenly awakened by hearlng a small voice crying 'James Henry, James Henry.' He looked about carefully and finally saw directly in frout of him the cause cf all this disturbance, the funniest, queerest, smallest Jittle man that he had over heard or dreamed of. The verv sight caused him to forget all his present troubles ard winto a spasm of laughter which lasted several miuutes. The Ifttle man suid not a word; did unt even smile but waited patiently until the noy hat linished, then handed him a card which read as follows: "Mr. O G. Fine. *pecial Representative Her Majesty 'The Queen of A ihesives, Siampie Latia"

James llenry fazed at the card tor a iew moments, speechless with astontshment, until Mr. O. G Fine ventured to explain his presence by saying: "I have been commissioned hy my Queen to tind a stamp collector and bring him to Stampic Land tor a visit this rery uight. You ace the tirst person that I have approac'ed and the chance of a llfetime is ope,s to you." In James Henry's state of mind th dis not take him loug to decide. "l'll go," he said simply. "but how am I to get there since I am so large?" "Easy enough," responded the visitor. whom we will call $O$ G. for short; "simply wish yourself smaller aud you will be so immediately. It is a vir. tue possessed only by stamp collectors ",

James Henry scarcely believing, did so, and to his surprise found him. self quickly shrinting until he was no larger than his companion whom he percleved was dressed in the extreme of fashion and presented quite a dupper
appearance: 'Elow are we to get to Stampic Land?'’ quite naturally asked the loy. "Here is our steed," responded O G. drawing from his pocket a copy of the 5c 1903 Mexics. "The eagle is the king of birds and is used almost exclusively by the people of Stampic Land on their journeys." So saying he seated himself on the stamp. James Henry, following his example, spoke to the ea le. which immediately flapped its wings, soared majestically out thru the of $n$ window and started at a terrific speed for Stampic Land which O. G. as ured the boy would be reached in less than haif an hour. Not another wud was spoken during the entire journey, and James Henry was on!y too glad when at last the towers of Stampic Land were seen in the distance. They descended to the ground among the greatest crowd that had ever been seen on Gibbons Avenue The street was packed from curb to curb It seemed as if every one was preselit, fom the Hon. P. U. Mauritius down to Mr. 10 Pq . Germany. "Three cheers for James Henry the tirst person to ever visit Stampic Land,' cried the crowd James Henry found himself suddenly transformed from an unimportant farm bop into the most important person in all this vast assemblage: everycue was trying to catch a glimpse of him, to shake his hand: cingratulations and compliments were showered upon him from all sides.

The enthusiasm of the crond knew no bounds, and after the boy had made a short speech, thankiug them for his welcome to the country, he was hoisted upon their backs and paraded down Gibbons Avenue, up Mekeel St., across "Off Cente!" Lane and down Scott St, directiy to the palace of the "Queen of Adhesives," 26 Falkland Isles 1898 . He was at once received by the Queen in the British Colonial room and was immediately put at his ease by her kiud manner and the sight of so many familiar stamps Upon being asked the size of his colleciion by the Queen, he was reminded of his father's resolution and burst immediately into tears $A s$ soon as he had quieted down the Queen asked him the canse of his trouble. and upon being told, her face grew grave. "A serious case indeed," she murmured" "no punishment is too severe for a parent who will deprive his child of the pleasure and instruction gained by collectng stamps." a council of old inhabitants born before 1850 was called, and the universal opinion seemed to be that death was the only punishment for such a heinous offense: the decree of the council was changed at the earnest solicitation of James fienry himself, utho pleaded that his father might have one more chance. His plea was foally granted and a messenger despatched to acquaint Henry, Sr. with his fate The boy still had several hours left before his depariure, and improved then by strolling about the city, "seeing the sights," including the oldest inhabitant, Mr. Mulready Envelope who lived at Heavily Cancelled St., in the lower part of the town. He also visited all the public places. Brattleboro Park, Luff monument, the beautiful Wjlie Lake, the famous West Church, and other spots famed in history. His time limit having thes expired he left Stampic Land amidst a tremendous celebation, mounted on the back of the Queen's special steed, Columbian Republic 1876, and in tuenty mioutes arrived at his native country. What was his horror, wheu in sight of howe, he suddenly slipped from the back of the bled, and was falling, falling thru space with the expectation of striking earth every second. when suddenly, he ceame to himself, hearing the confused mu:mur of volces. "Poor boy," said his mother; "he's so tired."
"Well, son," said his falher, "I have been reading an article about the
ralue of rare stamps and I have concluded to let ynu keep gours. "
As James Hency collected his scatcered thougnts, golow sluwly up the back stairs to bed, he wondered. afier all, whether the Queen's message had reached his father.

## Stamp Collecting-- Ohe Best Hobby

Every person should have a hobby. Collecting stamps, coins, post cards, Iudian relics etc., are all pleasant pistimes and furnish a change from the serious duties of life.

While at the present time more people are interested in collectiog post cards than anp other hobby, we believe that stamp collecting offers greatet possibilities of tinancial gain for stamos are constantly increaslag in value. During the past three or four years the catalogue prices have advanced ten per cent and in many instances one hundred per cent or more.

Of the many pleasures of stamp collecting none are greater than hunting for old issues. No collector should ever let the chance pass by for looking over old letters or documents

Only a short time ago we read of a young man who secured a position in
long established drug store and upou louklog over a lot of old medicine bottle and boxes, found in a ware room, discovered a lot of rare private proprietary stamps. The proprietors gave him the stamps and after adding several to his collection, he sold the duplicates for a handsome sum. This is only one Instance when it paid to be a Philatelist. If this young man had not have been posted on stamp values he would have missed the chance of making a neat sum of money aud never been the wiser.

If you are not a collector, begin today.
The first thing gou should bave is a catalogue so you may know the value of stamps and save being lmposed upon by any unscrupulous dealer. Many collectors do not, at the commencement bus a regular album, but use an ordinary copy pook. Begin with a few paokets, and then purchase from the approval sheets of some rellable dealer The qieat advantage in buying from approval sheets, is that it saves the risk of purchasing duplicates and jou see the sramp before pajing for it.

If 101 will subscribe for a few good stamp papers and begin the collecting of sia mus we are sure sou will become an arjent lover of Philately.

Mr Clarence P. Dekay has not brought out his philatelic paper in Janvary, as he if rst intended. but instead he has issued now (in february) the tirst number of "De Kay's Stamp Circular." It has plenty of advertise. ment, is full of spley aotes, contains the report, of the National Philatelic Asosocjation and costs onls loe a year. The $\mathrm{s} z \mathrm{y}$ is abour. the same as that of the old Weekly Phil. Era

If you have any lettier you cannot read, German, Dutch, Spanish, French, Portuguese etc, send them tc the editor of the loquiry Dopartment with 25c each for translation. It the editor cannot translate them, he will return your moneg, but as he would rather keep it, he will try to send you the translation

## Beginner's Department-Bolivia

## By L. G. Dorpat

Miniug is what gises Bolivia its chlef importance. The minerals are gold, found in river sinds and lake muds as well as in the rock of the moun. tains, silver, quicksilver, antimonv, copper, tin, lead, iron, coai, salt, hyacinth, opal and diamonds. Near Tipuani are the old Inca gold-washings, where some of the tools the lnca gold washers used have until recently been found imbedded in the clay. There are, however, quite a number of quartz veins known as gold bearing, but they are not worked. Silver is the principal praduct. Guano and nitrate of soda sield good profit.

The pnpulation. hetween two and three million, consists of various mixtures of races, chiefly of Spaniands with Indians. The latter mas be classed as civilized, half civilized and wild. There are also uegroes. The Cholos. descendantes of Spaniards and Incas are those to whom Bolivia owes its political independence. Some of them are well educated, but as a rule the liulivian lacks education. With few exceptiots thes all belong to the Koman Catholic ehureh. The luca Tupac Amaru was mentioned in connection with Peru, who "spread fre and sword against everything Spanish from Cuzco to Jujuy and twice besieged the city of La Paz with a force of 20,000 Indians " He was defeated, captured and barbarously put to death. For 27 years (1782 to 1809) the:e was peace, but after the Spanish had been defeated in the nelghborimp provinces of Rio de sa Plata the patriots tumed against the Spanish stiongholds in Rolivia and thete uas aar frcẹ, 1809 to 1825. which ended in the total deteat of the Spaniards and the establishment of the present Republic of Bolivia. General Sucre was the first president, chospn for life. but after tao years he had to leave the country. He was followed by Marshal Santa Cruz (1828 1839). Then came General Velasco, General fallivian, ( 1848 2) Belanl, General Jorge Cordova, Dr. Jose Maria Linares (1858). Ir Maria de Acra (1861), Maria Melgarejo (1865), Morales (1871), Mallivian (1873). F'rias (1874). Daza (1876). Pasheco (1884). The late succession is not knoun to me, and I have no means here in Wayside to ascertain its history: the rfader who has access to later publications than these in $m y$ possession may be better able to ascertain the recent hisionical events; re wirld do me a gleat favar bs informing m.e. I may yet remark that the Boljuian succession nas nearly always by violence to the great detiment of the country.

In regard to the condition of the people in Bolivia the "Rrittanica" says: "The Pernvians,ever since the conquest of heir country by the Spanfards in the lith centurי. have been sunjected to a sustem of trsanny and oppression which has few parallels in the history of the miverse. Tioey were rated litule oetter than beasts of burden. Hy their toll the gold and silver were obtained from the mines, the lands were calijvated. the Hocks and herds were attended to, and all domestic and mental offices performed. Yet the fruft of their labor, especially that of mintug, whlch was attended with dumerous pivations, ard often with great loss of life, were altogether devoted to enriching their oppressors. One of the principal grievances was the unita. a compulsory kind of personal labor, efther in the working of the mines or in the cultivation, of the fields, esacted from the Indians generally for the space of one year. It is calculated that no less than $8.285,000 \mathrm{In}$.
dians have perished in the mines. The tribute exacted by the government from every indtan between the age of eighteen and-fitg.tye was a capitation tax of 8 dollars. This was levied with the greatest rigor, and the official persons charged with its collection frequently committed great injustice in doing so,-obliging the Iudians to commense these payments at itfeen, and continue them until seventy years of age, aud putting the amount of tribute for the gears before and after the legal period into their own pockets. liy law the Indlans were obliged to marry, the men at fifteen and the women at thirteen. Besides all this the lndians were subject to another system of estortion-the law of repartamicuts. This was originally established with the best of intentious,-the governors or corregidors of the districtis being intrusted with the charge of supplying the inhabitants under their care with such articles as they might require at a fair and equitable price. But the jaw was shamefully abused; aud it was made cumpulsory on the Indians to purchase worthless articles at an extravagant price''. What effect such treatment and the subsequent government by violence under "republican" dictators and usurpers together with the general lack of education must have had upon the people is better understood than said in so many words. It seems rather a wonder that Rolivia is yet what it is, and there must be a good stock amung the people capable of great derelopment, if only started in the right direction and given a far chance. Bolivia is the third state in South Ametica in size having an area of about $700,000 \mathrm{sq}$ miles and, if it obly had a good stable government, ir might become the most powerful of als, as there is no richer part of the earth's surface of the same size angwhere. I am loth to leave the country, but for a phiatelic journal I have alieady written too much on this subject and must now turn to the stamps of Bolivia.

STAMPS OF BOLIVIA. Of the fist issue which was made in 1867 under Maria Melarejo, Mr. Thiele wriles in the "adhesise": "The first issue of Bellivia has alwass had a peculiar fascination for rollectors: the verg crudeness of these stamps forms their altractiveness. They were local produets and the appearance testities to the low estate of the engravel's art as exlsteot in Bolivia at that time Reproducing processes were not jet known down there at the lime and hence each stamp on the plate uas' 6 ngraved separately, thus forming as many caritifs as there are stamps in the sheet. The sheet of the $\bar{a}$ : contained 72 stamps, arranged in 6 horionztal rows of 12 . The plat exa; reengraved a number of himes-5. as usual!y given-but did not change its size. The loc was from a larger plate: the sheet cuntained i8 stamps in 6 horizontal rous of 13 . Buth these slezts evidently have no rela'int whatever to the currency and probably owe their peculiar arrangement to the size of the plates employed for engraring. The 50 arid l00c are buth from smaller plates: the sheet of either value cumtalns 30 stamps in 6 hormontal lows of 5 The lower four rows of these two plates were later used for making fraudulent reprinst wisch appeared on the maket quite numetousls a few years ago." These reprints were made in 1897 and may be found cancelled with pen strokes or with cancellations used in Bolivia in 1897; the paper is more white than that of the originals and the color is off too. The original 5 c is found in yellow green. blue green, olise green and violet; ingreen there are 504 varietifs. noticeable espectally in the shading of the coudor and the shading of the globe on which the condor stands: in violet (last state of the plate-which by the way was copper) therd are only it varieties.
(To be continued).

# FOREIGN REVENUES 

## By Oscar T. Hartman

France Continued.
July 18 81. Same design. All grey except value and 18 intead of 187 as in prevous design. Imperforate. Values from 5 cent to 5 fr . only.

Sept. 1881. Same, but perforated and in addition higher value up to 30 fr .
1892. New design. Head of Liberty in circle and large value to the left of it . Background grey with 18 in same. Values in color. 5 cent to 30 fr .
1900. Same, the only difference is that intead of 18 in background only a single 1 can be found. This series is in use at pesent.
12. Quittances (receipl) 1871-1875. The insciption is: Quittance, Recus, et Descharges. One value only, 10 centimes. Common. 1880. Diff design, same inscription. Value $10,25,50$ cent, 1 and 2 it Common.
1892. New destgn. Liberty Head in circle. Same value and loscrip. tion.

13 Re'cipisses de chemino de Fer. 1864 Eagle. Lettering on white back ground. 20 cent. 1891. Grand Vitese value: 35 cent. Pecit Vilese, value, 70 centime. Dimension stamps are found with the surcharge "Bon pour recepisso" used for the same purpose which increases thelr value.
14. Reconnaissance 1864 Eagle. White letters on colored ground One value: 20 cent.
15. Roles d' Equipages One value $3{ }^{\text {Pr }} \mathbf{r}$. cent

16 Banas for spitituous drink.
17. Wagon-Lits. Inscription: Impot. 1877 78. Odd values like 1.14, 1.73, 1.86. 1898. A serjes of values from 5 cents to 4 fr. 65 cents. Part II. French Colonies.
1 Algeria. A large number of tobacco stamps or bands.
2. A lsace Lorraine. French dimension stamp of 1864 and Effect of Commerce surcharged by the invading forces of Germany in 1870 for fiscal purposes.
3. Anvam

4 Cambodke Eff de Cous of 1874 surcharged
5 Cochin china. 1886 [bue stamps of French Colonies of 1884 surc arged.

1888 Inscription: Cochiachine, Drot de Greffe. Values form 1 cent to 1 piastre.

6 French Congo Connaissement, Coples and Envegistre.
7 Diego Suarez. Octroi. A large stamp. 2 heads on same.
8 Guaroeloupe 1899 French revenues surcharged.
9 Piench Guiana.
10 Haiphong. Droits de Marche (Market) above Chinese characters below. A square in center.

11 Hanvi. Without value. Dozen colors and number for each das in the month.
12. French India $18^{9}$ French Colonlal stamps surcharged with a 30 on diff. values. Good many c ie others on French revenues.
13. French China. Various designs
14. Madagascar.
15. Martinique.
16. Nossi• Be Eff de Com. 10 cent to 10 ir
17. New Caledonla. 1881 Surcharge 23k en moins.
18. Reunion 1904 Eff de Com surcharged: Drolt-en-sus-Reunion in an octagon. Engagements are double stamps.
19. Senegal. French revenues are used there.
20. Tunis. Design of their own. Inscripticn: Protectorate Frar. calse.
21. Vinh (Tonkin) Marche de Vinh.

To a great extent the name of the colong can be found on the stamp which makes it easler because so many of them are simply the French revenue stamps surcharged

Part III. A list of towns, sillages, etc, in France proper, but issuing a local revenue tax: Angonleme, Bordeaux, Brugeres, Cannes, Chaumont, Cognac, Epinal, La Fleche, Le Mans, Nantes.

Paart IV. Saving stamps. A Control stamp of France Serle 1 fr to 1000 frs. Also for Blois, Brest. Chartres. Guadeloupe, Le Mans, Marseille, Praris (with numeral of the diff. divisions) Saint Hilaire, Saint Quentid, Seine et Mame, Tourwing.

Part V. Transportation Paris. Ordinary aud Express. Parcel pest of Paris.

This is all. I am convinced tha in many cases my explanation is not quite plain, but mg intention to give an idea how many fold revenues can be and erery bit of paper these dass is worth saving until its value is found out.

SIMPLIFICATION THE ORDER OF THE DAY.
It has long seemed to us that specialism in stamp collecting, while a spleudid thing in tts place, was being over emphasized to the detriment of general collecting, but this view has not been veiy popular the past few years, and it is with considerable interest that we note this winter indications of a popular return to older and saner ways. We note the following in an exchange from the pen cf Mr E. J. Nankivell, one of the most 'specialistic', of English specialists.
"Simplification is the order of the day in stamp catalogues and collect. ing. The other extreme has been the ruin of more than one country. Mex. co has never-recove'ed the suffocation of District overprints; South Austra. ila has been swamped by the complexities of compound perforation; Zanzibar and British Somaliland are a by-word of typographical cripples, and the grand issues of the Transvaal have been shanelessly weighted.

It is nesther in the interest of the Stamp Dealer nor the Stamp Collector to put one country after another out of reach of the general collector by the overburden of pettifogging minor varieties. Let the specialist wallow in them to his heait's cintent, but for heaven's sake, don't let us jeopardise the best, and truest aud most wholesome interests of stamp collecting by increasing the complexities that terrify the general collector.

We specialists are all very well in our way, but we are rapidly carrying things too far in our own direction We dominate the best catalogues, and suamp their pages with confusing parieties, and everg sear we are beguiling the general collector more and more out of his depth."

It is with satisfaction we note that our Scott circular mention cat is the only ore really suited to both the speciatist "wallower" and his less scientific brother who carts only for the patieties listed in large type.


# A Clipping, a Moral, and Some Comments 

## By Verna reveston Hantway


#### Abstract

(American and English publications desiring an impartial review in this periodical will please forwart specimen copy marked "For Review" to Miss Verna Weston Hasway, Lk Bx S, Daltas, Pa;)


A short time ago I chanced to notice two excerps from the "London Mail,''on totally diffarent subjects, set up lu just a position under the heading "Stamps and Cnidren." Thay read thus: 'A rare philatelic gem whll come under the hammer at. Messrs. Glendining's galleries in Argyll Street. It is a used copy of the Postoffice Mauritius penny red stamp, which is said to be worth anything from $\$ 1000$ to $\$ 5000$ "
"Prosscuted at Sleaford Potty Sassion for not sending his chlld to school, Josiah Eikington, laborer, stated that he earned 8375 (three dollars and seventy five cents) a week. and had donty fourteen children to keep out of it.' The case was dismissed on payment of the costs ",

Appearing in opposition in this manner there is only one inference, and it is, as was intended one which carries a srern sughestion. The average woman or man will feel a heart wrench, aud the average phllatelist will. very probably, have occasion to blush. - the two bits of news are exceedingly pointed. Naturally, children are of i omense importance, dod no one can view a child's suffering.or want, withour svmpar.hizing and going to its assistance. The elipoings question the moral right of anyone satisfging an individual, fancy for such a trife as a stamp, whure there are many persons suffering actual distress. The conclusion immeriately arriven at is that we should give, or in other words make the person a recelver of charity. to relieve that distrese. This i , the spirit that animates us when we give out mites to "charity."

On the other, thare are vas economic questions involged. A heggar,or tramp, comes $t$ ) our door and we give hin food. Wo do not question the wisdom of this course, or the fact that the food subserves only a temporary use; in another few hours the same neen will arise. We hear of a mother wrestling with poverty, trying to keep the wolf from her ohlldren; we go to her assistance, and beeps poverty, sulfering, distress, away awhile longer. This is simply cem oon humanity, but at best our aid is but temporary. Whit is the root of that poverty?-is it illoess, or desertion, or shame? It is far wiser to relieve the germ, or cause of the evil, aud that is just what
many good men and nomen trjing to do, - in the meantine while they are liying many fall by the wayside. Vieuing matters thus in a plain, naked light, one feels a sfmpathy for Socialism.

But let us go a step further, before we conclude that these cilppiugs, so obvious on the face. are eotirely just. Suppose, in the course of your busi. liess life, you rent and own houses, and that a tenant (or tenants) on the plea of illness, evades acd repeatedly evade, the payment of his just rent. This goes on for a year or two, in the end jou hare discovered that the person is not. ill, has a batik account, and that jou are "'stung' for a good many more dollars than you spend yearly of, your stamps. Or again your charity may be used to suppr:t criminals or human parasites. A lenfent landlord has many stories hidden among the pages of his leases

As a matter of fact arrateur philanthropy and slumming is a problem which has many sides to It, arnd is noc always wise. Please understand that I am ror inveighing ay̧ainst. the aiding of "the puor te have aluays with you'" We will all continue to give to the beggar at our doors, and those in need. Bur it is fortunate that there are those who bave educated and trained themselves to the life mission of aiding and get ting at the cause of economic disturtiances. The charity which $y$ ou and $I$ can give merely soothes the trouble for the time: the other removes the trouble, because it is trained, systematic and effective charity.

To mention the find of the recently discovered A lexaudria Postmasters Provisional stamp here.seem ral her out of place in connection with the foregoing. The "Alexandrid" has been creating a stir among those interested in stamps, and has furnished material for stories by the newspapers. The story connected with its history is quite a pretty little one. The stamp prepaid a letter written In November 1847 by J. Wallace II uff of Alexandria, Va., to a young lady who afterwards became his wife. Mr. Huff, now eiphty two years old, has just had the very unusual erjerience, of seeing this bit of paper and envelope, a memento of his south, sold for over ihree thousand dollars.

Just what amount the stamp really did realize, is not known. and probably never will be known. This, however. is an assured fact. that Mr. Geo. Worthington of Cleveland, Ohio, pald a sum considerably over the amount mentioned. The sale was made through a Stamp Compang of Philadelphia, to whom the stamp had been shown by a son-in-law of the owner.

Only three of these local stamps are known to be in extstence. The other three stamps, however, were printed on a buff wove paper, while the stamp just sold is printed upon oce of a grasish blue color.

A person concerning whom we indulged in a little sermonette in these columis recently objects to use the use of the word "ungrateful." Referring to my notes I tind that the word as written was "ungraceful,' the printer by some uncanny method khown only to himself, having changed it to the former. While my chirography is only slightly worst than that of the genial publisher, the printer is addicted to playing sad navoc with my "English as she is wrote.'

The stamp season of 1907-1908 has witnessed but few births in philatelle journalism. As time goes on the rast number, relatively speaking, of ephemeral literature on collecting subject decreases steadily.

It is a matter of regret that the issue of Mr. DeKay's paper has been
postponed untll January 1909. We have recelved No. 1, Vol. 1 of "DeKay's Stamp Circular," containing a goodly amount of chatty philatelic matter. The subcription price is but ifteen cents a year, and no doubt it will be succeeded next year by "The Philatelic Tribune." The "Stamp Circu'ar"' is the official organ of the "National Philtelle Association," a society that offers quite an inovation in the way of small dues. The dues are but fifteen cents yearly.

No 3, Vol. 1, of "Fads and Hobbies," a small paper published in Chi. cago, has been received. As the name indicates it represents more than one hobby. Stampic news and notes are, however.given quite a little space.

Announcements of a monthly journal, under able management, have been received from Denver, Colo. Philately is very progressive in the Western part of the country and collectos are expecting "something good.'"

## The Postmer of the 40 's

The postage stamps of the independent mail companies which did a letter carrying business 1 rom 1812 to 1845 are interesting and some of them are rare. These conccris differed from the local delivery companies in the fact that their operations instead of being confined to a city's fimirs, reached out to otiner cities of a state or to other states.

Thes jncluded Hale $\&$ Co., the American Letter Mall Co., Overton \& Co., Hartford Majl, Pomeroy \& Co.. W Wyman, Letter Express, Hoyl's Letter Express and Brainard \& Co. All came into being,it is said, through the inability of the government at this period to handle the postal business of this country. So good was their service that they compelled the United State; to improve its service and reduce its rates.

Pomeroy \& Co., who organized a letter express service between Albany and Buffalo in 1843 , issued a postage stamp of one design but including five minur varieties, in blue, black and yellow. This was a rather large rectangular stamp, bearing the portrait of a woman. A round the portrait on a la. bel were the words "Pomeros's Letter Express." At the top in very small letters were the words "Eree Stamp," while at the bottom was " 20 for a Dollar," single stamps cost 6 cents each.

The rarest of the Pomeroy stamps is the one printed in gellow, from whish the denom nation has been erased. This stamp, when used is worth $\$ 30$ in the conditon. The red stamp is valued at $\$ 10$ unused and $\$ 25$ when cancelled.
W. Wyman who went into the mail carrying business in 1844, carrying letters between Boston and New York, issued one stamp which was of the denominatinn of 5 cent. It was printed in black and the design consisted of a square, in the center of which was an old style lozomotive hauling one car. At the top was "W. Wyman, 8 Court St., and 3 Wall St.," and at the bottorn "20 Stamps for One Dollar." Altnough the black on white stamp is the only one known, Mr. Wyman is on record as sajing that one variety of his stamps was printed in blue. The black stap is worth $\$ 10$ unused and $\$ 7.50$ used; one in blue would bring a very much higher price.

Overton and Co., who started in 1844 and operated a mail service between Boston and Philadelphia, used four varietes of stamps of two gederal types. They were printed in straw color, pink and green. The chief device on both types showed a pigeon carrying a letter'in the center of a circular
stamp about the size of a dime, around the edge being "Overton \& Co., Letter Express."

The straw colored stamp is valued at 440 , either used or unused, the stamp with the small pigeon printed in green, being catalogued at $\$ 15$. The green stamp showing large pigen, with the word "Free" underneath, is valued at $\$ 50$ in both conditions, while the one in pins, the rarest of the series, is worth from $\$ 50$ upward.

The stamps of Hale \& Co. of Boston embraced a greatei number of varieties than thise of any of the other companies, there being nine different stamps of the denomination of tive cents, in colors of red and blue. The design, which embraces two tyres, was an octagon covered with letters. The central envelope on one type was inscribed, "Hale \& Co., 13 Court St, Boston'" while the second type was the same but the short address was omitted. Hale \& Co. were credited with having 110 ottlees, among which were branches in New York, Boston, Philadeplhia, Baltimore ard Detroit. The firm was organized in the latter part of 1841. The rarest of their stamps is now valused at $\$ 50$.

The Hartford mail. which was organized in 1844 did a business between Hartford, Boscon and New York. Their stamps were stmple in design and there were two varieties, black on pink paper and black on yellow paper, the former of tive cent denomination and the latter of ten cents.

The stamp was a trifie over half an inch square and showed a man with a package on his shoulder and taking long strides. The stamp printed on piok paper, is valued at $\$ 20$ and the one printed on yellow paper at $\$ 50$.

The American Letter Mail Co., was formed in 1844 and did business in Massachusets, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvanla. It's stamps embraced 3 varieties of two general types.

The Brst showed an eagle facing to the left, with expanded wings, and the inseription "The A merican Letter Mall Company." This stamp is worth $\$ 35$ used. The second stamp shows an eagle facing to the right, and is smaller.

Onty ove stamp was issued by Brainard \& Co. It was printed in black and blue on white paper' and was circular in shape,showing around the edge "Brainard \& Co., N. Y. 58 Wall St." This company carried letters between New York, A lbany and Troy. The blue variety is valued at $\$ 15$ when used.

Five varieties of stamps were used by the Letter Express, which was the Western connectioon, starting at Buffalo, by wnich Pomeroy \& Co, sent letters to Chicago and other points. One type of these stamps was circular, the central design showing a soldier advancing with an American flag in ode hand and a drawn sword in the other. The 10 cent denomination of thts type printed iu scarlet is worth $\mathbf{\$ 3}^{3} 0$.

Another type is oblong and shows a woman seated upon boxes of merchandise, with a sailing vessel in the background. Around the border is "Letter Express Free". This stamp was in white, pink and green of the denomilnation of 5 cents, the first of the three being valued at 815 , used or unussed.

Hogt's Letter Express issued a scrall type set stamp of plaln design in 1844. It was rectangular in shape with an ornamental border and bore the inscription "Hoyt's Letter Express to Rochester." It was vermillion in color and is valued at 825.

## DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRV


> () uestions relative to stamps will be answeres in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a $2 c$ stamp must accompany each letter con. taining questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage thust be included beside the fee above provided for.
L. G. DORPAT. Box 37 . Wayside. Wis.

1872-Philadelphia Series K. (This I have not yet seen, aud consequently it was not yet described in the WEST. Mr. Sterling describes it as follows): "Head of Washington to left, in central oval frame. inscribed, 'United States Internal Revenue' Oblong dtsign Fine lathe-work supporting at right and left ends oval desigu with words at top, 'Two'; in cen ter (2); at base 'Cents'. Sizde $8 \pm 33 \mathrm{~mm} .{ }^{\mathbf{x r}}$ Colors-Bronze, blue, butf, drab, gray, lemon, orange, deep orange. olive, pink, purple, and riolet, on white and various colored papers.'" (There is but ote variety mentioned). Nos. 150 to 161 , price 10 cents to $\$ 1.00$.

1875-Philadelnia Series L. (Our 7th design). $=$ This also is found in many colors on a variety of papers. A $2 d$ variety is onl; an oddity caused by idaccurate work of the perforating machine. Nos atif to 177 . The prices range from 15 cents to $\$ 1.50$.

1874 - Boston Series M. (Not'yet described) Mr. Sterling gives the following characteristics: "Small head of Washington to left in circle. Band inscribed 'United States Internal Revenue'. At right and loft connecting circle with large (2) in center, and cords in bands above and below. "Two cents, Two cents' size $69 \times 32 \mathrm{~mm}$. Colors-bronze, buff, orange, and deep orange, on white and fanty safery"paper" Nos. 179 to 181. price unused \$1.00, used $\$ 25$ each.

18:4-Boston Series N. (Our 17th design) Eagle and Monitor. No's 182 to 185 price 25 cents to $\$ 1.50$

1874-Sr. Lomis Series O. Nade by the St. Louis Lithographing Co., Liberty head, flying hair, facing left, with pole aind cap, in central oval. Buckled band inseribed 'United States Internal Revenue'. In center of band, at left (2); at right, (2). At sides, circular design of twocent piece. At left, obverse of coin, 'In God we Trust'-'18it'; at right, reserse of coln, 'States of America'-'2 Cents'; bojond, at ends, 'Two (2) Cents.' Size $73 \times 36 \mathrm{~mm}$ Colors Bronze and bar, on white and blue papers." Nos. 186 and 187 , price $\$ 100$ to $\$ 350$.

Summary: 15 different designs of 2 cts. stamps issued 1865 to $7 \overline{5}_{\text {r }}$ used until 1882. One design of 1898. Very many minor varieties, if every change, color, form, of document and value of baak be considered.

We have to thavk Nr. E. R. Vanderhoof, 1328 Grant Ave, Denver, Colorado. for the following:

19th design. Small head of Washington to left. It is identical with Mr. Sterling's "Boston Series M." and resembles both, our 2d design which is Mr. Sterling's "New York G." and our $12{ }^{\prime h}$ design, whlch is Mr. Ster. ling's "Philadelphia I,', espectally the former.

Through the kinduess of Mrs. Vanderhoof, Mr. Robert Mac Milian ( 4320 Grant Str., Umaha, Nebr., ) and others we cab list the following:
The Cook County Naf. B. Of Chiexgo, Chrcago, Ills. (check) 187t 19th design

The Importers and Traders Nat. B of the City of, New York, New York (oheck) 1872 lst desiga
The Franklin Bank, Third Nat. Bank of Chicago

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1) Union Nat. Bank of Chicago Prst Nat. Bank of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ills Nat. City Bank of Ottawa. First Nat. Bank of Central City, Central City, Col Bank of Carthage, Carthagg, Mo First Nat. Rank U. S. Depository, Denver, Col Union Bank of Dedver, Denver, Col, The Bank of North America Phlladeplinia The Farmers and Mechanics Nat. Bank, Phil. Cental Nat. Bank
The Garfield Nat. B, 23d St. \& 6th Are., N. Y. r'ritz \& Perelberg Bank of West Point, West Puint, Iowa,

The imprints on these papers are: Union Lith. Co.; Stewart, Haring \& Warren, 4371/2 Bway, N. Y; Hindle \& Jenkins. Printers, 674 Wabash Ave.: Edw. Mender, Chicago; Wm Mann, 529 Market St.., Philadelphia. (varleties \& times): Moss \& Co., Prs, Phila.; Cuvler, Page, Hoyne \& Co., Stationers, Chicago; Collier \& Cleveland, Lith. Denver, (several times \& vietles); East Si. Louls: Lehman \& Bolton, Phila.; J. Hachoelen, Phila.;

The stamp designs are not confined to any particular part of the country, and the seperal printers have used varlous ur the same papers with any or all stamp designs to print the blanks or blank forms,for bank checks etc. for any bank in any part of the country, provided the printers could secure an order from such bank.

It does not yet appear plain, whether the stamp printers furnished the paper themselves and so virtually sold the paper and stamp to other printers and stationers, or wnether the other printers and stationers (or in fact any body who chose to) firulshed the papers and had the stamps printed to order by the stamp printing establishments. Another possibility ls that the government ordered stamps and paper from certain firms and sold it to banks, priuters and stationers. Who can tell, how it was done?

Mr. J. N. T. Levick, 24486 th Str., New York City. sends'a check of The Cerman American Bank, New York, (with imprint) 187-3d design.

The imprint of the Graphic Co New York, is right under the stamp and in the same color. The paper on which the check is printed is pale vinlet (lavender) laid paper. The check form is black bears the imprint'of Croker © Telfer, stationers, 9 ; Warren St., N. Y.

By the kindness of the same gentleman we can non list our 20th design: It is the same as Stirling's St. Louis Series O. Nos. 186 and 187 on blue lald paper and may besi be recogbized by the picture of the U. S. Two Cent Piece forming part of the design. The check before me is of Preston, Kean $\mathbb{S} \mathbf{C o}$, Baukers, 187- (no place stated).

Mr. Levi, k also sends a long list of Statiguers and Printers whose 1 im prints he found on checks in his collection, but says he thinks that nobody would collect them. in which I agree with him, though with the modicfialion that, if anyone desires to collect all the stamped checks used by angone bauk, it will be of much interest to note the manufacturers.

Besides that the very great number of check priuters imprints demonstrate that any printer, or in fact any body who chose to, might order the blank stamped paper and print on it anything desired, while the stamps pruer could be printed by specjal $U$. S. agencies only like the Graphic Co. of New York mentloned above and the other agencies named in Sterling catalogue and mettioned some time ago.

It will be remembered that Mr. Sterling lists an imprint of the American Phototype Co. with the New York Series R. No. 75 and 76. (our 5th design). This imprint is quite lengthy and says: "This Company. undar contract with the Internal Revenue Stimps on the following vouchere, viz:" and then comes a long list of documents on whith stamps could be printed.

Note: The Query No. 3.52, about bank checks nas taken up so much of our space, that other queries have been crowded out and our printer, probably thinking there were not enough questions and answers dropped the name of this department entirely. Yet we have no intention of aboilshing it. Queries have been answered by letter, as is usually done when postage is enclosed, and now we shall return to our former way of conducting the department. All kinds of questions relating to stamps. stamp collectors or stamp matters are always welcome. We hase now reached the tooth query and bnpe 10 reach the 800th in due ime
400. How can the Lithogiaphed and engraved stamps of Paraguay (Scott's A. 25) 19012 be distinguished from each other?-Besides the general distinctions between lithographs and engravings there is the peculiarity, that in the lithographed stamps the lion has its mouth open, whlle in the angravad slamps the wouth is closed. Lithographs are flat, more or less blurred: engiaved stamps show the colors brighter, and the finest lines are sharp and in ridges on the paper.
401. Can you give me the addresses of collectors of U. S. Precanceled stamps?-Yes. There is my own. Then there is Mr. B.. II. Wilson, 1102 ${ }^{1}$ tht Str., Rock Island, Ills.-Mr. E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn. If the readers of the WEST help me a little, l shall soon be able to give you more.
402. Where are the headquarters for U. S Revenue stamp collectors? -There are several. For the readers of the WEST Mr. F. A. Brown of East Peru, Iowa, is the mau at present. Mr. Chas. Nast. and Mr. O. T. Hartman and Mr. E. R. Vanderhoof, all three gentlemen of Denver, Colorado, are very much Interested in U. S. Revenues. Then there is the Metropolitan Fiscal Association with Mr. Wm. C. Polk of Arnolds Mills, R. I., as Secretary-Treasurer. There is the veteran E. B. Sterling, 94l Edgewood Ave., Trenton, N. J. Finally I may mention che Spring feld Stamp Club of Springfield, Mass., with Messrs Stone, Prevost, Curtis. Hartlett and Munroe in their Committey on Publication. Any of these men will be able to give you more and better information than I can.
403. Where can I sell mp collection to the best advantage? That is impossible for me to say But a good way to sell is to make use of some societies Sales Department, as for instance the C. C. C. Stamp Sales Department under the direction of Mr. Lucas A. Van Foor 2418 Walnut Are. Milwaukee, Wis. Of coure you would have to join the club but then you get other advantages besides the rossibility of selling your stamps. You get the printed wants and offers of about 2500 collectors every three months and have the advantage of corresponding with collectors in all parts of the world. If
gour collection is good, you might sell it by auction or by advertising it in the WEST.
404. What is the best kind of hinges for mounting stamps?-I decidedly prefer the "peelable" to any other that I have tried.
405. What stamp papers are published in the United States at present? -All that I remember at the present time, are Mekeel's Weekly, Stamp News, Redteld's Stamp Weekly. Chicago Cillector's Monthly, The Stamp Journal of Denver, the Metropolitan Philatelist and last but not least,' The Philatelic West. There is quite a number of other papers that have stamp departments. but they are not all known to me. If any of our readers will be so kind, I would $f$ fel much obliged to them for making me acquainted.

406 Are all watermarked stamps worth more than those without watermark? No. The value depends oll the remand and rarity, not on the watermark, or anpthing else in itself, except good condition.

352 By the kindoess of Mr. Louis Desmarais, Jr., of Opelousas, La , I can list the following:
Thatcher, Stanley \& Co., Bankers, Central City, Colo., check 1872 8th design Greensburg Deposit Rank of Lloyd Huff \& Co. Greensburg, Pa. 1870 12th " Denver Natiodal Bank, Denver. Colo. Greensburg Banking Co., Greensthurg, Pa. First Nat Bank of Denver U. S. Depositoy Merchants and Mechanjes Bank, Leadville, Col., First Nat. Bank of Central City, Central City.Col.,(var) Colorado Nat. Bank, U. S. Depository, Denver, " " 1878.80 " Exchange Bank of L. E Southwick, Friend, Neb ", ", 1883 ", Nath'l Young \& Co. Bankers, Central City, Colo " " 1872 6th "

This last has the inscription, "Good only for bank Check" across the lower part of the stamp and is the sawe as that which I called the 15th design in the January number of the WEST.

Notes: Mr. F. T. Morgan of Victoria, B. C. was so kind as to send me several stamped checks of England and New Zealand. Thes are all embossed, some in color (vermillion). some without color. The values I have seen are 1 penny, 3 shillings and 6 shillings.

In Senf's "Illustr. Briefmamen-Journal" No. 699 I see an offer of stamped papers from Great Britain ( $18 \bar{c} 0-1870$ ) and from the Argentine Republic, coming from Prof, Richter's collection, and showing that there are other people, besides those in the WES I'S family who take an interest in and collect stamped papers.

Walter Morley in his Morley's Phil. Journal, offers a lltte book "Em. bossed Deed Stamps of Great Bricain," Part I. by F. G. C. Lunds, for the small sum of six cents (3d)

35̃2. We have to thank Mr. Walter Bain, of St. Louis, Mo., (40t5 Bo. tanical Ave.), for lending the following papers:
First Nat. Bank, Philadelphia, like adhesive Franklin Savings Institution, St Louls, Boatmen's Savings Institution, St. Louis Davis County Savings Bank, Junction City, Kans The Valley Nat. B ank of St. Louis, St. Louis The Mechanics Bank, St. Lovis, Mo
(To be continued).

## Un-Perforated Postage Stamps

 $B_{y} \bar{G}$. R. SharpIIt is interesting to note what the "United States Otielal Postal Guide' for 1908 has to say in regard to unperforated postage stamps. It says is part:--

The Department is prepared to issue postage stamps withont the usual perforation, when desired in that form for sale to the putble for use in automatic stamp attising or stamp rending machines

The unpertoraten stamps are in sheets of 400 each. They are tssued to postmasters in lots of 10:000 stamps or mulifiples of 10,000 of each denomina. tion desired

The postmastert should not make requisition tor unperforated stamps unless he has satisfactory assurance that at least 10.000 stamps of each denomination ordered wili the sold within a reasonable time.

Unperforated stamps nay be sold to he publie in any quantity not less than a sheet of 400; but postmasters will net be supplied with such stamps to be sold for use on mailings to be dispatched from other than their own postoffces.

Postmasters will not... ." chasets that the unperforated stamps shonid be cut apart accurately, as mut., ated stamps are not valid for postage.

## COUNTRIES WITHOUT STAMPS.

There have been before now postage stamps such as these of Sedang, which had $a$ country attached to them, but it is surprising to tind irom 2 recpr. . . . ies in "The Siamp Collector's Fortalghtly" how very few countrets of any jmportance at all there are which have no stamps. Excluding 3a. age states in Cential Africa and one or two rather rague places on the northern frontier of India and in the Malay Pewinsula, there seem to te only Thibet, Morcco, Oman, a Sultanate of some rretentions in Arabia, and Andorra and Lichtenstein in Europe. Andorra miptit certainly turn' an honest penny by issuing a set of stamps even as the still scaller republic of San Marino does and we wonder that Lichtensteln has walted so mang gears. A set of Morocco, may be regarded as a philatelic certainty before long, and tnere is a chance that Onan will follow cuit, leaving no considerable counttry wi* any pretensions to civilization w.n-- rided with its uru postage


It Is easy to foresee the probable okject ions to a collection of Pletorials. Such a coll-tion would be interesting, but would it be a good investmeat? we can far $y$ the shrewd ones asking. There is really no reason why a collection $c$ this kind should prove an unprotitable undertaking, it only it be Lept as free as pessible from utter rubbish. There wr'd be two ways of ensuring this-either by collecting only the pictoria. issues of the Britsh Empire, or, if the whole world be taken, by collecting specimens of stamps of the "made for collectors" class in postally used condition onlg. - Hobbles.

It is a high tribute to philstely that the Australlan Commonwealth Stamp Committee counts umong its members one who was appolnted for being a philatelist, Mr. Easset Hull, a gentleman whose name sounds well in Australlan Philatelic clreles.


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Froperty of $\mathbf{C}$. F. Alkire, Mt. Sterliug. Ohio


Pat Ryan and some Indians of his at the Pan AmericanExDosition


An Australian Museum of Native Weapons


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Among :ate samples of postcards ard the silhouette or shadow picture cards, 16 in series, very comical and ifch in humour as seev In the Val. sets. These have been advertised in the WEST for some time by P Martin Chtesgo, III, II. S A. Annther odd and interenting series are the Couboy carde -character studies in Wash drawings. photrgraveurs in pppla duo tone. These cards will the considered a curicsity in later gears, for like unto the Indian and buffalo, the cowbny days are numbered. These are sold by $J$. Parry. Publ. Denser, Colo. Both have had ads in the WeS'r.

Thaving recelved some pratty cards from Wisconsin, and since I'm a bred and born Wisconisn gill and have resided in the dear old state almost my lifetime I neiuraliv want in mention a few thitgs aholit the history and thiops of interest on the cards of Prairie du Cheri. There is perhaps no spot on the upper Mitssissirpl. !ound which so mang historte assrciaions clus. ter as the old ctty already mehilif ned. It is pirtureqquely kcated on the riser with an air of quaintness and entranceing charm amid landscapes and mountainlise blufs. On one card we see the ruins of Fort Crawford, and other glimpses of some old historic ruin. Perhape it is in this day the abld. ing plare of the Canadian-French, the first settlers. or old Mominion famllies. For many sears after the discorery fo the "great River" by Father Marquette in 1679 thls locality was often visited by the e ly traders and voyagers who frequently wintered here as it was then well known as an lndlan village, the chief of whlch was Allm, meanlay the dog, or in the F'rench lankuage, Chten, hence the appelation, La Prairie des Chien, meaning the Prairle of the Dogs, which in the preseut day has been modifled to Pralrie du Chied. In the gear 1780 a western tradiag point and supply depot became necessary. To meet this end, several French traders attracted by the natural advantages of the "prafile" selected it for a permanent settlement.

Having some very interesting Mexican views we will have a glimpee of Yexico, the mecca of dearly all tourist who visit this Interesting country. The City of Mexico situated on a plateau within sight of the grand soow. capped peazs of Popocatepetl and Iztaceihnatl. with ita anclent cathedrals
and noble palaces, show a splendor and glory of the past, a glory that was not new when Corte $\iota$ viewed this ancient city of the Aztecs from the pinnacle of their lofty temple. Perhaps the most appalling features or scenes which mar the perennial verdure and beautiful plazas and every other view, is when we come to think about the horrifying bull fights which eveats are well pictured on the post card as seen from the crowded amphitheater, the bull Bghters in their costumes and other parts of the performances as well. These sceues are more definite than anything we cruld read upon the subject. What nust it be to witness, and what must be the character of a people whose chief amusement is a dight of this sort? To witness repeatedly a spectacle that develops all the brutality in one's gature can bot but have its effect upon natural life. Bull tigrts occur only on Sundays and feast days, which seems all the more appalling. Honest effurts have been made to suppress this cruel sport.and laws enacted, only to be repealed by the masses for this popular entertainment.

From the old city of Monterey show many picturesque views, amung 'them the Bishops' Palace, a picturesque ruin situated on a high hill which commands a tine view of the city. It is here the battle of Monterey was fouhgt. under Gea. Tay lor in 1846. Another interesting eity depicted on cards is Saltillo It is here we see the penitentiary, and other note worthy buildings. It was near here the battle of Buena Vista was fuught in $18+7$.

Ferd, Ingold Card Co., Monroe. Wis., U. S. A. are again offering their rich assortment of the choicest and latest cards for a very reasonable price, especially tho: e sold for the holidays at less than any other dealers. The holiday subjects are grand reproduced io Watercolors hand painted, other with glossy pearl finish, silk inlay, silk relief, bronze, trans, suow, gilt and tinsel. These cards are all heautiful subjects and would sell for a quarter aplece at any other dealer. Ferd, Ingold can sell these cards so low as 5 e and 100. He is the largeit Manuf. designer, importer and publ. of post cards io the $U$. S A. Iligh grade fancy cards is his specialty. Among his novelties are many which canont be secured from any other dealer in this country. A mong then are seen fowers made of real silk, raised with silk background giviog it a most natural appearance; birds and butterflies made from real feathers, all kinds of birds, etc ; flowers and sceneries with natural dew drops, snow frost and all sorts with the finished already mentioned. When writing to this tirm be sure you mention the Pallatelic WES $\Gamma$ and Camera News.

Just as long as people travel and enjog sight-seeing and wish their friends were with them, just so long will the pict are post card be used to tell of their trip, and the same is true of the exchange of post cards by inembers of postcard clubs. There may be heavy and light seasous, and some dealers may have an attack of stage fright now and then, but the post ciard business will go on forere.

One of the best features of photo postcard work is that any size camera or kodak may be used to make the negative with, aud with the proper shaped mask any ote person in a group photograph may be singled out and printed on the post card in a few minutes.

## A Kolumn fot Kansas Kollectors

## By George J. Remsburg'

Mrs. S. E Cummings, of Wichita, has on exhtbition at the Langdon Awning Factory, in that city, an interesting curiosity in the shape of a tooth of some extinct monster,in all probability of a mastodon. The tooth weighs six pounds and is as large as a man's head. It was found by Mrs. Cummings' son, Rollo Cummings, while hunting in a deep canjon in Montana this winter. Mrs. Cummings has been offered sereral tempting sums for the specimen, but refuses to part with it.

The Atchison Globe says that Walter Berry was digging it a sand bank near Sugar lake one day receutly and found a set of deer horns. It was on the Iden place, south of the Armour ice house The horns were about four feet underground. Berry figures that the deer that carried the horns must have died a hundred or more sears age. They are in a rare state of preservation.
E. F. Monahan, instructor in Zoology in Baker university, and W. D. Green, class of 1907, hase returned from a rip to the Northwest, where they have been collecting birds, mammals, plants and insects for the museum of natural history The expedition was sent out last May. $A$ tine group of large animals, such as bears, deer, wolves, mountain goats and mountain lions were brought in. This is the first of a series of similar expeditions which Professor Parmeter is planning to send out.
W. E Lumb, of Alta Vista. is said to possess a beatififully printed copy of the celebrated Genevan edition of the scriptures, popularls known as the "Geneva Bible." It was printed and puolished in 1599, ard has been in the possession of the Lumb family fur 303 years. It is known in history also as the "Breeches Bible" from the fact that the werd "apron" in the Garden of Eden episode is translated "breeches." The Geneva edition was translated and published in Geneva by Engish refugees, who fled from England to Switzerland in order to escape the horrible persecutions of "bloody Queen Marg' and the volume referred to owes is existence to the devotion and heroism of those noble souls who endured the loss of all things for conscience sake.

Jasper Coffey and Robt Teichman recently excavated an ancient Indian mound on the Coffey farm two miles south of Atchison. The skeletons of several Indians which were badly bunned and decased were exhumed. Henry Eiche has discovered avother mound in the same locality which will be thoroughly explored by the editor of this column, very shortly, and the results will be given the readers of the WEST.

Capt Philip E. Chappell, who had made a thorough studg of the Iudians and earls history of Kansas and Missouri, and had written much on these subjects and archaeology, died at his home in Kansas City recently at the age of 70 years. Mr. Chappell was an old Missourl River steamboat man and was considered the best authority on the navigation of that stream. He was the author of "A History of the Missouri River."

If you don't see what gou want in the WEST, ask the publisher for it. Remember, suggestions for bettermenc are alwass gladly received.

## The Core Bird-by Glen M. Hathorn, A. M.

The English Sparrow, since Irs introduction into the United States in 1850, has increased so alarmingly in numbers that they have long been considered a nuisance, and what effect their further increase will have upod our eative birds can only be conjectured.

But a greater ecemy among our feathered inhabitants, and one that is not so well known, is the Cowbird. a bird that neither makes a nest of its own, or cares for its young when hatched. The female doposits her exg in the nest of some smaller blrd when the owner is absent, and thrusts the du: : ties of hatching it and caring for the young upon the owners of the nest,tris -being the predominate evil which makes this species a very undesirable summer resident.

Somenne has stated that every Cowbird is reared at the expense of at deast three song oirds, and anyone familiar with this oird can no doubt testify tu the accuracy of this assertion, and many instances of the sagacity of the Yellow Warbler building double nests in order to cover up, (even at the expense of her own), eygs of this species, are quite common.

It would be very iuteresting to note whether or not the female Cowbird deposits mure thau one egg in the same nest, but how this data could be obtained is a question.

This calls to mind a case which I discovered in 1893 . On the 12 ch of May I found a nest of a Chewink which contained three eggs, and I decided t) leave the in in order to secure the set, bat upon my nest visit to the dest 1 discovered there were seven eghs, and as only two days had intervened between this and my former visit. I knew that there should have been but tive ceggs at the most. I further discovered that trey were nct Chewinks eggs at all, but weie Cowbirds eags, and the three eqgs found in the nest on the 12th had beell removed, (a well known trait of this species), and seven Cowbilds egys had been deposited in two days; sarely this was quick work. Another seassn ! found the nest of a:n 3 merican Redstart in a small patch of hazel orush in a deep woods There were two young Redstarts and one young Cowbird in the nest,and as 1 approached the latter had one of the Redstarts upon its back trjing to throw it out of the nest, but the poor motherless crealure dever succerded, aud has not yet awakened to tell us what it dreamed aboul.

From the atove it will readily be seen that the Cowbird is not a very cesirable citizet, and uvety means to check their increase should be exerted.

Their egks and young shoutd be destroyed whenever found, and the Audubon society, through its otticial urgan, should so instruct its members.

Postal Showers. "Postal showers" form the newest method of disturb. ing the peace of couples on thier honeymoons. The plan was devised by a matl fund of a 'practical joke' and his suggestion found ready and wide acceptance. Though honeymooners seek to кeep secret the itinerary of their weddity trips they naturally tell their nearest relanives where they are going. Of course a member of the family always whispers that segret to auother and tinally a persistent/s inquisitive person gets the Itinerary and proceeds to make life miserable for the couple. Scores of postal cards, with as many silly sentiments written thereon are sent to the hotels where the couple will stop.

## Our Early Geological Fublications "Era"

The papers upon geological subjects contributed by Samuel Webster, Samuel Deane, Benjamin Lincoln and Jaremy Bel snap in the memoirs of the American Asademy of Arts and Sciences tor 1785 are probably the first published articles upon the geoloigeal sutijects which appeared in this country.

The transactions of various philosophical and scientide society of the latter part of the elghteenth century accasionally contained short articles upon minieralgy, discovery of fossil remains (one paper in 1799 Transactions of the American Philosophical society beling from the pen of no less a personake thin the president of the Uoited States-Thos Jefferson) and other subjects which are nearly akio to geological study, but it was not until 1807 that the birs volume devoted entirely to the subject appeared in a thick little dua decimo volume if sume flye hundred pages by Dr. James Mease which rejniced in tha somormus title "A Geolopical Account of the United States, Comprehending in short Description of their Animal, Vegatable, and Mineral Prodections. Antiquities and Curiosities." This work was dot such that it made wuch impress oithe scientific"world and Willam Maclure's "Obserpations on the Geolo $y$ of the Uuited States" is usually given the place of ho:or as the first "srandard" American geological work.

Wm. Maclure, who has been styled the father of A merican Geology was born in Ayr, Scotiaud in liou3. At the close of the Revolutionry War he pisited America, and became so impressed with the country that in 1796 he removed to Philadelphia, in the meantime having accumulated a comfortable fortune in Lundon. He became an American citizen and soon allied himself with the Philadelphla Academy of science, being in Dec. 1817 elected president, which office he held for twenty-two years, and to which institution he vequeatred his valuable library and $\$ 25,000$. He died at San Angel, Mexico, March 23, 1840.

I pin my falth to the riew card because as long as people admire beautiful avd interesting scenery their nature is soconstituted that they almost invariably desire to share their appreciation with others, and it is on this principle alone that the enormous postcard trade of the world is founded. Not eseryone, however. apprectates a beautiful landscape; their opportunities may have been small, their horizon a narrow one, bounded perhaps by the town in which they live, the street in which they reside, the factory or ottice in which they work But if their eyes are blinded to the beauties of mour tain and stream, of meadow or seascape. they ard probably the more open to that other section of nature which is called "human," and this again extends to the animal kingdom, whether wild or domesticated, though generally speaking domesticated animals prevall to the extent of nine tenths over those in a wild state. To reduce these abstract ideas to practical fact, I mean to say that those who do not care much for view cards will probably be interested in pictures of actresses, of children, or of animals.

Collectors of old lonen may be interested to learn that a tablecloth wiich formerly belonged to the Great Duke of Wellington, has just been lost in convegance between Apsley Ilouss and the Jaundry. The tablecloth has been valued at $\$ 750$ and heavy damages haye been accorded to the Duke for its loss.


From Mr. Chas. Vogel of Cleveland I have received news of a mound in Cleveland Ohio. This mound is situated at 2762 East 53 r . St., on the property of J. G. Hobbie, president of the Central listitute Co.

Boys digging in the loose earth brought to light a skull and several smaller bones. A Central high school student discovered the well preserved leg bones of a steleton and also dug up four tine arrow heads. Forty years ago the mound was identified and described by Charies Whittlesey, who ex. plored it to some extenti by tunneling to the canter. Copoer beads and a stone pipe unlike anfthing proviouslr discovered were found at that time and placed in the Historical Museum. Mr Whatlesey contidently predicted that other relles of great archiconkical value would be found if the mound was thoroughly explored [eall Mathews, es, cunve secretary of Western Reserve University, who is superintending the present excavations is enthusiastic over the discovery, and says. "The skill is tindoubtedly many houdred years old, and from its shape wonld say that it belonged to one of the 'broad heads' of primitive days. The teth are worn down indicating that the man was old. The mound was no doubr, built for burial purposes and there shouk be valuables found in some pocket near where the bones were interred. Secretary Mills of the Ohio IIstorical and Archeological Society is expected to take charge of the work later on.

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## Notes of Interest to the Book and Manuscript Collectar by Verna eeleston Hanway

(Continued from last issue.)
I cannot refrain from quating a few pertinent remarks from an excel. lent article, "Autograph Talk."
"Evervbndy wants the star pifces." Washington, Lincoln. Grant, Poe, Hawthorne, Longfellow, and people of that class and pases by the minor names. This competition on a few names drises trem up to high prices, and corrrespondingly depresses the others. * * * It is rather an evidence of a shallow education to nave only the best kiown pieces. It looks as if one did not know of the other good men who failed to attalo great notoriety.

The other day I asked Charles F. Burns, the veteran dealer, why autograph collecting had declined. He sa,d it. was due to the absurd prices paid in competition by the 'Ignorant rich' at acctions, and to the high prices reported as paid at private sales by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Bibxy, and others, with more money than koowledge of values. This had. he thought, frightened persons of moderate means from collecting.

Collectors stay awa/ fron auction sales fearing that the prices will be toce is $n$ for them, and later they learn that. their wants sold for one half what they would have been glad to pay. No attention should be paid to foolish newspaper reports. They may or may uot be true, and if true they have no bearing on the real values.

There is something sacred abour. a document that has come from the hands of Washington, or other great men of the past. It should not be degraded to a matier of dollars and cents. All have a contempt for the in who boasts of the money his collections cost him."

From the same joumal I quote the prices raid for cerrain documents at recent sales. A signed autograph by Marie Corelli, \$t on One by Rudyar Kipling \$3 25, while various papers by Andrew Jackson, Henry Spencer, and Wm. Thackery sold for $\$ 140, \$ 300$, and $\$ 18.25$ respectively.

At a sale Nov. 8 lh , at Sotheby, Wilkioson and Hodges' an A. L. S. (au-ograph letter signed) of Charles I realized $\$ 280.00$. An autog:aph letter by Washington relating to the capture of Prince William Fensy sold in November at Dals and Harvey's Philadelphla, for 2250 on. An A. L. S. bs Martha Washington for 815.00 , and one hy Alerander Hamilton for $\$ 130.00$

## Autograph Notes by "Era"

At an auction sale in London a gear ago, a number of autographic papers originating with parties prominent in French revolutionary days changed hands. A mong these papers was a letter dated 1797 sfgned by Napoleon which sold at $\$ 20$. Another one dated $180 \pm$ bought $\$ 2875$, an autograph letter of J. J. Guillotin, the i:sreutor of the machine which ended the career of so many of the prominent characters of those stormy days brought si 57, a document signed by Marie Antoinette sold at $\mathbf{8 2 3} \mathbf{0 0}$, an autugraph letter of Josephine, Napoleon's tirst. cousort went at $\$ 1500$. an autograph letter of Louis XXVI brought 821.co autoraph latters of seveal of the mar: shals were also sold, that of Bernadotte brioging\$ 525 , Dd Saix $\$ 1575$ Oudinot $\$ 4.75$, Drouet $\$ 10.50$. These documents were frow the collection of the late Frederick Baker.

A Nep York dealer offers a rare autograph letter of William Cowper, the famous English poet written in 1786 in which he sajs "I am at present occupied in a very lone and laborious work, a translation of Homer." The price asked is $\$ 2500$.

The same dealer also offers a signature of Governor Edward Winslow of the Plymouth Coloug, dated 1639. The signature is said to be the one taken from his family Bible, under which circumstances the price avked- $\$ 1000-$ would seem to be exceudingly low.

An autograrh perse:
"Let Erlin remember the dass of old,
Ere her failhless sons betrajed her,
When Malachi wore the collar of gold.
Which he wou from the prond invader"
written by Thomas Moore, the Irish poet in 1847 is considered as worth $\$ 7.50$ by its owner. An autograph letter from the same author is held at $\$ 3.50$.

Autograph letters of artists, poers, and lierary men appear to be going up in value. Sixteen lots of autograph letters, including those of Thackery, Charles Dickens. Thomas Carlyle, addressed to Mrs. Gore, the novelist, sold for $\$ 180$ quite recently, aud at the same sale portions of two autograph songs went for $\$ 150$

At the sale of Lord Rrampron's books last month. Hee guineas was paid $\$ 25$ for a set of the "Newgate Calendar." that fascinating record of old crimes and criminals. Other records of the tamous judge were sold, good prices being realised.

A far from perfect copy of The Complete Aupler'' was sold at Auction in Londou recently for $\$ 500$ At the same sale a Prager Book of E.Jward VI., dated 1522 , reallsed $\$ 410$ aud several autograph letters f Dryden were knocked down to the purchaser at $\$ 915$.

The Bible reputed 10 be John Milton's bought bi a wealthy American recently for $\$ 12,500$ is now said to be a doubtlull origin and the supposed signature of the poet a forgery.

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CORRECTION: No. 53 Magnus Hansen, address should be "Thuresensgade 33K "Troulsnsgade 33 K ." Copenhagen, Denmark, is published in last issue.

## WINNERS OF CONTEST NO L.

Walter Schmus, Chicago, Ill., Ist, Honorary Life Membership. Harry c. Wlider, Carthage, N. Y. 2nd: One sear paid up membership. Peter B. Carr Belleville Ililnols 3rd: one dozen colored views of the Adirondack mountains.

PRIZE CONTEST NO. 2. 1st Prize Honorary Life Membership 2nd Prize Free paid up Membership for One gear. 3rd Prize One Dozen Colored View Cards of St. Louis Mo. 'To obtain first prize get 5 new members for the Club; Second, get three new members; Third prize get 2 new members. Contest began March 11908 ạnd ends June 151908.

## DEFENCE FUND.

A defence fund shall be maintained by this club for protection of its members and any member sending another member a card and failing to recelve reply according to the time limit allowed by our oun rules, can make application to the Sec. of the club for reimbursement for cost of card plus postage on same under following conditions: No member will be reimbursed untll two other members have reported as failing to receive reply from the dishonest collector, the dishonest collecror expelled, then the ihree reporting members will be relmbursed at the same time. No member can make claim for more than 25 c for the one year of his or her membership in the club.

Dear Fellow Members:-Beginnlug witis this issue we will publish a list of honorary life members. This list will be permavent and we will be pleased to add new names from time to time. To have gour name on this means that you are worthy of the honor. or it would not be there; and to give you a chance to gain this honor we are going to have new and different contests from time to time as an inducement for gon to do some hustling for the club and at the same tlme a benent for yourself. In our new coutest it will take only fore new memhers to have your name on the Honnrary Life Membership Roll. How many of you will take advantase of this propositiunf it would be a pleasure to us to see this list hiow, but youl canot ex pect to see it do so unless you get buss. How many of you will obtain at least one new member for the cluh hefore June 15 1903? Tell your card collecting friends what your intentiuns are Nodeubt they will join the club if you will only take the time and trouble to tell then aoout it. In conclusion I will say that if each oue of the members will do that much for the club, we will soon be steppiog to tht front and the A. P. S. C. C. will be a club to be proud of. The officers cannot do all.so let us see what YOIT can do in the future.

Sincerely,
James A. Carr, Jr., Sec-Treas.


The King of Italy, who, it is nell known, possesses a splendid collection of upwards of $6^{\prime} .000$ coins hts $j$ st received as a present from President Roosevelt specimens of a new ten and cwenry dullar gold coins minted in the Unile I States recently.

It is hoped that none of our readers will tecome so wedded to their col. lection of stamus as to commit suicide, like a collector in Belpium who re. cently siffccated himself owing to the grief he felt at the accidental loss of his stamp colleciicn, which had been destroyed by fire.

Professor linyd Dawkins, of Manchester, has just succeeded in uncovering an ameient pitdwelling, found in the boulder clay near Hornsea Holderness. The cwelling is 5 fr .8 in . deep, and was found to contain some beautifully formed Hint knives and morapers, as well as stone pounders A little above the pllduflling is the rubush hap that eovered it were fonad bronze implement. which seums to indicate hat the pildwelling was that of neolithie man befure the bronce age

The Raths of Diocletian, in Romeare about to he restored. King Vic. tor Emmanuel has offered $\$ 10000$ towards the rest.ration, which it is hoped will be compleced for the celeuration of the Festival.f Rome in 1911.
Many cf our Englis? readers have doubtless been interested in looking at the old railroad engines on view in the patrit section of the South Kensington Museun, and they will be glad to learn that the London and NurthWestern Rallway Comp\&ry propose to establish an exhibition near Euston Station, in which it is intended to display rarious curjes connected with railway tavel. ing.

The famous "Shjp", of Greenwich has been closed, for a lime, at any rate. The "Ship' is interestiny to collectors of seventeenth century tokena, inasmuch as one of these traders' pirces was issued from the tavern in 1640 The whitebait dinners, for which the "Ship lnu" was unce famous, have been given up for some time past.

Steps are about to be taken to erect a local Museum in Manchetser. Manchesier is certaituly not a center in the clurio world, but there are many enthusatic anifquarians in the neighborhond who woild be plad to see the curiosities and relics of old Manchester safely housed.

An ancient burying place under a large calrn of stones at Ano aghkeen,
cour ty Gawlas, has just been opened. Several funeral urns and an old bromze dagger were found.

One of the most interestiog events recently has been the dispersal of the Middlebrook Museum, at which sale, held at Debenham and Storr's aveion rooms, some good bargains were secured by curio hunters. The great auk's egg, which Mr. Middlebrook purchased for $\$ 1545$ recently. was knocked down to the lucky purchaser at $\$ 550$. A fine oll painting by George Morland went for $\$ 13$. One of the features of the sale was the famous bugle with which the rumpeter sounded the fatal charge of Ralaclava. This bugle, which origiually cost its owner $\$ 1850$, was sold ! or $\$ 1500$, and the tamous thag of the Chesapeake, hauled down in the famous engagement in Boston Bay on June ist, 1813 reailsed $\$+250$ The readers will be pleased to learn that both the bugle and the fiag will come on this side the Atlantic.

Some old silver plate, bearing the 1629 hall mark. changed hands a few days ago at $\$ 185$ per on. A mug of Charles 11 .'s reign, dated 1684, at the same sale fetched $\$ 1250$ per oz.

The collection of old Staffordshire pottery, dispersed in London recently, realised rather disappointing figures. The average price for perfect old Starfordstire wale igures was ahout $\$ \overline{5}$ each.

A quantity of silver sauce boats, upwards of 120 years old changed hands recently at an average price of 20 c per cz Cream jugs of the same date, however, realised much betrer prices. There is quite a demand just uqw for old eighteenth century silver cream jugs. If any of our readers have specimens thes wish to dispose of now is the time to do so.

Some of our readers aprear to have mistaken ideas as to the ralue of old needlework pictures. The rug work and wool work piotures of tifty or sisty jears ago realise but small prices a hen brought under the hammer, the Hoe neediework with long threads. done anout a hundted years ago, houever realise good prices, when in fair condition.

The Berlin Lyceum Club will hold an International Eshibit tou of home industries, in February 1909.

The sale of old Serres and Dresden china collected by the late Mr. C. J. Dickins will be sold in London. One of the chipf attractions of the sale will be the beantiful "Countess de Koessel," a Dresden tigure which fetehed $\$ \mathrm{su}_{0} 000$ at Christies' last sear.

In the report of the Newcasile Society of Antiquaties. insued recently, alusion was made to excavations which have been made on the sitirs of the old camps of Apricola and Hadrian, and especially of the wall binit by Hadr'als. The well of Sr . dede at Jarruw is aboat to be preserved. It is said that this well is much older than the intreduction of Christianity by St. Bede. and that it dates frim Roman times

A shot time ago a man ploughling fin Hampshire was rewarded for his careful search when following the pluugh by tinding several sina I brass coins of Constantine the Great in good pieservation Unfortumately the majority of old coius turned up by the plonsh are so corroded by armesphere and soil thit they are scarcely recognisable although an expert can often tell by sorne familiar fearure on the obverse or reverse the perited to which they be. long. Finders should submit specimens they are in doubt ab out to an expert, who is willing to give them informalion in referelice to curlos.


EDITOXS NOTH-Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Aiso reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will beanswered as far as possible in this depi.-Forest Games]

Recently llenry Lessh caught a twelve pound pickeral and wishing to show his childreu the construction of the booes in the tish's head, had it cooked. While examining it he found what appeared to be perfectly round white pebble in the nose Mr. Lesin rosk the stone to a jeweler and was told that it was a parif which would have bsen worth at least sisty $\mathfrak{i v e}$ dollars if it had not been cooked. - Oitge, (Lowa) News.

While at work on the Milwaukee roadbed near Helena, Mont., recently, workmen uaparthed thateeth and tones of a gigantic mastodon. The largest tooth weigh; wore thai four pounts Dr. Chas $N$. Reinig, who has made many esolorattons in the wilds of suth itwerica, and who has a large collection of mascodonic relics esti nares that the animul had been dead for more than 20,000 years. l'ne fissils were found in Jaw $B$ in 3 canyon, and the theory of Dr. Reinig is that these nons!rjus aninils fisurished in these latitudes at a prehistoric period w ere tile tilting of the earth with reference to the sun had made this a tropic rejion.

A recent disparch from Elin iron. Altartic Cenada, sars that Inspec. tor A. E C. Mobimnell of the $\mathbb{R}$ yal N arthnest Mounced Pulice has returoed after suparinten ling the cutilis of tha militity tratl fo the Dominion govennment from Edmonton to Diwson City. This military highway will sood become a big factor in the opening up of an ingonsely wealthy region which was hitherto unexplored It starts at Eimo iton and fron that point a birst slass wagon road extends to Furt John on the Peace river, a distance of 500 miles The infit part of the road was unfuteresting but as soon as the party reached the R ecky mountains the disc)uery of mineral deposits conmenced. Gold. Iron ore, copper, ail. coal, asphattun molybdenum, silver, and mans other minerals were diseovery in paying qublitlei, bat were valueless ow. ng to the great distance fron civilizatim. The most valuable deposit dis. covered was gold on one of thy northarinstrenn. and Inspector McDonnell is of the opinton the discovery will surpass the K londyke for richness

Fiee gold was washed out by several of tha party which went over 9100 to the pan and in arddition several exceptlonally rich reefs of goldbearing quartz were discovered Tris inportant ruad way is but eight feet wide but 1,780 miles long an 1 will prove of inestimable value to prospectors and police who have occasion to travel the unexplored willds of Northern Canada. It. makes an All Calladian route to the Yukon asd will be used for brluging
down prisoners who would otherwise take advantage of crossing American soil Accompanying Inspector McDowell were sisteeu members of the Rojal Northwest Mounted Police who finished up the remaining 180 miles of the trail left uncompleted last winter when the weather became too severe. Next summer it is the intention of the police to extend thls road to At?in and eventually farther north, opening upa country which at the present time is practically unknown.

## Something about C. W. Rigigs

Edit or West:
In the Febuary issue of THE WEST, Mr. David B. Emert, of Dawson, Ohio, editor of the The "Aichaeological" Review, " makes inquiry concerning the whereabouts of Mr. C. W. Riggs. hunter trapper, and mound explorer. Now I cannot give Mr. Emeit the desired information, but like him, I too have lost track of Mr. Biggs and have often wanted to communicate with him, but did not know his address

I met Mr. Riggs at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, in Ig93; where he had a collection of archaeological specimens in the Anthropology build. ing. I conversed with him on several occasions and found him to be a very interesting gentleman.

Mr. Riggs made a coilecticn of ancient pottery from the Mississippi $V$ ley which was said to be one of the tinest in the country.

In my archaeological and historical library is a lirte booklet written by Mr. Riggs and which he presented to me during the World's Fair mentjoned above: "Flow We Find Reltes.-Pleasures and Perils On the Mississippi River in a Floating Home. - Camp Life in the Wilderness.-A series of letters by $C$. W. Riggs written while hunting and collecting in the Sunny South Land. - The Mound Builders; Off for the Wilderness: A River Vosage: Digging into the Past; Life in on a Parou: Photngraphy in the Backwoods: A 'Trappers Tribute to the Press - Chicano: W. B. Conkey Company, Printers; 1893." lt is a paper bound bnok of 108 pages and contains much of in. terest.

George I. Remsburg. Oak Mills, Kans.

## MARKING VALUABLE LETTERS.

One day, several years ago, 1 was in the book store of G. H. Huntley,an old friend. I wanted a book cosiling less than one dollar and he had to order it. As I was in a hurrg he snid he would order It at once and proceeded to put the change in an evvelope with the letter after wrapping coins so there was no danger of them nearing through the enrelope

I protested apainst sfnding coin saying that it was not safe and adoised check. Moner Order, or repistered or else strmps. Fe said. "Say young fellow, let me show fou a trick which 1 hare tried for 40 years and have never lost a cent tho' I have sent money hundreds of times " I filmain Cauada put me on to it and it is just this: Afteryon fix your letter mark the face of the envelope with any character to show that it has been marked purposely and you will have no trouble in vour money poing safely if any mail gets thrs' you can depend on that lurter beine in the lor $I$ usually mark the envelope just abuve the name with $X$ or (?) Alwals do this and ionr mon. ey is safe." That strock me as buing a goon idea and $I$ liave tried it a hun. dred times since and have $m y$ tirst cent to lose - L. C. Gilly.

The 501 h monthly meeting of the al ove named Soclets was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Tumple, Friday evening, March 6th, President Virgle M. Brand presiding. The following members responded to roll call: Messrs. Cuey, Holmes, Brand, Sears, Chester Dunhaf, Huber, Tracy wmpon, Excell, Wlliams, Bludmenschein, Mc Donald, Leon, Merrill, Sorensen, Ripstra, W. F. Dunham, Verkler, and Green. The following gentlemen were elected to membership: $R$ V.Puttkamer, Norman Regitz, Frank X. Mayer, Anton F. Esteıquist, John A. Lewis, Chas. E. Mueller, Phillip R. Brand and Phillip B. Lusson .

Mr. Chas. K. Warner of Philadelphia presented the Scciety witf a num. ber of bronze and other medals, and cards, to be instaled as the Chas. War. ner Cnllection. Fice aluminum Lincoln tokens relating to lllinus were re. cieived from Thos, L. Elder, New York Copper medals commemorating the 50 th monthly meeting were distributed to those present, and one each ordered to be sellt to the re nainiog members. It was ordered that copies struok in Sterling silver should be offered for sale for a limited time at \$1 25 each. *It was moved and carried that no more medals be struck in copper, and that one of each metal be placed in the Suciety's cabioet.

The Cessor repurted on the issuance of the Bulletin and a motion was carried authorizing the continuance of same monthly, with a minimum of eight payés to each number. The President was authorized to appoint a commitree of four to act with him as an Editorial Committee, which Committe 3 is given full discretion as to matter to be published, the acceptance of advertisements, etc. Mr. Tiacy read a paper on Russian Roubies, and showed the various types which have been colned. Dr. Merrill demobstra. ted the cleaning of gold and silver coins by means of acids. Mr. Williams exhibited a proof of the patteri dullar of the Princess Kaiulaoi of Hawall.

A paper on the Pattern Coins of Canada was received from Mr. R. W. McLachlan Mayazines recelved were: Philatelic West and Spink's Nu. mismatic Circular for February, and 「he Numismatist and Mehl's Monthly for March Auction catalogues were received from Henry Chapman, Elder Green. diflph. Helss and Mehl.

Mr Tierney was presert as a visitor.
Adjourned to neet Apill 3rd, 1908
Ben G. Green. Secretary.

* The publisher is pleased to have received one of the above and it is as tine a tokell as we have seen

COIN NOTES
A 2 kroner piece has recently been struci in Sweden (1907) to commemorate the golden wedding of King Oscar IL and Queen Sotia.

A bill has been introduced, and favorably repurted upon by a commolttee io congress to restore the motto "In God we trust" to our gold coins, it having been omitted from the St. Gaudens designs for the new ten and twenty dollar pieces.

Soune of the small dwarl tigures for which the Crown Derby pottery was noted felch very high price when brought under the hammer. It is said that a complete set consists of thirtysix. The ave-age price per pair is about $\$ 80$, but at a recent sale in London twenty seven were put up in ond lot, being knockei down to the delighted purchaser for $\$ 2,100$


EIITORS NOTEf-Any suggestions. clippings. magazines, etc., will be gratefully received. f. .1. CONNER, 447 N. 4 2nd St., Philadelphia, Penn.

Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, occuples, with Independence Square an entire city bluck. From Chestnut to Walnut Streets and from Fifth to Sisth Streets.

It faces to the southward, its front being on Independence Square and what is now usually regarded as the front, on Chestnut Street is really the back. The reason for this is, tr at at the time the FIall was built the main part of Philadelphia lay to the southward of the site selected.

The building was erected in 1729.35 by the Provincial Government to be used as the Colonial State House and what is now known as Independence Square was then known as State House Yard.

It was used by the Proviucial officials up until the time of the Revolution. It was here the several Continental Congresses met and here were discussed those quest ions so momentous to the Colonies. In this hall was arranged the preliminaries of the establishment of the limited states, now the graudest nation on the face of the globe.

The Declaration of Independence was debated here and its halls rang with eloquence of patriots such as Familton, Jefferson, Adams and their companions

For these assocjations it was named Independence Hall, and as such let tt ever be known and revered.

From the time of the removal of the seat of government to Washingtov is has been used by varlous societies and public offices and has of a conse. quence, undergone many minor changes. But in $1897-8$ the whole of the main building was renorated and restored as nearly as possible to its original condition. It is henceforth to be a national monument to the birth of our oation and is open freely to the public.

The museum is ir charge of the local Society of the Sons of the Amerjcan Revolution, and is being gradually filled authentic relics of historjcal interest.

Of course, the most interesting object of all is the Liberty Bell, whose peals first announcerd the legal birth of our Republic. It is susnended from tis criginal beam, within an ornamental glass case, the purpose of which is tc protect it from vandalism. The bell shows marks on its edge where unfeeling souvenir hunters have chipped off pieces, prior to the placing of the
glass case.
The bell was originally cast in London and airived in America in about 1752. It had been cracked in transport and twlee recast before it was found satisfactory. It was hung in the steeple in 1753

The inscriptions were the same as were cast in the original bell and it did indeed "Proclaim liberty throughous the land"' on that momeltous day July 8, 1776 In 1777 when the Hritish Army threatened Philadelphia the bell was cartfully removed and taken to Hethlehem; where it rematied until une British ieft the city

Naturally, after the war, the bell was oflly used on very particular oc caslons, such as Ithe visit of Gen. Ue La Fayet te. On July 68th, 1830, while theing tolled in memery of Chief Justice Marshal, the hell suddendy cracked. It was thought the ture could be restured by drilling the crack but this oniy resulted in cracking ir further aud since 1843 it has been silent.

The ownerstip of the bell has been claimed a several parlies on the ground char the beli was given to their father, or grand father, as part pay. ment for a new bell. Rut lask !ou, is it likely that any patriotic citizen wonld have ever permitted it? And again, if this be true why has the Phil. adelphia Ciry Councils ibe right to semd away or keep ir at home, at their will? Whi don't the claimants institule suit for the possession of the liell?

The Liast livom is the one in which the lecharation of lardependellee was made and signed. and is therefore lloe most finteresting. The iecent restoration has rot replaced the elegant furniture and hangings which it nad at this period. but several of the old desks and chairs are there, among which is the table upon which the Daclaration was signed. The room is adorned will a fac-simile of that document, which hangs above the speaker's rost rum. and also with portratis of dearly all of the signers.

The West Room was used for a century for the siltings of the high Pro wincial and State Courls

The Sons of the American Revolution, now occupy tre restored upper noor of the bullding as the Nalional Museum. which is reached by a winding stairgase in the tower. A large number of portraits, all of which are plainly libeled, adorn the walls. Some are spirited originals while others are only copies of ordinary merit. One of the best is that by Allen Ramsay, of Georye III Amung other finteresting objects are the original charter of Pennsyltauia (. 701 ) sis ned by William Pellia slab of the Penn Treaty Elm, two chairs that once belonged to Pelnn and the small table upon which George Mason drafted the famous Declaralion of Rights of Virginia. Ad. ditions are cunsiantly being made.

The central building or old state Honse whose tower is surmounted by a nouden cupola. built if 1828 and containing a clocs.is flanked by low opeu structures on either side. These lead to the old Supreme Courthouse on the east and to Congress Ilall on the west.

Independence Square is situated in the heart of the busiest part of the city and is one of its pleasantest spors, a veritable oasis. It was here the tirst public announcement of the lleclaration of Independence was made. It was read to the pubile July $8 t h .1776$ from a platform which had been erected there in 1769 to nbserve a transit of Venus. Here the citizens were wont to assemble for public meetings and celebrations and many Presidents and distinguished men have addressed gatherings in this Square. It cccupies 41/2
acres and its present arrangement dates from 182x, when the present trees, mang of which are raritles, were planted.

The Supreme Court House, to the east of the Hall was built in 1791 for the Supreme Court of the United States as it was then supposed Pnlladelphia was to be the national capital. When the seat of government was remoped to Washington it was used as the City Hall. It is now occupied by the G. A. R. and the Penna. Prison Society. while the building to the rear and facing on 5th Stree is occupled by the A merican Philosophical Soclety, founded by Franklin.

The site of Congress Hall, on the west, was, before the Revolutionary War,occupled by a wooden shelter which was used to house visiting Indiaps: The present building was not completed until 1790 and from then till 1800: was occupled by the Congress of the U.S. Here Washington was inaugurated President in 1793 for a second term with John adams as Vice-President. Adams, also, in 1797, tjok the oath as Prestdent and Jefferson as Vice-President in 1797. After 1800 it was occupied by the Criminal Courts and became generally known as the "Slaughter House"' from the many murder trials which took place here. The courts no longer occupy it and the old building is now emptr.

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Picture postcards are beng sent to pet dogs on the continent. A young woman residing at one of the leading hotels at Ostend introduced the lashion. The postcards are inscribed with the dogs' name and addressed care of the owner.

# Indian Relics in the Black Hills 

## By R. E. Holmes

The Black Hills of south Dakota were for ages the hunting ground of the warlise Sloux, althoug there are no indications of their having made it their permanent inhabitance. The reasons for this is not plain unless it were for some superstition, as the climate is delightiul in the summer, and in the winter it would be preferable to the bleak prairies, while the fertile valley wruld supply abundant soll for tilling purposes.

Large implements such as hoes, ؛pades, Mortars, pestles etc., are very 3aldom found, whlle arrow points, spear points and especally scrapers are very numerous.

The ancient camps.sites are generally situated at the forks of streams or of two ${ }^{\sigma}$ large gulches. . At these places one can dind large quantities of chipping, and broken implements, often many whole and perfect specimens are to befound. The serapers are the most numerous and are of the stemmed variety generally notched scrapers are very scarce.

There is ove peculiarity noticeable in almost every case. Tre camps are never set up close against a hill or bluff, but well up no the slope rang ing from twenty to one hundred feet above the lowest surrounding level and on the summit will be found d lot of chippings. This appears that a sentinel to lookout was kept on top, and employed his time in making implements of various kind. It would also seem from this that they were constantly in fear of being attacked by hunting parties of other tribes. This also mag be the reason that there has been so much chipping done, for if expecting to be attacked at any time they would no doubt keep a great many arrows on hand that is in case of en.ergency they should be needed.

The writer has spent much time hunting and collecting Indian relics throughout these various parts of the Black Hills, but has never yet found any signs of ancient burial grounds or permawentereillage sites, nor, (with the exception of two), and real larger camp sites. The largest of these two is situated about tweive milies south of Deadwood on the Els creek and has covered about eighty acres of ground. Whlle the other is about fourteen miles east on the same creek and one and one quarter miles west from Piedmode, where the little Elk flows into Elk creek. This site has probably sovered about thirty or forty acres

At both these places there has beell a great amount of work done and in spots the gound is practically coveref with chippings many fine specimens are 10 be found at either of these places.

The workmanshlp on almost all the arrows and spears show greater skill thav any the writer has ever seen excepting some of those from the riuns in Arizona and New Mexicu, and is equal to that of the beautiful Oregon bird points. The material used most is chalcedony, obsidian, agate, jasper and quartzite.

The picture postcard business-which is as let in its infancy in America -has come to stay. The Unisersal Postal Consention, at Rome last year. endorsed the picture postcard as an aid to business. and prosided special reg. ulations for their universal admission to the mail of the world.

## Fossils and What Ghey Are--by L. C. Sparks

Fossils are preserved: First, by entombment or burial; second, by carbontzation or low burning; third, by impiessions or casts; fourth, by infitra. dion.

FOSSILIZATION IIY ENTOMBMENT: When an organism has beed surrounded by a coropaet, impermeablę material before decomposition has set th, it may be preserved without any or with very litele change in its orlginal. character. For example:-The leaves, twigs and insects found jo amber, which are in many instances so well preserred that their specific character may be readily determiued.

The bones of terrestial animals, deer antlers, etc., found in the peat bots of lieland, and in other parts of the old world.

The remailis of mall and in fact of whole caravans that have been overcome by drifting sands and have remalned buried for centuries, in the desert of Africa.

Organic remains found entombed in volcanic debris.
The bones of terestial animals found in alluvial deposits and in caves.
The remalus of plant and anlmal llft of recent origin found in rock or sediment now in the process of formation.

It must be explained, hoeever, that the organisms so fussilized are not 'petrified'' but are of very mederly their ortgival composition. Such fossils are usually of recent formation, wlthough Prof. Leo Lesquereaux relates of having found fragments of wood imbedded in stone of the Carboniferous Age, preserving the flexible texturo of the wood, the bark and epidermis.

FOSSILIZATION BY CARBONIZATION:-Plants growing in swamps are stiselded by immersion in water from the rapid decay prodused by the oxygen of the air. The plants do no escape decomposition, but the process is rendered very slow, ty pecullar chemical conditions, very much like the burning of wood for charcoal.

It is in this way that the remains of a Juxuriant vegetation heaped each jear upon the bottom of the ancient swamp has been transformed, first into east, then into lignite and finally into coal. The coal, when cut into thin strips and viewed uuder the microscope frequently exhlbits a fibrous and cellular structure, easily recognized as pertaining to vegetable tissue and giving ab insight into the character of the material from which our coal was formed. Occasionally a sort of charcoal bearing leaf scars may befound between layers of compact coal. My coal shed has rendered me some Interesting specimens in which the woody fibre is plainls visible to the naked eye. Fossilization by 'Infiltration\%', and by "Casts" will be treated in next month's WEST.

Mr. Gray, the churchwarden of St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, London, has just secured a constable's staff, once the symbol of the parish beadle of Coleman Street Ward Quite recently a large collection of constable's staffs was sold in London, and many of them were secured by persons interested in the different locail les from which they had been gathered together.

The sale rooms are now crowded with curios, antlques and other treasures which will shortly be dispersed. A collection of vlolins has just been sold ty Glendining and Co:several of them realizing prices from $\$ 200$ to $\$ 350$.

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Those whose memberships have expired are kindly asked to renew at once: Each one is notitied and blaak sent for renewal. All members of the Kosmoilt exchange are asked to renew as from time to time their mem. berships expire. F Fred. Smith, Graysou, Neb., thinks there should be more collectors from Nebraska, and we think he is right and there should be more from other states also. If you will join we will do our part. We are sorry to say a mistake has been made in the initals of our V. P. of South Dakota. His name and address is M. F. L. Eddy, Lcek box 592, Aberdeen, South Dakota. He wishes collectors to know that while he exchanges post cards, he prefers to send cards first to those to whom he wishes to exchange.

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## NOTICE．March $16 \mathrm{th}, 1908$.

After our report $J$ completed each month，it is carefulty gone over and 11 mistakes are corrected before it ts transmitced to the printer for publi． titin．We realise that owing to the diversity and oddness of the names nd addressses and other terms which we publish it is almost impossible to are every thing set up correct to the letter．

The Union desires therefore to ask the pardon and endurance of those tose names or addresses，are or will be，spmetimes incorrectly printed．It
is our desire to have our reports correct in everg detall, but we cannot assume the responsibjlity for typographical errors.

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Points to date:-91. L. W. Lison 21 903. Arraldo Gishla 13868 Mrs. John Hottman 7 113̄̄. T. G. Gritin 7 486. Dr, W. P. Taylor.

The folfowing members have secured one or more points. 546. $P$. Hardwick, new poibts, 3 , total points 3. 882. Mrs. O. Ming new points 1 . total points 1. 974. Mis. Jennie L. Perkios gew points 1, total points 1. 981. Mrs. F. A. Herrdon new points 1, total points 1. 1028 . Kenneth D. Powell new points 1. total points 1. 1135. T. G. Griftin previous polnts 6, new points 1 , tctal points 7 . 1200. Harold L. Townsend ne $\dot{w}$ points 1, total prints 1. 1280 Georges Rembculis pievious points 1, new points 1 , total points 2. 1332. A. J. Lins uew points 1, total points 1. 1399. Stephen B Swith, new points 1 , total points 1 .

## OUR CODE.

For the information of those who have ifcently joined The Union, we publish below the Code which has been adopted by our society.

Code Words: Invitation to Exchange: ACTINA-I desire to exchange postcards with you; please contirm on your part whether exchange is accepted or not.

ADAR-Please place postage stamp on picture side.
Replies to above: AKIN-Exchange accepted. I wish to receive ....
BOLUS-I cannot put stamp on picture side. It is against the postal regulations of our country.

CANAL-Please do not put stamp on view side, as cards coming to our country stamped so, are liable to postage due.

CARAT-Sorry I have to decline your kind offer. (a)for the present 1 am 100 busy. (b) have stopped collecting. (c) your cards are not suitable for my collection. (d) I have too many cards from sour country.

EXTRA-If sou can send better grade of cards, I shall accept your proposition with pleasure.
Different kind of cards required:
FACET-Colored cards.
FIORD-- Hand colored cards.
HERMES-Black and whtte.
JASON-Any kind of views.
IIBEL-Lucal viers
NATURE-I would like to receice: (a) landscapes. (b) sea-scapes (c) mountains (d) street scenes. (e) parks and gardens. (f) country scenes (s) places of interest. (h) capitols. (i) postutices. (i) government build. ings. (k) public buildings. (1) light houses. (m) types. ( n ) leather cards. ( 0 ) fancy cards. ( $p$ ) comics. ( $q$ ) novelty cards. ( $r$ ) bathing scenes. ( $s$ ) pen and ink etching. ( $t$ ) photo cards. (u) commemorative cards (v) por trait. (1) actresses. (2) celebitiess. (3) royalty. (4) beauties. (5) pres. idents of the United States. (6) rulers of all nations.

NOTICE-Your last cards were insufficiently stamped.
MINIM-Sorry you had to pay postage due on them. Hope you will excuse me. Shall be more careful now.

PARADE-I have received your cards of
POSTAL-I sent you cards on........ I am surprised that I have no
saply from you.
RUFUS-I have replied to yours of ........ They musi have been lost in transit.
sHANGEAI-Please don't send cards in duplicates.
ETON-Please send a duplicate card of sours of
ULTRA Kindly note my change of addresss. My new address is. ....
VANDAL-Kindly give my name and address to your friends who col. lect cards (a) in your town.

WALLUP-(1) Very respectfuily yours (ㄹ) Sincerely yours. (3) Affectionately yours.

XEBEC-Referring to jours of . . . . . . . I beg to say that . . . . . .
YORK-I do not understand yours of ... Kindly write same in plain English.

ZION-I have forgotten what I wrote on .... so I cannot repeat HOW TO USE THE "POST CARD CODE".
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Translation: I desire to exchange nost cards with you. Please contirm whether exchange is accepted or not. I would like to receive landscapes, street scenes, bathing scenes, portraits of actresses. Please don't send cards in duplicates. Kindly give my name and address to gour friends who collect esrds in your town Affectionately yours,

REPLY:-Akin libel facet adar notice teston 17-207 Wallup (2).
Transiation:-Exchauge accepted I wish to receive Iocal colored cards. Your last cards were iusutijciently stamped. Please send a duplicate card of sours of 1721807 . Sincerely yours.

As this Code will not be published monthly, it is important that you keep this for reference

## AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

1281. Eustaquio Pellicer (hijo) Bantield. F. C. S. Buenos aires. argentine Repoblic only exchanges caras with members of the various clubs to which he belongs. Therefore, members of the UNION, one of the club; to which he belongs, who expect a reply to cards sent for exchange, must always place their Union number thereon, to insure reply.
1282. O. E. Granberry, Ancon, Canal Kone, Panama, will be absent from Panama until July 1st, after which time he will resume exchange.

## PRINTER'S ERRORS

1296. Irvin Halman, Ancon, Canal Zone, Panama. In the February WEST, it was stated that Mr. Halman desired to exchange with members of the United States only The notice as sent to the printer read UUTSIDE of the of the United States only. This is another printer's error and we apologize to Mr Halman and assure hin that it is not the sociery's fault.
1297. Harison B Stronk. R. F. D. No. 2 Rox 98. Seeley Creek N Y The address of Mr. Surong was published as R F. D. No. 2. Kos 2t, Fertrand, Nebr., in the February WEST. Which is an error.
rules and regulations of the society.
1298. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
3.. Members must place their fill name and address and GNION number on all card sent for or in exchnke.

3 Always enclose return postake when sending cards or letters to the Transiation Department.
4. Alwags enclose return postage when writing for information of ang kind.
5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires. of else notify the Society that they wish their name withdawh
6. The Soclety gives as a premium, tive beautiful unused cards fa each new member secured, and also credits"yountin ode point on the Rol of Honor
7. Ke close our report on 15ih of eact molith and all not lees and net memberships recelved after that date, must be held over for the next reporn

8 Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not recein the WEST regularls, and not the Secretary of THE UNION Che publishe has been paid for sou subscifiption and is under obligations to send you th paper.

9 Members are forbidden, unless requested liy their corres pondents, mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in whiethey reside, and members receiving such cards, whith are malled in violation of this rule, are under no oblikations to reply
10. The Secretary srould be promptly advised in writing of all mem bers who fall to anwser gour cards, by giving dates cards were sent as wel as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the Unit, States and Canada are allowed one ronth in which to answer: Mexico, We Indies and Europe, two months: all oller places except Australia, thre months: Australla, four months.

11 We do not furnish membership lists at reqular intervals, nor do m promise to furnish anyone with new list every mouth. but we will gladh mall lists when published to all sending postage The vext iist will be od abont May 1st, so it you wish a copy, please send posrage to the Secretary.
12. We do not have any rules or regulations ol her than the foregoing and by carefully complsing therewith, we are sure gou will be satisfied wit your membership in TRE UNION.

## FOREIGN PHRASES.

is promised last month we submit herewith a list of the Italian ant Portuguese translation of commun words and phrases in use by card colled tors. which we trust will te of value to our members:

WHII you
exchange
post cards
with me
colored
stamp on view
If possible
I desire to exchange
st reet scenes
bufldings
types
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Scenery
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fancy
Send me please
Will exchange often
Englist ltalian portuguese
italian
Vi placerebbe
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francobolli a tergo
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Si accetto il cambio no

Nao se mals que ler a eseruver oinglez. Siro senhor acceito нао

RENETALS
105. Arthur L. Shaver, 1106 15th Ave., Altoona. Pa.
113. ' Earle K. Brgan, 225, Cuttage Lane, Dillas, Tex.-foreign ouly.
466. E. Pierson, Box 95 . S. Omata. Nebr
973. Miss Harriet A. Perkins, 7if Alverson Ave . Providence, R. I.一 rood colored cards only.

974 Miss Jennie L. Persins; 76 Alverson Ave., Provideuce, R. I.cod colored cards only.
981. Mes. E. A. Herndon, Zachary, La
983. Percy Allen, 1020 Jefferson Ave, Petusker, Mich.

984 M. Sabri, Tripoli, Barbary, Africa.
1000. Earl M. Bronnson, 310 E Maple Ave.. Denver, Colo.
1001. Frant W. Hawes, 215 S. Emerson St., Denvor, Colo
1042. Miss Amanda Gade. 2286 Missouri Ave, St. Louis, Mo.

NEW MEMRERS.
1393. C. W. Palmer, 1615 N. Comal it, San Antorif, Tex.
1399. Stephen B. Smith. Central Fire Dept., rindlay, O
1400. Mrs.C.P. Saylor, 55 Massachusetts Ave, N. W Washington, D.C.
1401. Everett h Thompson, 1513 N. Prospect St., Tacoma. Wash.
1402. Ino. S. Richaroson, R.F.I) 5, Box 19 Ressemer, Ala.
1403. Miss Margarer Nune\%, Franco 2 (Carlos III). Hivana, Cuba.
1404. Miss Kathereen Manning, 44 Ophella St. . Providencr.R I -good olored cards only.

1405 J. H. Teal, N Firp Dept., Findiay. O.
1406. George W. Miller. Hux 12t, Hearhorn. Mich
1407. Herbert R. Gregx, Lcomis, Wasth. - Foreign cards only malled fom foreign countries

1408 Miss Leila White, Warwlek West, Jiermuda.
1409. Miss Ida M Paine. 50 Exchance $\mathfrak{F}$ ace, Hrovidence, R. I.
1410. John M. Pendery 136 W 7 h St , Laadville Colo
1411. Mrs. G HI. Searing, Hartington $\mathbf{N}$-br. - No comles or fancy ards: will send tirst.
1412. Cancelled.
1413. Ed sard B. Worley, 723 E. Washington St, Lebanon, Ind -Vlew ards only.
1414. Cilfford Kıueger, 730 2nd St. Milwaukee, Wisc.-Good card only.

1415 Vassili M. IImitrion, Benl.Souef, Eyypt.
1416 Mrs. Joe Haffier, superior, Nebr.
1417. Miss Olive Clark, llăc Stoke Newington Road, Lo idon, England.
1418. N. Yard, Pontymister, Near Newport. Man., Enslan:-
1419. F. W. B Guthrie, Hawwood, Renfrewshire, N. R , Eogland.

1420 Herman Weinrich, 179 Orchard St., Newark. N. J.
1421. O. N. Eklie. Box 1, Route 2, Walcott, N D

1422 H. W. Douglass, 1709 Stout St . Denver, Ci:o.
CHa NGE OF A DLrRESS. 1059 Claude C. Beals. from 701 Pearl St, $2: 31$ 10th St, Boulder, Colo.

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## Pode Gets Only Coin Missing From Collection of Coins of All Popes

Rome, March 19.-Pope Plus is deliyhted with a coin given him as a jubilee gift th the diocese of Acqui This cnin was discovered in 1898 whlie excavations were betng made for a new churli in Acqui. It was found to be the only coin in existence of the period of Intocent IX. a pepe who reigned for two mont hs in 15:91

The diocese of acqui nas unable to pay the architect who had drawn the plans of their new chuch, so it gare him the coin with the understanding that if he sold it for over $\$ 1.200$, the amount of his bill, the surplus should be returned to the diocese. The architect offered the coin to King Victor Emmanuel, but his majesty would not give more than $\$ 500$. Later the clergy of the diocese collected the $\$ 1200$, bought the coln from the architect and presented it to the pope.

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The author of this article has been the Hon. Sec. of a Postal Photographic Club for 21 years, and is the original fonnder (which statement will disclose his identity to at least. some readers) and during the whole of that time he has never had cause to regret the work expended.but he often thinks. that. if he could afford the time, he would lise to set up another one purely for the instructior. of the rery elementary workes, who, as they advanced, could be moved into the original Club, which contains in its membership a number of the best workers over the world This. then is a pleasant task which any reader of this article may take upon himself, and thereby render assistance to othres, perhaps less fortunatelv siluated than himself.

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| 4 c blue | 8 c 5c |
| fcchozolate | 10c 78 |
| ${ }^{6} \mathrm{c}$ purple | 12 c 10 c |
| sc magenta. | 15 c 13 c |
| 10c black | 20 c 15 c |
| 15 c green | 50c 22c |
| 30 c orange | 55c 4nc |
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## OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

HERMAN W. BOERS. Strange, yet true, it is now years past that we endeavored to have the pleasure of presentog a picture and sketoh of his philatelic career, but until now we were unable to have him consent to same. Rorn in Detriot, in 1886 now for the last 20 years has collected stamps that has shown his love for philately is undying. Commencing like many of as, his tirst Ablum was that of a scrap book which was arranged by a friend of his then recently from Europe, who also had the feser, but a good knowledge of stamps. Here were pages arranged in a haphazard wap, anything for a start. It was not very long until his collection outgrew this album and a new one of regular edition was procured. Here was philately for a good start, and with a growing to it possessed a collection numbering some thousands. Theu came a lull-got tired of same and sold his collection for a bicgele, to be in it with others. It was but a year or so when the Columbians came out again the stamp fever came upon him, aud he agaio entered the tield of philately during this time he arcumulated a collection of over 9000 , varleties consistng of three bqoks-one.U. S., a collection that's ynite complete in geueral issue, departments and envelopes of the latter, there are about 240 out square envelopes of all denominations. Thece are all in a natonal ablum logether with U. S. Colonies a very good showing. Theu one book for foreign which contains many countries practically complete. A recent addition, Match \& Wedicines containing many choice varietios which includes U. S. Rereques as well as a side live which he terms his collection of "Nonsense" are tax paid stamps for whilch he had a special album made l0x20 arranged according to the various issues pertaining to this class of collecting.

As a philateile scribe many articles have appeared id the WEST on special branches of collecting and Detruit correspondent to many of the stamp magazines no doubt our readers have seen for some sears past. It was he who proposed a philatelic button as an emblem to be worn amongst oollectors as a matter of identitication. The idea was well under way in fact "The WESt was selected as ofical organ, but the bigger philatelists, did not favor the sdea of being placarded altogether with badge and button so it was shelved, the idea dled happs, but it is said tcday such a thing should be amongst collectors.

In connection with stamps he also has an elegant collection of ribbon bdges and medals dating back 25 years many soaree, and that are of historical events, interesting and instructive. His philatelic library contains many works on stamps dating back 20 years both Amerloan and forelgn publication. Any reader if at any time in Detroit would call on himene would be only too pleased to have a stamp chat with him.

RICHARD H: KING, whose likeness appears elsewhere in this issue of the WEST and who is at present a very popular special agent for Life Insurance company at Leavenworth, Kans., is a joung man of considerable versatility of genius. Resides being a successful insurance agent, he has been a farmer, archaeologicl explorer and collector of Indatan relics and coins, barber, menber of the Kansas CIty, Kans., pollce force and can turn his hand to many other avocations and diversions with success. He is a crack rifie and pistol shot, broncho-buster, and is at present developing into a cleret pencll artlst.

He is a son of Mrs. Mary King, of Oak Mills, Kans, whose interesting collection of family heirlooms, was described in the WEST some time ago. "Dick" King, as the subject of this sketch is familiarly called, recently discovered a large group of ancient Indian Mounds in. Cass county, Mo. mention of which was made In the WEST at the time. He is an agreeableand companionable fellow add extremely popular in Kansas City, Leavenworth and other places where he has lived.

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Members, who have not yet remitted theirsubscription for the current year will confer a favor by kindly deling so as soon as convenient-ifty cents is the amount and it should have been paid in advance dating from January 1st, (1908).

Those applicants whose names appeared last month will kindly accept this as notice of their enrollment as members and forward the balance of their annual dues at.once. The following applications have been receised and will be put through in the usual course if no objection is recelved withIn thircy days:
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R. J. Mundell, Secretary.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Nc. 445, says that "aur." on the stamps of lceland is an abbreviation of "aurar,' the plural of "egrir,'" which latter is abbreviated "eyr'". Ey has the sound of the English 'ey' in they, while "au"' resembles the German aj. -The same paper gives a pretty long list of English raflway stamps. - In its No. 442 the same paper Illustrates the antarctic Expedition or King Edward VII Land postage stamp and cancellation. The stamp is the New Zealand 1 penng surcharged in 2 Jines "King Edward VII." "Land." The cancellation is a circular date stamp inseribed "Brit. Antarctic Expd." One hundred sheets aggregating 12,000 stamps were surcharged. None of them are sold except for actual use on the expedition, and as postal curtnsities they may become mụch sought for and valuable. The Australian Philatelist denounces them as an "Injustice to philately."


## AFFese Excerptsfrom My, Note-book

## By Verna Weston Hanway.

Some time ago I noticed ous stamped two pence haif penny wrapper from Great Britain, the stamped portion of a three pence brown enrelope attached-what we stamp collecters term in our vernacular, a "cut square." Maybe it is because I am not very observing, but I cannot remember ever notioing the stamped portion of an envelope of the Uolted States, atlached to another in this manner. Indeed. If 1 have not been misinformed, the practice is not permissable here. Flowever, I will not "'stand pat" as to this, fur the siople reason that I have never beeu interested enough in envelopes, stamped papers, or wrappers, to remember anything pertainiog thereto.

But be this as it nay. it is evidently permissable in Eugland. And why not? One can fancy ocoasions. when. stamp; dot at hand, it would be a convenience. If there is a law against this here, it is merely but another of those little,incousequential measures which those gentlemen at Washington are ever prone to infict upon a patient people: merely another of those little pin pricks in the devising of which they fritter time away, when they should be attending to the big problems of adequate national defense, in improved watermays, and al: the other really Important measures of the day. But this is politics, not Philately, and no doubt a characteristic of governments the world over.

Aj) this rumination calls Into mind the fact that after all we haven't things quite so very much better than other countries. To keep along the philatelic trains of thought, - we've wanted a parcel pust for jears, and just now, at this late day we have a falnt glimmer of hope that we'll get itsome day. Then, the government IS MEAN, all philatelists will concede that, abous not allowing illustrations of our stamps, even in the catalogs. This too, when philatelists are the salt of the earth," patrons of art and science, and all that! : This is a serious lack of consideration, and a reproach to our dignity and honor, -let's all write at once to our congressmen about it. I write in a spirit of desperate levity, but $I$ do wish everjone reading this would take the words at a little more than their face value.
(To be continued).

Dear Fellow Members:-Since my last report have received 28 books net alue $\$ 130.43$ and retired 10 books net value $\$ 31.77$. Stamps are selilog well ind it will pay rou to put in some tooks. I supply sales books with space or 60 stamps for 3 c each and books with space for 100 stamps for 50 each. If ou are buying stamps it will pay you to write mo to put you on circuit as bang genuine bargains are being offered.

> Fraternally yours, Leon V Cass.

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Pndatelic Flashes is the name of a new little paper coming from Genelowa. To judge from its contents, it whll not be coming very long: for says right, at the start "In order to eixst we must have he support of evPhilatelist in the world." Did Mr. Levert L. Dolson, who is editor and hlisher, realize that that is a thing hard to get? We certainjg wish him 11. for there is roon for another paper, and we would rather see everybody ccessiul than otherwise, but we are afraid that the little new comer has boounced his own doom by the words quoted abore

## Fiscal Department

I have attempted to fll the part of Piscal Editor of the WEST and 1 will be plessed to receing notes at any time of new issues and of veriaties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me will be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Hrown, East Peru, Iowa. I,ock Box 7 .

There have been at least three very good things come to our taple since last month. The tirst is 'Mendoza's' catalogue of Mexican Fiscals--Eng. 11sh Edition 50c. My copy was by courtesy of Mr. Heartwell of Lolig Beach, Callfornia. The second is "Philatelic side lines Number Two' from the "Springfeld (Mass.) Stamp Club, lec. The third is "The colleotors Hand. book of the Private Proprietary Stamps of the Tobacco Manfuacturers of the U.S From Mr. J. N. T. Levick of New York. I consider each indispensable in its tield. The tields of the lst and 3 rd are Indicated by their titlea. -The 2nd lists Encased Postage 3tamps, Cigar Stamps, Small cigar stamps, Cigarette Stamps. and Export Cigar Stamps.

Philatelic Side Lines Number One, by the "Springtield Stamp Club" lists Hydrometer Lbels, Lock Seals, Beer. Small Cigarettes, Small Snut, Small Clgar and Customs, Cigarettes, and may be had: I believe at 15c. I am informed that they expect to issue other numbers as their funds permith I am anzious to see them take up special Tax stamps.

Mr. Levicks Handbook lists over 500 varieties of Foil and paper tobaceo wrappers with impressed stamp, up to 1883 . He saysthere are now about 1000 varieties. I'here are over 50 distinct varieties of the stamps.

The Denver Stamp Journal chronicles 5 varieties of Florida Feed Stamps. In Mr Vanderhool's collection.

1. 100 lbs black on white paper. 2. 100 lbs red̃ on white paper. 3 . 200 lbs black on white paper. 4. No value green, on white paper. 5. 200 16 black yellow paper. They are perforated 15. No's 1, 2, 3, 5 are signed by B. E. McLin in script. No. 4 is signed by L. R. Warnbuell.

I have recently acquired a new Tag-it is $4516523 / 8$ inches and the printing is a cross the narrow way at the top (string end) is-No. 1823-be. low this " 100 pounds'" then in twelve lines is the name and address of tho address of the company and their guarantee as to contents of the feed. This is followed by "W. J. Jones Jr. State Chemist Purdue University Agri. cultural Experiment Station, Lafayette, Ind." In four lines The name of the chemist is in script, below this in one line is "Not good for more thar 100 pounds I judge by the above that it is an Indian tag or else one printed and used by the Feed Co. by special permission of the lowa Stato Food and Dairy Com.

Last month Hnished the Foil stamps as far as l know them. This month we list the Paper wrapper stamps. Die A. is head of Liberty-Die $B$ is head of liperty in small circle-Die C Head of Franklin.

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To those patronizing the Departouent in a selling way; i would sas that here is a coustant demand for good books of U. S. stamps, 20th Century tamps, British Colonials and moderate priced stamps. Very high priced tamp or very oheap atamps do not sell so wall. Books hold 120 stamps and hould be valued not less than $\$ 10$. per book to make a good showing.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Supt.
Fellow Members:--I desire to call four attention again to the Exchange pepartment. Not uear enough of our members are tasing foterest in this ranch. Do your realize you can exchange your stamps for others not in our collection at practically no cost? I need a few more members to send b books before I can even get things started and I crust you will see that his department becomes a "reason why" to get new members in. Its up to ou-with your hearty support it will be a success and no other socieng has a ppartment which compares to our Exchange Department. Let me hear fom sou at once. Look up February W EST for full rules and if gou canoot nd it I will send you a cops of the rules but I want your cooperation. lay I have it? Very truly, Wm. E. Ault, Ecrh. Mgr.

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# Samoan Stamps and Robert Louis Stevenson--An Appreciation <br> BAMOA POST <br> eive 5 perif <br> <br> By Verna Weston Hariway 

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Somehow, when one thinks of Samoa, there comes to mind the musical jingle of names, Samoa, Stephenson and the South Seas', -even at this late day we cannot separate this latter work from his fame. In spite of all the splendid work he did before it will always be Samoa, Stephenson and the South Seas." We can easily fancy hls good natured smile of tolerance at the subject:-Samoa, Stepehnson, and South Seas and stamps. Here is al. ilteration and assurance enough to please even his refined and sensitive penchant for harmony, which resulted in the most pleasing English we have get had. Other writers have almed at harmonlous, musleal prose, but it re. mained for Stephenson to give us this free from tedious mannerisms

I belong to that school of collectors, if school it may be termed. to whom stamps take on an added symbolism when they come from a country in which I am interested. I like United States stamps because I am an American, and the English blood in me oucaslons a responsive thrill to the call of "Great Britain and Colonies." And, following up the same train of theorles, I am writing about Samoan stamps because I have long loved the w:Itings of Robert Louls Stephenson.

I was about ten gears of age when I read my first book of his, "Treas ure Island,' for the first time. I say "first time" because for years after I read it at least once a year. Since then I have read all of the regularly published books, and most of the privately printed matter, and have relig. iously thumbed over certain of his writiogs just as I thump over my Brown-ing-just as all of us thumb over the writings of thnse who strike a responsive chord. I had not intended to digress in this manner, but as a faddy person writling for other faddy persons, I am sure at least of a goodnaturedly am ased smile.

Stephenson had a rare appreciation of collectors. We find him telling of hils eminent. engineering ancestor's fancy for prints. The sentences abcut the collections made by the the monks at "Our Lady of The Snows," collectors call read with the knowledge-that they are reading between the lines. Culleciors are usually made by those whe lead in part clolstered IIves, -that is. a life part of which we always keep closed, even to the nedrost and dearest. Ilis pleasantries about the collector of warming pans met in "an Inland Vogaxe'' are deliclously pleasing. The scene of the powerful short story "Martheim'" was laid in a curio dealer's shop. Then the short stories in the "New A rabian Nights" betray a remarkable insight into the mind of a certain type of infatuated collectors. I fancu Stephenson collected something. He had, at any rate, the true collector's nature - the nature of the collector who can be earnest, a connolsseur, and at the same time has a graln of humor sufficient to laugh at a Mr Hairlie. as in Wilkie Collin's "Woman In White'. Because of this we will readily forgive him those remarks about stamp collecting.

At the time when he wrote that interesting series of letters concerning political conditions in Samoa, she was under the control of three consuls who represented Great Britain, Germany, and the United States, respectively, and over the results of their control it is best so draw a charitable silence.
(To be continued).

# DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY 


(Continued from last issue).
Banking House of A. L. Kessler, New Bramfels, Texas, check 187-- 1st design Second National Bauk, St. Louis $\quad$ 187- 1st

This latter stamp is inscribed on face of stamp 'Good only for' (th left disk) and 'Biank Check'' (in rig't disk).
Second Nat. Bank, St. Louis, Mo.,
check 187- 1st desigu Office of Miss. Val. Transportat'n Co, New Orleans, La. check $18{ }^{\prime \prime} 1$ 6th

This latter stamp has the inscription "Good only for sight draft" outside, below and to the left of the design.

The printers of these were (in the same order as above): McLaughlin Brothers, P. R. S.-R. P. Stadley \& Co., St Louis-Same-American Bank Note Co, Phila.-R. P. Stadley Co., St. Louis-St. Louis Bank Note Co.T. Fitzwilliam \& Co., Stationers, 76 Camp St., N. O.-Democrat Lith. \& Printing Co.-The Major \& Knapp Eng. Mig. \& Lith. Co., 56 Park Place, N. Y.-T. Fitzwilim \& Co , Stationers, 76 Camp St., N. O.

Here we have, I think, the first New Orleaus firm recorded as having printed such stamped checks, and the tirst checks used in New Urleans, La., and New Bramfels, Texas. Yet we have no new design, and it is not likely that we shall tind any begond those described and ilsted by Mr. Sterling.
407. Whose portratt is that on the current stamp of Germany? That is not as you suppose, the portrait of the Dutch Queen. It is an allegorical figure, Germania, representing Germany personitied. The Dutch Queen. Wilhelmina of llolland, has nothing to do with Germany and German stamps, though her husband is a German prince. Germany is an empire, and Holland is a kingdom quite distinct and separate from it. To confound the Germans and the Dutch is about as bad as calling the Indians niggeis or the negroes gypsies. The cause of this mistake in identitp, which is so often made, is probably the similarity of the terms "Dutch" and "Deutsch" (pronounced doftch). Dutch is Hollandish, Deutsch is German. Low.dutch and Hennsylvanta dutch are misnomers sprung from gross ignorance.

408 What is the meaning of F. M. on French stamps of 190?? These letters stand for "Franchise Militaire," denoting as much as military frank or soldier's stamp, army official, etc.
409. Are common stamps worth keeping? Yes, If you have the time to put them away and the room to store them. Most of them, it is true, will never repay the handling, but if you bring together thousands of them, you may in time find some among them, shades, varieties, oddities, etc., that are well worth looking for and keeping. Take the one penng Great Britain 1885.79, for instance, which in its day was a very common stamp, and is not very rare even now. Of it, however there are certain plate-numbers, which are not easily found. While the majority can be had fur 1 to 4 cents aplece, plate-numbers 108 and $2: 22$ are catalogued at 132 cents. Nos. 12 and 219 at 23
cents, No. 223 at 36 cents, 224 at 62 cents, 225 at 33.75 and 77 of which but one copy is now known (Tappling collection) is priceless.

3j2. Mr. Stone of Springfleld, Mass., was so kind as to direct ms attention to a list of U. S. stamped papers including, stamped banscheoks, by Mr. J. Delano Bartlett in Vol. 30, No. 2 and 3 of THE WEST, which I had overlooked entirelg. I wish hereby to apologize to Mr. Bartlett and to direct everybody's attention to his list. It is in many points superior to mp own, gives information that I could not find anywhere else and would have made much of my writing unnecessary, if only i had known that list. Still 1 do not regret having taken up the subject of stamped bank checks. It was a pleasure to me, and disclosed the fact that there are a good many who take interest in these stamps. Possibly some few who had not cared for them before were interested. At least, I showed my good will and was furtunate enough to experience much kindness and goodwill from the readers of The WEST.
410. Is the sale of special delivery stamps discontinued since special delivery may be prepaid by common stamps? No, they are still supplied wherever they are wanted. They are now used more than ever before.
411. Is it true that the Jamestown stamp may yet be had at any post oibce?. Yes, at least it was so a few weeks ago, if you ordered them in full sheets of 100 and gour post master would be kind edough to write ouc and send the necessary special request for you. My experience is that few postmasters like to do that, and it seems they are not ubliged to do it. The Department, however, will still send these stamps by hundreds to postmasters if so requested.

## *250 EOR A POSTAGE STAMP.

Top Price at Sale Bealized for Porto Rican Issue of 1898.
An unusually fine collection of rare American and foreign postage stamps has just been disposed of at auction at New Yoris, Desplte the hard times, the prices realized were far above the average. Nearly every country was represented at the sale, and the total realized was $\$ 14,000$.

A $1 / 2$ tornese Tenacre of the Provisional Government of the two Sicilies, issue of 1860. a blue beauty, lightly canceled. with large marglas and on a plece of the original cover, sold for $\$ 6 \mathrm{l}$.

A ten chntime of Geneva, issue of 1843, yellow green, lightly canceled and on a plece of the orlginal cover. fetched 8106 ; a Zurich four rappen of the same year, lightly canceled, 846, and a four ceutime, red and black, used, federal Aduinistration issue of 1819, 393: these three scarce Swiss stamps went to a collector in Switzerland.

A tworeals of Spain, issue of 1852, unused, sold for 843.
Three rare St. Vincents, the one penny on half of sizpence, red sur. charge. issue of 1880 , and the fourpence on one shiling vermillion, unused, same issue, paying for them respectively 868 and 867. The 27 parale and the 54 -parale of Mojdavia issue of 1854 used copies were also knocked down for respectively $\$ 12$ and $\$ 25$

Three very rare Yonce. Porto Kico, provisional stamps sold for $\$ 250$ each to a wealthy Paris, France, collector. Thes were the flve-cent violet unused and the five-cent envelope stamps used and unused. They were the first postage stamps issued in Porto Rico under American dominion in August, 1898.

## Beginners Department-Bolivia

## By L. G. Dorpat

Continued trom last issue.
The $10 c$ is known oniy in brown, but the 50 occurs in yellow and fo blue and the 100 c in blue and green. Used stamps with pen stripe cancel. lations are considerably cheaper than those with a stamped post mark; in general the prices are higher than for stamps of Chile, Peru, Equador or Venezuela of the same period: still they may be considered cheap, if their rarity and price is compared with that of the stamps of Canada or the U. S.

It may be interesting to hear what Mr. F. C. Eberhardt of Valparaiso had to say about the reprints of the 50 and 1000 stamps considered by some authorities at that time as photographle transfers. He says: The idea that the Boliviau Government itself made photographic transfers of the stamps to sell me them is entirely out of the question, as such things cannot be done in South a merica even now, less than 10 years back in Bolivia where even no railroads exist, and the mule is the only great manner of communications in a land, where such horribie stamp as its first issue were done, what would become of a photo?"' Characteristic! Mr. Thiele, no doubt, has given us the truth, that the reprints were made from part of the original plate. But who made them? Mr. Eberhardt claims to have bought his from the gov. ernment direct?

Before the tirst issue in 1855 essass are said to have been prepared of 3 values, $1 / 2,1$, and 2 reals, in two types, and besides in black they were prin ted in several colors. They were exhibited in Paris, 1892 as "stamps which are prepared for use, but not issued to the public." There were 16 varieties in the exhibition. They may be found listed in old catalugues under the head 'Issue for the Interior." They are mentioned in Vul. VIII, and again in Vol. IX of the "Philatelic Journal of America." In Vol. X. the same stamps, it stems, are mentioned again by J. W Bull, Lieutenant U. S. N., U.S S. Alliance' as used in the Rolivian mails. At best they would be probably not more than locals. It is desirable though that everything concerning them should become known.

Concerning later issues Mr . Thiele has the following: The issues from 1869 to 1890 aie the work of the American Bank Note Co., of New York and are all in sheets of 1100 like all this company's work. In 1893 a Incal issue was produced by lithography: it was made by the Lithograda Ioliviana, an establishment at La Paz. If I am correctls informed, it was also on sheets of 100 . As to the 1894 issue I hare no information at hand. The 1897 issue - was again a local production; it came from the lithographic establshment of J. M. Gamara at La Paz and was printed in sheets of 100, 10x10. In 1899 the contract went to the Compania Sud Americana de Billetes de Ranco of Buenos Aires These are Scoti's Nos 6i2-69 This issue came in sheets of 100, 10x10. This company did not retain the contract very long, for in 1901 there appeared a new issue of American Bank Note Co's workmanship: it is, of course, in their usual stgle of sheet "

The issues of $1869,1871,1877$ and 1890 are very nearly alike. The differences are: 1896.69, and 1890 have 9 stars along the lower part of the circle, while 1871 and 1887 have 11 stars. The colors of 1869-1871 are different frum those of $1887 \cdot 1890$. Bet ween these there is the issue of 1878 of a different design. Several of these have been used cut in half. They are all rather
cheap except the 500 c of 1869 and 187 l . Why the change was made from 9 stars to 11 and then back to 9 I am not able to find, though I think it has something to do with the number of departments or provinces of Bolivia.

From 1870 to 1879 there was at intervals a temporary scarcity of some values, owing no doubt to the fact that the supply was not ordered in due time or at least did not arrive in due time from New York. In such emergencies revenue stamps were used in lien of postage stamps, a practice which must have seemed quite natural, since the first issue had been made and used both for postal and fiscal purposes as the inscription "Coreas-Contratos' indicates. Some of these revenues are of exquisitely fine work, especially the 5 C black of 1870 . Another way of supplying the want, was to use impressions of handstamps on the letters or envelopes; such an one is reproduced on page 32 of Vol. $\nabla$ 'Philatelic Journal of America;'"the Bolivian post mark is not legible, but there is a Panama Transit postmark dated ' 28 M. R. 1875:'' the letter is directed to the "high office of the foreign ministry of the German Empire," Berlin; it was sold in St. Louls, Mo., in 1889 for $\$ 20.00$ at auction. According to a note in Senf's catalogue there must be several other such "propisionals," if that name may be given them.. What they should be called depends upon their history That they were used can not be doubted. But how? Were they sold to the public or merely applied to the letters in the post office after the postage was pald in cash? Thesse questions are not clearly answered, and as long as they are not, it is hard to say what these postmarks are to be called.

The lithographed issue of 1893 is evidently a copy of the previous engraved one. and it is very likely that the transfers for it were obtalned from the plates (or dies) made by the American hank Note Co. for the previous issue. I should like to know whether this company delivered plates and dies to the Rolifian government when the contract expired or not.

The issue of 1894 was engraved on steel bv Bradburg. Wilkinson $\mathbb{N}$ Co. There are two distinct sets: the tirst is a clear print in clear colors on a thim snappy paper showing in parts the factory watermark 10 or 11, perf. 1t-141/2; the second (called by Kohl 'Paris Print') is a poorer print in dull colors on a thicker and softer paper without watermark and perforated 13-131/2. The lat ter was, when it first appeared, considered as a forgery, but upon acknowledgment by Rolivia it was accepted by stamp collectors: yet there is some mystery about it. and some collectors think it- was not made for posial use, but merely for sale to collectors. There was a tlme too, when some collectors held that it was lithographed.

On the issue of 1897 the Rolitans certainly exerted themselves, trying to produce something the. It contalins 7 portraits of $c \in l e b r a t e d ~ B o l i v i o n s, ~$ their cames appearing under the portraits: the $\mathbf{2} 0 \mathrm{c}$ is printed in two colors, the border rose and the center black and the bolipianos in grey black on a red, yellow and green backpround, these being the national colors. This issue as well as that of 1893 occurs besides with the regular perforations (11 and 12) partly perforated and imperforate, at least some of the values.
(To be continued.)
DeKay's Stamp Circular No. 2, has just made its appearance, and it appears healthr. The many little items it contains are well selected, the editor seems full of contidence, and the National Philatelic Association furms a good backing. All this promises stability.

## She Junior Stamp Club of Denver. Colorado

Organized Oct. 19. 1906. OFFICERS
Honorary President, Dr. H. A, Davis Hresident, A L Nell 2st Vice President. C M Snyder Secretary, V N Garreson Treasurer, sa McManus Exchange Manager. J C Skinner :
Board of Trustees: R Jacizson, chairman;C M Snyder; H N starret.
Meetings: First and Third Friday in each month. Dues: 50c per year, payable in advance. Official Organ: WEST.


## MINUTES.

The 32nd regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver, was held March 30 th at $8: 15$ at 602 Nassau RIdg. With eleven members and one plsitor pres. ent the meeting was called to order with James Jackson presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Neil Kimball Box 'A' Gulden, Colo., was elected to full membership in the J. S. C. Member No. 17 was dropped from,membership by the board of directors for non pasment of dues.

The old matter concerniug the circuit lost and found by Maderis was again brought up and owing to Mr. Maderis not answering several letters written him by the secretary to place this matter in the hands of a collector and see that the stamps missing were paid for, as well as the bines on same.

The election which was held at this meeting resulted in the same mem. bers being elected as are now in otflee with the erception of the trustees and they were elected as follows: Robt. Jackson, chairman, C. M. Snyder and H. N. Starret.

Tise entertainment for the evening, furnished by V . N. Garretson re sulted in O. T. Hartman getting first place and H. N. Starret second.

Meet lng adjourned at $9: 30$ p. m. to meet again A pr. 3rd.
Yours iraternally. V. N. Garretson, Secy.
MINUTES.
The 33rd regular meeting of the J.S.C. of Denver was held Apr. 3rd at 1033 l7th St. with 11 members and one visitor present the meeting was called to order with President Nell Presiding.
lill received from L. C. Nelson, former Ezoh. Ngr. for 843 . to come from insurance fund account of stamps taken from circuit lost by Maderis and later found"whichene refuses to pay for now, was laid on the table until this matter is settled up with him. To this effect the following committee was selected by the President to present him a blll for the above amount plus the tiues on circuit and if same is not honored within 24 hours to place same in the hands of a collector: C. M. Snyder, chairman. A. L. Nell, J. C. Skinner

The entertainment which was furnished by V. N. Garretson resulted in R. Jackson getting first place and J. Jackson second

Meeting adjourned to meet again on the lith of this month.
Yours traternally, V. 'N.' Garretson, Sec's.

## MINUTES.

The 34 th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held $\Delta$ pril 17 ,

1908 at 602 Nassau Bldg. With 10 members and two visitors present the meeting was called to order with Vice President Skinner, presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one corection, namely that instead of reading 'Btll received from J.C. Skinner' should read 'Bill recelved from L. C. Nelson former exchange manager.'

There being no new or old business to come before the club, the meetIng adjourned to entertainment. Mr. Vanderhoof displayed his wonderful collection of U. S. revenues and match and medicine stamps which was greatly appreciated by the memers. He also offered a rare U. S. stamp for the first member who would discover a stamp catalogulng $\$ 30.00$ which was In his wife's collestion. Same was irst seen by V. N. Garretson and was a stamp of the first issue of Switzerland, a beauty, nicely canceled and nice margins.

Mrs. Vanderhoof honored the, club by her presence which is the first time fitht a lady has been present at a J. S. C. meeting.

Meeting adjourned at $9: 30 \mathrm{p}$. m. to meet again on the lst of May.
Yours fratervally, F. N. Garretson.

## Duplicates--by Rev. J. re. H. Heslop

A great many stamp collectors have a deal of trouble in arranging their duplicates in a really satisfactory way., For some gears I kept them in envelopes, one or more for each country; but, as time went on, and the envel. npes became larger and more numerous, 1 found the time taken in nunting through huildreds of common varieties was practically wasted. So I came to the conclusion that very common stamps are not worth keeping, at any rate not more than three or four of any one variety.

Then for some months I tried mounting my duplicates in exercise books and blank albums. This plan enabled me to refer to any issue of aly country at a glance, but after a few months, as I am coustantly exchanging or otherwise disposing of my duplicates, the bouks got very solled. Besides, the time taken in mounting and renounting was altogether out of proportion to their value, either from a philatelic or mouetary point of view.

My present plan, and the one I now follow. consists of having all my duplicates alphabelically and chronologically arraged in some hali a dozev dealer's stock books. These books cost from half a gulnea upwards, but probably a small advertisement In this paper would bring forward all offer of ope or more eppond hand, mbont half usual prices. Personally, these books are so satisfactory in everg way that the outlay is practically refunded, in time and trouble saved, in less than a year.

These stock buoks are too well known to need describing-most deslers use them. I tind the ones containing about fifty leares, and holding about $15,000 \mathrm{scomps}$, the most handy for use. My desk and "den" shelves, onoe the home for nearly two dozen cigar boxes, all containing elusive envelopes of still more elusive duplicates, is now adorned with a neat little row of well bound stocz books, an Innovation I can contidently recommend to every troubled collector whose trouble is DUBLICATES. - Bng Collectors Journal.

Fuller's 20th Century Pnilatelic Jirectory is to appear shortly. It was to go to press on the 3lst of March.

## United States Provisionals and Locals

There were postoffices in this country over 200 years ago, but in the early days there was no regular mail service. The postoffices at Hoston, Nem York, Philadel phia, and otner seaports, (no inland offices existed) dealt in ship letters and operated under municlpal authority, the customary fee for a letter delivered or sent out of the country being one ponny. In New York the fee was three stivers. Every vessel had a bag for carrying letters, but there is no record that any ship master ever recelved more then the deilvery fee before mentioned. Correspondence between the A merican colonies previous to 1693 was so slight as not to call for special facilities or regular lines, in urgent cases special messengers were sent, but the bulk of the correspondence, such as it was, went by friends, especially in coast wise vessels.

The first idea for a postal route along the coast from New England to the Carolinas, originated in New York and was approved by their Lordships in London, provided that at least 10 per cent of the gross recelpts be paid to the Duke of Yors. Naturally the plan failed. Before there could be any gross receipts somebody had to pay for post riders to travel the long roads from Nova Scotia to Carolina, of which the great men of London expected large proflts for the Duke. In 1693 Andrew Hamilton got a patent in London for an American postoffice and was appointed the tirst American Postmaster General. Hanilton had nothing to start with other than the patent, which gave him a monoply, but might arouse the opposition of the Colonies and the local post masters. He had to map out routes through a little traveled country. He had to engage trusty mall carrlers he had ti bug horses and the regulation horns for post riders, he had to replace the local postoffices and get the consent of each colony for his postage rates. Late in 1692 he returned from London to A merica, where he traveled from colony to colong, getting from each what he could in the way of subsidies and law, and then startng his mail service. He overcame all obstacles; actually induced all colonies to pass substantially the same postal laws presoribing the same postage rates, and in 1693 the mall was carried from Portsmouth, $\mathbf{N}$. H., then known as Piscataqua, to Philadelphia and begond. The route was as folJows: Portsmouth to Boston, Saybroak, New Haven, New York, Perth Amboy, Burlington and Philadelphia, the chief point begond Philadelphia beiug Nencastle

It was fot until 1847, that the $\mathbf{U}$. S. postotflce department brought out its Brst regular issue of postage stamps. Previus to this time, postmasters it the large cities, in order to simplify the prepayment of postage, recelred permission from the Government to issue stamps. These stamps were called provisional issues, and at the same time there were private locals used by the numerous express companies, which made a business and proft out of the carrying of letters, before the reduotion of postage took place

The birst provisional used was issued in 1845 by the $N$. Y. postoffice. The design consisted of a full face portralt of Weshington on crossed lines in oval, lettered "postoffice'" and "tive cents'' in curved labels, and "Ner York' In upper corners; color, bluish on white or bluish paper The Brattleboro stamp, one of the scarcest and most famous in its class, was issued by Dr. Frederick N. Palmer, P. M , and continued in use until the appearance of the regular issue in 1847, when the "remainder" were detroyed. The plate was engraved on copper by Thomas Chubburk of Brattleboro, the
stamp being repeated ten tlmes, making that wumber of varieties. There were 500 impression taiken from each plate, making the total issue 5.000. The stamp was a small lengthwise rectangle, bearing the words "Brattleboro. Vt." across the top, under the letters "R. P. O." on each side,in the center consisting of the autographic signan' we "Fr. P.", denomination 5c, bufl.

One of the most famous and valuable stamps in the world, is the stamp issued at Mil!bury, Mass., (there are but six of these known to exist. and consists of a hidecus representation of the head of Washingion in a circle, with the words; "Postoffice, paid 5 cents," in the border, color bluish. The St. Louis stamp consisted of the state seal in center, 'Saint Louls' and figures of value above, and "Postotfice"' below, they were: 5c, 10c, and 20c, greenish, there belng also a number of minor varieties of these values. An ordinary wood cut was used for the New Haven stamps, the design belng a sinple rectangle with large tigure 5 and "Paid"' in center, "Postoftice" and "New Haven," Ct." in two lines above, "E. A Mitchell, P. M.," in line below in writing. The design was printed directly on the envelope, colors: 5 c red: 5c blue. In 1846. Providence, R. I., used two stamps, of "Postothce" "Providence R. l.", with letters of value, in oval, color black:there are many mfoor varietles of these and they have also been reprinted in 19. In I 455 Alexandria, Va, issued a stamp of very simple design, namely: "Paid 5 " in center, encircled by "Alexandria Postoffice" with circle of stars, color 5 c , buff. All these stamps are extremely rare and have been much counterfelted.

The introduction of the adhesive stamp did away in in a great measure with these provisionals, and n, ne sears later, whed a law was passed making the prepayment of postage compulsory, they were entirely abandoned. The birst adhesives (regular issue) were 5 c and 10 c values; $\mathrm{oc}, 1 / 4$ face to left of Franklin red brown and $1003 / / 4$ face of Washington to right bluish color.

The first form adopted for the prepayment of postage was by envelopes with engraving covering the face. This was in Great Britain in 1840.. Prepaid envelopes became very popular and were extensively used but not in the form Arst introduced. This was changed a short time afterward and a stamp was impressed in one of the corvers. It was not until 1853 that stamped envelopes were put in use in United States. Two values were at birst issued: 3c and 6c red head of Washington in oval value abuve "cents" below: in October following a large "Officlal envelope was issued of six cent value same as regular value but printed in red, and in April 1865 an additional value of 10 c was issued same size a "regulars" culor green." These different envelopes remalned in use untl 1860 and during that.time were subject to many chang's both of the stamp and the sizes and shapes of the en. velopes. There were supposed to be two dies of the 3e prepaid; in consequence of the immense amount of work it had to perform the second becme badly worn and at intervals the ends of the labels were trimmed, this is the onticial reason, and most likely the correct one These slight alterations have produced tive distinct varieties of the dies.

The tirst issues of U. S. envelopes are not as plentiful as might be expected, owing to the fact that at the outbreak of the Rebellion in 1861, the $P$ O. department suppressed all fts stamps and envelopes up to that time add rendered them worthless for postal use. A great many of them must
have been destroyed but a dlligent search among old papers and in dark cor. ners or deep pigeonholes mag unearth many of them.

About 1890 there was a sensation among philatelists when Mr. Henry Collin discovered a used specimen of the famous Brattleboro stamp. A for. eign collector at once bought it for $\$ 775.00$ and today it is worth probably 41,500.00. About the same time there mere discovered in Virginia, several Buchanan "locals." This stamp is a slip of paper 2 inches long by $\frac{1}{4}$ in broad inscribed "James M. Buchanan, 5 cents." It is one of the earllest "American lccals." Up to that ime only one specimen had been known and that was separated from the letter. One of these stamps was dated "Jan. 31,1847 '', and another 'Jan 15,1847, ' with postmark and date clear in both cases. There are no U. S. stamps of more interest to philatelists than the 'locals' that were used by local express and message companies before the goveroment restricted the issuance of stamps exclusively to itself.

The ifst company of this kind was that of Hale. who carried mail botween Roston and New York, but who soon falled. John T. Boyd of New York was the next in importance. He secured a license from the cit, in 1844, and in 1851 declared that no stamps should be issued but Boyd's. The government took the case before the courts and it was decided that Boyd could not be stopped till his liceose had been annuled by the City of New York. He resisted all attempts to stop him in his profitable business, until 1885, when the goveroment tilally deprived him of the right to issue stamps.

Ilussey's Special Company was established in New York in 1854. All mail inatter was promptly dispatched over the various routes at 11:00 a. m. and a special messenger took mail that was too late for the general delivery for a small additional charge. Hussey at one time, employed 39 carriers, but in 1885 he was compelled to stop issuing stamps.

The Hussey "horse and rider'" stamps are very rare, most of those usually seen being only reprints, the "post boy'' stamps are mere common.

Hlood \& Co , were the only local letter and express carriers of Philadel. phia. The concern was on the same plan as the others and all their stamps are rare, as they soon quit business Prince's letter dispatch was established in 1861 and carried letters between lioston and Portland, Me. Edw. Allen had a local dispatch otifee in Chicago and for a short time did an enormous business, but the P.O. Dept. succeeded in closing his establishment and Mr. Allen was tined heavily and also imprisoned. The "St Louis Delivery Co." was a similar concern.

All the large cities in the country had many local concerns that did the bulk of the business in carrying mail. New Yor c was especially prolific io enterprises of this character, a hundred or more people being engaged in the business, off and on. Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis and other large eities follow close on New York in the extent of their busidess of this kind. Besides this, there were many private post routes doing a regular business between the larger cities. or between the larger cit les and the small towns round about New York, Boston and Philadelphia, were thus con nected, and there was a regular service from New York up the Fudson Rivet to Albany and the interior of the state. Letters and newspapers were carried across the continent in the first place by the express companies; and Wells, Fargo \& Co., and the Adams Espress Co., for many years did a large

All these concerns, whether engaged in the local, suburban, or transcontinental business issued stamps in many varieties of design and of many denominations, and these are now highly prized by all collectors. some of these stamps nere a simple mark bearing the name of the concern, while others were more elaborately elgraved, some of them belng quite as interest. lug as any of the government stamps have ever been. Among these might be cited the stamp of Adams \& Co's. express, with a portralt of the founder of the company; Bogd's N.Y. Dispatch stamp, with a figure of a flying Mercury on its face; Hussey's N. Y. stamp, showing on a black lackground a white Mercury, standing upright in circus fasilion on the back of a racing white horse Many of these stamps bore the picture of the A merican eagle, generally a very hideous appearing bird. Portraits of Washington and other public men were often used and occasionally designs of vessels, and locomotives. altogether there is great pictorial variety in these stamps.

The rates of postage prévailing in 1814 were as follows: For every single letter by land. 40 miles, $8 \mathrm{c} ; 90 \mathrm{miles}, 10 \mathrm{c} ; 150$ miles, $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; 300 miles, 17 c ; 500 milles, 25 c ; and for more than 500 miles, 25 s additional; no allowance to be made for intermediate miles. Every double letter is to pay double said rates: every triple letter, triple; every packet weighing one ounce at the rate of four single letters each ounce. Every ship letter, originally recelved st an ottice for delivery, be. Magazines and pamphlets, not over fifty miles, ic per sheet,over tifty miles and not exceeding $100 \mathrm{miles}, 11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per sheet, over foo miles, 2c per sheet.

Newspaper stamps, which run irom ic no $\$ 60.00$ face, were never sold, nor permitted to go out of the Post offce. They were merely fized to the stubs of recelpts for money paid by newspapers, and the books of stubs were afterwards destroyed.

## TRADE NOTES by A. C. Koessler.

Seehecks as a subject for philatelic writers occupy as much space in the stamp papers of today as they did at the time of their advent, 18 years ago. The papers of Europe especially are agltating the matter. Even the sedate Scutt's catalogue devotes an entire page to these badly.treated stamps. To the dealer with a large stock the exclusion of stamps from the catalogue means a serious loss Uncatalogued stamps are practically worthless Many dealers are reducing their stock of certain South and Central Americans in anticipation of their rejection from the 1909 catalogue. The numbers under the ban are: Ecuador 31-69; Honduras, 40 94, 151-172; Salvador, 38-209, 401$40,501 \cdot 679$; Nicaragua, $20 \cdot 120,551 \cdot 577,601-702$. For the same reason Chinese locals such as A moy, Chefoo, Kewkiang, Wuhu, etc., are also stamps the dealer is selling out at bargain prices. It ts belleved they will nct be included in the next edition of the catalogue.

Denver has twu stamp stores and several mall order dealers in ottlee buliding. All report a brisk business for the past month.

The DeRupter set surcharged postage due affords a striking illustration of the evils of speculation. Several large European dealers cornered the market, for It must be known that dues are purchasable at the post offle in Ilolland. American dealers pald an average of 88 per set for the stamps and sold them at from $\$ 15$ to $\$ 20$. That was two months ago. Now that all the tealers are stocked up (at $\$ 8$ a set) the government has reprinted the stamps and they mas be bought at less than a dollar.

## Philatelic Terms--by L. G. Dorpat

Forty-two years ago there were no such things as philatelic terms, bo. cause the word "Philately" itself had not been coined then. Mr C f. Mekee! of St. Louis, Mo., who. upon the request of Prof. Whitney, of Yale, wrote the defnitions of "philatelic," "philatelist'" and philately" for the Century Dictionary, gives these definitions in Mekeel's Drummer of Dec. 5th, 1900, as follows:

PHILATELIC (tila telik) a (philatel-y ic). Of or relating to phi. lately.

PHILATELIST (fi lat-e-list) n. (philatel g-ist) a collector of pos. tage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity or interest.

PIILLA PELI (i-lat-e li) n. (F. philatelic) intended to mean the love of the study of all that concerns prepayment, i.e. of stamps, absurdly formed (by Mr. Iterpin, a stamp collector. in "Le Collectionneur" in 1865) of Greak philos. loving ( prop. philein, love), a--teles, free of tax or charge (taken in the sense of prepaid) a-priv.-telos tax, duty.

The fancy for eollecting and classifying postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity; also the occupation of makiog such collections.

The Freach use also the term Timbrophile instead of pnllatelist, and the Germans hare two terms practicallp used for the same thing but slightls differing in their meaning, Briefmarken-Sammler (collector of letter stamps) and Pestwerteichen-Sammler (Postal-value mark colloctor). Instead of philately (chough also with a slightly different meaning) thes use the words Briefmarkenkunde and PostwertzeichenKunde; "Kunde", is only sery nearly an equivalent to "science."

Quite a dispute arose some time ago about whether philatery mag prop. erly be called a science, or not. Some would rather call it a hobby, a pas time, or eveti an art. It is all of that, according to the individual who pursues philateiy: with some it is a bustness, a spezulation, if not a vice. It all depends on how stamp colecting is carried on for what object and with what means. and the admonition, given in Mekeel's Drummer on the pago with the above definitions, is always proper: "If you cannut afford it, don't do it.
(One need not. however, be wealthy to be a lover of stamps and to make a study of them. Great rarities are not a necessity, and there are as mang cheap and common stamps that one may form a very nice collection without golng to much expense. Intelligence of the collector will do more to his credit than large sums of money expended for rarities. Order and cleanll ness are also of higher importance.

As every pursuit will in time develop its own terminology or nomencla. ture, so philately too has its own or technicl terms. It the fore-part of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue there is a long list of such terms in English, French and German, arranged alphabetically. We have not the space here to reprint that whole list, and some of the terms in that list ard so plain in theoselves to anfone who but understands the language that it is not necessary to explain them. While recommending the study of the whole list to everybods, we may pick out a few words that are pretty nearly unintelligible to anybody but a philatelist.

Thus we say a stamp is watermarked, which means that in the paper, during the process of its manufacture, a certain bigure hos been formed bf
making the paper, on which the stamp ts subsequentiy printed, thloner in some parts than in others. The figure called the water "wark", consisting of the thloness of paper, is wove more translucent than the rest of the paper and consequently, as a rile, appears lighter than the rest when held against the light. Sometimes the difference in thickness is so slight that the dgure of the watermark cannot be seen except by immersion of the stamp in benafine or 95 per cent alcohol. Water usual.y helps to make it more visible too, but some stamps are printed in fugivtipe colors or on chalked paper that can not stand the immersion in water.

We say a stamp is "perforated 10 , or 12 , or $121 / 2$ etc. and mean that the holes punched between the stamps to facilitate their separation are so arranged that 10 , or 12 , or $121 / 2$ etc will appear in the space of 2 centimeters. The "perforation gauge" is a card or other device with several series of dots or lines, corresponding with the differently arrauged holes, and provided with Ggures that tell how many such holes, duts or lines fall within the space of 2 centimeters under that particular arrangement.

We say a stamp is rouletted when the space between the stamps is not punched by holes but merely cut by slits, like a series of short dashes or long hyphen. Whenever we find that the edge of everg little slit bears some color, we speak of "colored roulette'". According to the shapes the slits may have we apply differeat names as "saw tooth roulette, "'serpentine perforation etc."

The terms "line engraved," "steel-engraved," surface printed," "electrotyped," lithographed'! are not, strictly speaking, philatelic terms, but a philatelist must make himself acquainted with their meaning and must practice the distinction of stamps produced by these different processes of manufacture to enable him to recognize certain otamps and to distinguish them from others that are quite similar and from counterfeits.

We speak of designs, types, dies and minor variatles. The "design" is the general form or picture of a stamp. "Types' and 'dies'" are moditications of the same design, and 'minor varieties'" are minute differences of the same type or die or other minute differences caused in any way, as by shades of color, diferences of paper, minute variations of perforation and the like.

The names of colors used in catalogues,albums, etc., cause a great diticulty to collectors, and in some instances it is utterly impossible to convey a correct idea of a special color by describlog it in common language. For such cases speclal color-charts and color dictlonaries have been prepared, but none of them have gipen full satisfaction. It requires the study of chromatics to master the color diffoulties, and even then some of the terms occasionally emploged will and must remain puzzling. A whole book might be written about colors and color names of stamps alode without erhausting or doing justice tc this one subjegct.

Enough has been said to show that philately, if taken seriously means much more than the mere gathering of a few thousand stamps and pasting them into some book. The art of describing a stamp intelligently and aocurately alone requires a good deal of study and practice, and like any otner art, it forms an excellent exercise to the one who practices it. Thus the study and the corrrect use of philatelic terms is by no means a triffe. It is necessary to the philatelist, and tt may be a pleasure to him as the acquisition of any knowledge or art may be a pleasure or at least a source of proft which creates pleasure.


## St. Louis مtamp Collectors مociety



The eightieth regular meeting of this Society was held I'uesday. March 3ist, at the usual place and time. The Secretary's prophesy on the announcement card of "The Biggest Yet" was fulifled alright. The attendance was a record breaker and made a high water mark. Twenty-one were In attendance as follows: Messrs Anschuetz, Baer, Ban, Bollman. Cbase, Cornwall, Delatyeld, Diamant, Haintz, Hubert, Humes, Low, Millhouse, Myers, Ruedi, Schellho'n, Schoeman, Slack, Strauss, Voekler, Wood.

The President, who had evidently been attending to the affairs of "France'" arrived after all the available chairs had been preempted and had to preside over thls very demacratic Society's meeting from a standing.up Chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were sead and approved. The application of H. Wesley Legg, Dorchester Centre, Mass., and Fred E. Voelker, 3822 Humphrey St. were brought up and duly declared elected The Chairman of the Entertainment Commiltee reported the following donations of stamps 10 the Prize Fund, Mr. Strauss $\$ 800$, Mr. Bain $\$ 4.00$.

The matn feature of the meeting was the "France" contest, ive collections being entered, being those of Messrs. Chase, Delafleld, Low, Myers and Wood. The President appointed Messrs, Dlamant, Bumes and Strauss as Judges and they awarded the two prizes as follows: Chase, Ist, Delatield 2nd. The prize winners are to be congratulated upon their collections of this country. Mr. Chase is certatnly one of the best we have seen at our meetings for a long time. The President sprang on us a little contest of his oun. He asked the members to make a list of words which could be found in the word "Philately'. After ifteen minutes of brain storms Mr. Schoeman was adjudged the winner with fiftgone words, Millheuse fifty, Chase forty nine.

The Secretary gave a report for he ifst Quarter. Total attendance for seven meetlogs 100, average a little over 14 per meeting. Eight new members elected, one resignation, one application on hand, showing a nembership of tifty-two. Five members had uot missed one meeting, being Messis. Anschuetz, Baer, Diamant, Millhouse and Myers. The Soclety is certainly very much alive and growing. We were glad to see our late President with us once more after such a lengthy absence, also our East St. Louls members. Hubert and Slack.

A pplication received, W. A, Ritchie, 2225 Pennsglvania ave., proposed by Geo. Wood. Changes of address, Thos. Hubert, 1412 Necter Ave., East St. Louis to 1406 Necter Ave, and Fred Slack, 1144 Russel Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill., to Lock Boz 81.

Next meeting will be held Tuesady, April lith, room 803.805 Wright Building, on 8th and Hine Sts., 8 p. m. Walter Bain, a collector for forty years, will give a talk on "Old Time Collecting." Next contest will be Sweden.

The eighty irst regular meetingof this Society was held Tuesday A pril 1ith at the usual time and place with President Myers in the chair. St.

Louis certalnily has a bunch of Stamp Cranks that no weather, however bad, can scare off and the crowd is growing in spite of the raln which was pouring down fourteen were in attendance, viz:-Anscheutz, Baer, Baln, Chase, Cornwall. Low, Millhouse, Myers, Ritchle, Ruedi, Schoeman, Strauss, Voelker, Wood. If the present attendance of regulars keeps op the Prestdent's proposed prize to the member attending most regularly this year will hare to be split into a number of pleces for we have seven with a full record at the time of writing.

The reading of the miautes of the previous meeting was dispensed with. The Secretary read several communtcations. One was a very breezy letter llom a former Secretary of the Society, Mr. T.C. Mann, who is stlll a member although living in Ft. Smith, Arkansas

The chairman of the Entertainment committee reported three more donations of stamps to the prize fuud, Dr. Paul Baer. a packet of stamps: F. Millhouse, $\$ 350$; Wood, $\$ 1.50$.

The chairman of the emblem committee reported progress.
The Secretary brought to the notlee of the members present the fact that in the three contests held this year only six members had participated, three havigg entered at each contest and the other thres twice each. The President stated that in order to give the younger and smaller collectors a chance Messrs. Chase, Deiafield, Myers and Wood had decided to withdraw from compettions bua might enter thelr collection for exhibition caly. He, therefore, hoped that there might be a number of new entries in the Sweden contest at the next meeting. Mr. Cornwall said he was glad to hear that the Big Four had come to the decision as he might now be able to muster up courage enough to enter in the contests himself. Which humorous piece of sarcasm was greeted with a hearty laugh from those present.

The entertainment of the evening was furnished by Mr. Walter Bain who gave a most interesting talk on "Old Time Collectors and Collecting'" taking us back to the days when perforation, watermarks and papers were unknown and stamps were stuck down tight to stay and when a person who would give 85.00 for a single stamp was considered as an eligible party for the lunatic asylum. He was listened to with rapt attention and at the close was accordeded a unanimous vote of thanks.

The evening closed with an auction sale for the benefit of the Treasury. The President sprang a new fangied style of auctioning on us whioh netted quite a nice little sum, and we have no doubt the Treasurer will strongls recommend that the same be repeated often.

Application received, Richard Goerke, 2112 Sidney St., St. Louis, Mo.
The following members being in arrears for dues have been dropped from the roll: No. 19 Palzschke, 27 Kunz, 49 Malio. Change of address:-F. Millhouse, 4486 Fairfas Ave., to 1224 N. Taslor Ave.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, A pril 24th.at 8 p. m. Rooms 803. 805 Wright Bldg., 8th \& Pine Sts. The special feature will be a contest of "Sweden' for which we hope there will be a large number of entries.

The "Weltpost"" of Fischenthal, Zurich. Switzerland is a monthly paper devoted to stamps, views, stenography and sport. In No. 2 of Feb. 1003 it has a fine plew of Zweisimmed, the Ski-center of Switzerland and two equally fine views of the Ski-tournament. Zweisimmen is a summer resort and promises to become a winter resort as well on account of the Ski-sport.

# " WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE" <br> Another "Cousin Jack and the Child" Farce By Verna teveston Hantoay 

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.
Cousid Jack. The Child. Mamma. Dr. Stampology. Dr. Stoneology. Mrs. Dowager Diamonds. Various men and women.

## SCENEI.

"Ccusin Jack's" study. . "Cousin Jack'' strolling around the room hands io pockets. Hears a step at the door and hastily seats himself at the writing table looking. very grave and sedate.
"The Child'" enters.
CJusin Jack: "Phits is an unexpected hodor," he rises and bowing pulls an arm chair forward.

The Child: "Your manners have fmproved very much sloce my last call." smiles at his reddening cheeks, and continues: "Mamma is giving a dinner tonight. You'll remember, perhaps, that she mentioned it last evebing. just as you were learing for a meeting of that "Soclety for Psycholog. foal Research, but no doubt the trifle has escaped your memory because of more momentous matters. These psychological reaeaches, I don't doubt,are most "engaging'."

Cousin Jack: (prasses his lips together, and starts to speak angrily; changes his mind and replies), "O, I remember perfectly. - aell?"

The Child: "I merels thought you might have forgotten and would have on your Tuzedo. Mrs. Dowager Dfamonda Is coming and Dr. Stampolog9.'"

Cousin Jack: "Dr Stampology? I don't recognlice the name."
The Child: "Maven't jou heard of him? How surprislog! His's al ducki-a very dear friend of mine. As jou mould sap an'ominent confrore',' -you dont' object to my borrowlog one of your effectios phrases, I bope."

Cousin Jack: "A duck? If I tried very hard do sou suppose that l" might in time arise to such a dizzy eminence In your virgin favor ?' smiling satirically.

The Child: "Applylog the full measure of my analytical andefiry seeligg perception to your question, I do not, Indeed. You couldn't be fduct' if gou tired, -you'd make a falr gander."

Cousin Jack: "By an 'eminent conirere', you mean I take it, a "pon' tage stamp collecter. In other words the gentleman with whom I capoot hope to compete, collects waste basket material, and probably writes eridite treatises on printers artors."

The Chlld: (with narrowed eses) "J u-s.t sol Dr. Stoneology the archaeologist, will also be here."

Cousin Jack: "'Well, that's encouraging. I'll have some one congerjal to converse with."

The Child: "O you will. I told Mamma to gipe gou Mrs. Dortager, Diamonds for a velghbor"

Gousli Jgok: "I say; Child, this is too bad. Non't be a cht. woman should have a sweet, lovable temperament; not a malicfous offe
(To be continaed).



ting 'bars' are the detalls of this scene. Some wise hand has prevented any 'artlstic' elaboration and the gaunt simplicity of the scene carries adi. rect appeal. A oother card in this process which we will mention here, is one with these descriptive lines:
" Nature, the peerless artist lingers by
$\because=$ To mark the placid water imitate the skg."
The "Artotype" series are cards of rich and brilliant coloring, but never approach!ng a gaudg effect Like the "Mexzograph" cards, a heavg very smooth, stock of oardboard is used. Space permits but the mentloning of one card or so from the large line this Hinish, and the "Cameron Highlander' is elected, not because it is more worthy than othes, but for peculiarly sentimental reasons. A large and brawny Caweron is this, fair, and. -"hoot mon l'"-he's arrased in bonnet, and plaid for gathering of the clap,

The A merican branch of the Valentine house brings out some charming "Artotype" views of "A merican Camp Life," "Sporting Surles" and of the -Adirondacks. They publish too, another especially worthy set, resembling in finish and coloring the " $\Delta$ rtorspe" series, but taken from photographs: a set of twelve cards entitled "Life in the American Navy'. These cards are copyrighted (1907) by Eurique Muller. They are the nicest cards of the wind I've seen for dany a day.

Valentine's are noted fur humerous cards. The term huworous as understood by them means something in good taste. witty, humerous in the sense that the mellow, quiet rumor, of a man or woman who tras seen much of life and knows how to laugh indulgently at its twists and foibies, is humerous. Quite a different thing from the ridiculous 'comic' card, mas. querading as "fundy".

There are three sets in particular that are quite delicious, and set there are one or two cards that have a simple human laterest among them. "The love Tale of a Marine' is the most humorous of the three sets. I don't see how anyone who likes a laugh can refrain from placlag this set in his or her collection. There are six cards jo each of these three sets "Tommy atkin's Courtship', is a quaint blending of human, burlesque and pathos: No. 8. seems quite serious, with the clinging hand clasp and the "Good bje, sweetheart, good bye!" Fumor and burlesque is rrepresented by the "Quiat Corner in the Pars", "A Rival in the Fleld," "A rival 'on' the Field" and "Peace Proclained". The last of the three sets is "Jack's Courtship": "Love's Young Dream, "'A quiet Corner","'The Lass that Loves a Sailor," and at the last the two cards "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder, " and "Good bye. little girll"

Another humerous set has a familiar title, "The Farvest Glrl." In one card entitled "A Cruel Monopoly" we tind a characteristic "Johnny" "from the city," cos!ly ensconsed against a pile of stram, with four country girls around him. Two sturdy farmer boys have appeared on the scene, and from their expression one gathers the evident conclusion that they think the "Monopoly" a very cruel one, indeed!. Another card of the same set is entitled "There's many a sllp,twixt the cheek and the llp". In this "Jonnng finds his osculatory advances quite suddenly interrupted by a pitch fork in the hands of one of the above mentioned brawny sountrymen.

Among other humerous cards are "Cuplds Sport", "The Wife and How to Train Her," "How to Spend a Happy Day:" all in sets of six cards.

## A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors by G. J. Remsburg

The editor of this department visited the historic old town of Feston, Mo., recently and found much of historical and archaeological interest. Weston was settled immediately after the Platte Purchase-more than 70 years ago-asd was at ode time the largest, and most important town in the U. S. Fest of St. Louis. It was the great outfiting point for overland erpeditions in the early dags. In the immediate vicinity of Weston, is a sattlement known as Rialto which is more than 100 years old. It was settled by Freuch and American traders before Major Long's expedition came up theMissouri river in 1819. We heard of many Indian selics having been found near Weston. Peter Suger, the sexton of the cemetery informed us that in digging. a grave in the cemetery he exhumed the remains of an Indian wrapped in buckskin. Many people in Weston carried away small bits of this buckskin for mementoes. Many years ago several ancient mounds were explored on the bluffs overlooking Weston and Judge E. P. West, prepared a paper on them for the Kansas Academy of Soience. We have several interesting Indlan relics found at Weston.

The banks of the Smoky Hill river in Western Kansas, not a great dis. tance from the Colorado liae, have yielded to the University of Chicago the most perfect specimen of the fossll remalos of the platecarpus abruptus on exhibition anywhere in the world. The diccoverar of the carpus was $\mathbf{S}$. W. Williston, now of the Dniversity o! Chicago. The fish lived and thrived about $6,000,000$ years ago. This fossil, which is now on exhibition in the museum of paleontology of that institution is regarded as one of the most raluable possessions of the school. Mr. Williston, formerly a Manhattan man, found the specimen fn the chalk beds of the Smoky Hill last summer and quietly communicated his tnd to the university and waited for a chance to dig the monster bones from their anclent grave. Accurding to Mr. Wif. liston, this rare animal was the terror of the great and small dwellers of the seas in the Cretaceous age. It was covered wilh stripts and bars of mang brilliant colors.

The skeleton of a three toed horse, one of the rarest fossils knonn to paleontologlsts, is beirg mounted by H. T. Mariln in the museum of the University of Kansas. This fossil is the connecting link in the evolution of the horse from a gie toed animal to the present singletoed or single hoofed form. The skeleton is only three feet in height and has the form of a mod. ern Shetland pony except that it has a smaller hoof on each slde and a little to the rear of the large hoof and that the neck is shorter than that of the Shetland pony. The animal from which the skeleton was found in Oregon lived two million gears ago.
J. P. Denton of Anthong, has a number of very interesting heirlooms. Among them are four instruments of writing executed by his grandfather, Captatn James Craig, and the marrlage record of his great grandfather, Robert Craig, made March 1, 1793. The latter is taken from a famlly Bible considerably more than 100 sears old. A nother document is a deed executed in 1800 whereln the great grandparents transferred a parcel of land in Wash. ington county, Virginia, to their son. The instrument is written with a quill in a ine steel plate hand and is still in an excellent state of preserpatlon.

The editor of this column would be pleased to have all Kansas collectors send him brief accounts of their collecting and any items that might be of interest in the sollecting world.


## Table Galk of a Book Collector--Catalogitis By a Biblomaniac

The accue teras is not the name of a new and fashionable disease like appendeitis, but a word newly colned by that prince of good fellows and bib. liophili, Eugene Fiedd to denote that pleasing pastime and diserslon of conning over book dealers' lists. Huw these do swarm in upon a collector from the erds of the earth.-Engilsh, butch. French, Itailan, Spanish, in thelr variegated color !nes of kreen, red, pink, white, crammed full of literary dainties some o: them-others barren of tempting items as the gizzard of a cipter. What deeans of valueless junk and rapid inaulties many of them contains and what deserts of weary printed pages must be gone over before the ege rests on sume bright witie oasis of liferary nugget, almost hidden in this wilderness of printed pake:

The actention thus arrested bs some tempting item, the mental strugyle and calculaton then tepuis Shall 1 order this item-is it strictly in the line of an: collecting - is the price such that at any time 1 can realize on it, -is it likely to appreciate in value: Now this may seem a sordid and commercial way of looking at book collecting but I venture to say there are but a few collectors, no matier what their worldly means are, but do not have such thoughts in formiog collections of rare books, and in some measure look at this pleasarit diversion from a purely speculative staddpoint. They reason thus. rare books cost a great deal of money. they represent vast sums of money of practically unproductive capital tled up unless they are sure of their appreciation io value in the meantime and as such they constltute a valuabie asset which in a reversal of fortune is easily convertible into cash.

Having fully decided that the iter: is worth ordering, he straightway writes to the dealer for it with about one chance in ten of geting it. The item may be really sold wheu his order reaches the dealer or as is often the case the dealer well knowing the keenness and shrewdness of his customer that perhaps he may have put a too low price on it proceeds to look up its value or current selling price and tinding he has quoted it too low politely isforms the customer that "it is sold" and lists it at a higher price in his nert ilst. Yes Theg have elastic consciences, many of these book dealers and a very few are full-fledged members of the Ananias Club having taken the 33rd degree.

The other day looking over the catalogues of a number of dealers, I
picked up a London list of old Theology and turning over its pages listlessig my eye was arrested by an item so startling that I almost jumped out of mg chair in amazement. "S-'s Iodian Wars'"-20 shillings!! "Great Caesar's Ghost!' said I, 'the item is worth from fifty to one huodred dollars!'" Instinetive.g $l$ reached for my hat and coat to make a break for the cable office and wire for it, but my agitation soon subsided when 1 reflected that their list reached me two weeks later than the Loudon dealers and collectors and so said to myself "What's the use in spending three good dollars for a cable-gram-undouotedly it has long eie thls been gobbled up hy those keen London Americana scavengers, and so it proved. I did tho' write to the dealers immetiately, offered them $\$ \mathbf{5} 5$. 0 for it if they could bus it back irom their customer, sut they advised that had been suld on the day of the issue of the list to a neiphborius dealer, that they had no less than $i$ orders fur it and even one cablegram from America. LAUS DEI, it wasn't meg money anywas.

Now its just this way in the matter of busing old books from dealer's lists. There are a lot of old trgy-back uumber dealers. whó are too layy to seep abreast of the times, do not study the price Current. Sales Lists, are Indilferent to the fuctuations and variations of book values. A book that ten yearars ago they priced at $\$ 2.50$ is again priced at $\#: 50$ tho' in the mean time owing either to the scarcits or active demand by collectors it may have advanced to $\$ 750$ or even 817.50 . Its right here where the live uptodate book collector with his expert technical knowledge of vaiues'gets in his innings, that enaoles him to buy to advantage and adds a charm and exhilaration to the collection of rare books. Why, its just like picking up dollars in your pathway when you happen on a cholce item in an unknowing dealers' jist for a few dollars that you know positivgly you can sell to some collecter friend for four tlmes what you paid for ic. I nuted recently io a Western dealers list a certain work on travels in : Vol, quoted at stith-the price was simply absurd. The work sells any where from \$1F.0n to \$2ino. Of course 1 wired for jt but as usual my luck failed me. Some wide awake collector or dealer who received the list a mail or so sooner than l . secured it.

This is the collector's meed of reward that by patient study and research his technical knowledge in certain lines outwits urdinary professional busi. ness khowledge, and it is as it should be, fur it is only by the most unremiting study of days, months, jears of bibliological helps, aids and manuels and book auction values that enables him to buy to adrantage, gives him that knowledge of just what kind of books are most sought for by collectors and to acquire what are likely to rise in value, and avoid those that through the vagaries and whims of collectors are manifestly declining in prjce and de mand.

So one's hope is always buoyed up in looking over the countless Items in dealers' lists, patiently wading thro' oceans of ink of the veriest rot and rubbish, if forsooth one may happen on some precious literary nugget low priced that has escaped the knowledge of the dealer. It is this hope that brightens and cheers in what often proves a thankless and protitless task for the wirter on an average receives tifty dealers' lists a week and from this number may perhaps order two or three items. After careful perusal the worthless lists are consigned to the waste basket, but those on specially interesting subjects containing a choice number of items as for instance in

Folk lore, Occult, Lincoloniana, Archaeolcgs, and are vicionsly clipped to pleces and used for bibihographical purposes in special scrap books.

Buying from Lists on the whole is a rather unsatisfactory way of acquiring rare books So many dealers do not carefully or accurately describe their books, sluring over or purposely orerlooking to note defects and imperfections. In this case the buser thinking he is getting a perfect copy at a low price Huds to his chagrin that the example is but a poor, solled or in. different one. The Engilsh are more at fault in this respect than A merican dealers, very few of the former collate their books before listing to see if they perfect In text and have the full number of plates or illustrations. The last three Items I purchased from England, were returned as defective and not answering catalogue desoription. Of course this is annoying to both buyer and seller and whenever possiple the customers should st.bulate that books be sent on approval. which gives him the option to take or refuse as he wills.

## Foissils and What They Are

## By L. C. Sparks

Fossilization by Cast and Impressions and by Indiltration.
The majority of fossils to be seen in geoloigcal collections are the casts or forms of scme animal or vegetable organisms. As tha inhabitants of the prehistoric sea were overcome by death or catastrophe they sank to the ocean Hoor and became covered by deposits of clay, sand etc. Such depsolts prevented the ascess of the oxygen of the afr and hence retarded the decay of the organism.

Gradually however, the original texture and composition became destroyed, but in the meantime the deposits above became deeper and deeper and the surrounding material became dryer and harder. The process of de-* cay was sufficiently slow that the surrounding mud had ample time to become firm and hard and to preserve the form of the organism.

After a sufficient period of time the deposits hardened into shale, sand. stone. limestone or other rock formation.

Should mineral faden water have penetrated through the mass, the silicon, iron or other mineral carried by the water would be deposited in the mould, replace the decaying organism and assume its external and oft-times its internal form.

Thus we often ind silicious fossils in a limestone matrix or a fossil composed largely of jrod in a sandstone matrix.

It is in this manner that the fossil corals, shells, trilobites, crinoids and most vegatable remains are preserved.

The preservation of the most microsccple and dellcate forms is marvelous indeed. The leaves, the veins, the minutest teeth of the ferns and other plants are often found so perfectly preserved that they appear as though pressed and prepared for the herbarium.

Perhaps the most interesting examples of "fossilization by indiltration" are the "petrifled forests" of our western states. In Colorado and Wyoming trees are found that were fossilized while still standing. The woody tissue had gradually been replaced br mineral matter, the structure remaining unimpaired. Such specimens can be polished and are a valuable addition to a geoligical collection.


## By P. Hardteick

THEALNHOR PIHLATMLIC SOCIETY'S EXHIBITIUN at Londod of Britith Colnitals was opeutd by Rt. Hon Sydrey Ruxton Posemamergen. eral at Caxtun Ha!l Westminster on Thursday, March 12ih for three days. There was more than a quater of a million stamps on view, valued at 9350.000 .00 Mr . Melville told me that the display was limited to stamps Issued by British Colonies no fewer than 140 Colunies was represented. Stamps of all sorts and sizes were there. A collection from New South Waies was valued at $\$ 25,0 \% 0$ and facludes what are known as sidney views showing Botany Bay with the conviets a-diving. The Triangular Cape of Good Hope collection is valued at $\$ 10.00000$. One of the most interesting exhtbits is the famous New Brunswick 5 cents which cost Mr. Connell the Postmaster his position and 33000 a pear because he defaced the portrait of the late Queen with one of himself. Dr F. W. Abbott's almost complete collectlon of Straits Settlements Including the 32 cents carmine rose surcharged omitted was much talked about. Mr. Lewis May was showing 48 mint copy two pence Blue plate 3 valued at $\mathbf{8} 300$ also sheet of small crcwn one penny imperforated Dle 2 of Gt. Britain, H. R H. Prince of Wales had a specialized collection of Barbadoes including all the unissued stamps amongst which is the first perforated shilling pribted in errorin blue instead of black. Mr. L. L. R. Hansburg's magnifioent collection contained mostly unused spectmens of the one penny black 1854 with a block of 4 , also the inverted Swan four penny blue of Western Australia valued at $\$ 2,000 . c 0$. Mr. H. II. Harland's had practically a complete collection of St Helena. Mr. B. Kirby also had a complete collection of Newfoundland. New Branswick was shown by Mr E. Welton with some very nice copies of the first threepence and sirpence mint also the 5 cent, brown(Connell). The Gold and silver medal went to Charles W Care, London and A. B. C. Westlake London, for the best Junior collection. It is estimated that 20,000 to 30,000 visited the Exhibition in the three days.

Dr. Rommel of Lelpsig Germany, issues a unique paper "Der phllatel-istische-Litteratur Sannuler', printed in fac simile hand writing; it contains princpalis wants and offers of Dr. Rocomel especially In philatelic fiterature. No. 7 contafns a list of 118 phllatelic papers that were being issued at the beginning of 1908. Dr. Rommel desires to hear from all new papers that may be issued.


EDITOU'S NOTE-Our readers are uvited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of oew thsiucerie; of mines an l minerals. All letters adidressed to the editor at Gleudive Mont., will be answered as far as nosable in this dep:.-Forest Gatnesi

Thomas Cook and Grurke Menry of harteltsille I T., who recently estabilshed a pearl tishing station a few miles south of that ciry, have found one of the largest pearls ever discovered in this country. It is about the size of a pigeon's pgg. Robt. Henry. president of the Henry Ofl Company, has offered $\$ 1500$ for it, but the ownris I ave been informed by local jewelers that it is worth $\$ 3,000$. Many oil drillels are leaving work to dig for mussels along Caney river.

The president of the United States lately signed a proclamation creating the Jewel Cave National Moument withio the Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota. This remarkable cave, which is located 13 miles west and south of Custer, the county seat of Custer county, in a limestone formation is believed by geologists to be an extlnct geyser channel. The Natlonal monument will embrace an area of 1.280 acres.

The cave, which was explored as late as 1900 , has been found to consist of series of chambers connected by narrow passages with numerous galleries, the walls of which are now encrusted with a magnificent lajer of calcite crystal. The opening of the cave is situated in Hell Canyon, the walls of which are high and precipitous.

The surface of the country in which the cave is located consists of a high rolling limestone plateau about 6,000 feet above sea level. The area is almost entifely covered by a forest of bull pine a conisderable portion of which is merchantable, while the remainder consists of a vigorous young growth. The Jewell Cave. National monument will now be given permanent protection by virtue of the act of June 8, 1906, which provides that objects of sclentific interest may be declared national monuments if such action is deemed necessary for their preservation and protection.

Visitors to this section will miss a unique experience if they fall to see the above described cave.

## TOURING THE WORLD.

Helen is in Scotland; Tuila's up in Maine.
Alida's on the Jersey Coast, and Jack has gone to'Spain.
Every port they enter they send a postcard out,
So we at home are touring by the pleture post: cardiroute.

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RESIGNATIONS.
Members will please take notice that No. 94, Miss Edith E. Page, Phenix, Khode lsland, is no longer able to exchange cards, as her collection is now complete, and that she has resigned as representive for Rhode Island. CHANGE OF ADDRESS.
No. 51, Elmer O. A rends from c-o Packard \& Niece, 1603 Ashland klock to 1981 Fillmore St. Chicago, Illinois.

> CORRECTION.

No. 40. Jos L. Bigger should be 2030 Mami St., instead of 23 Miami St., Omaha, Neoraska.

## INFORMATION WANTED

Any information referlag to the complete address of member No. 78, S . Kuzuhara, of Japan, will be thankfully received by the Secretary. This member falled to give complete address, and consequently the secretary can not send his membership outfit.

PRIZE CONTEST NO. 2.
1st Prize: Honorary Life Membership. 2nd Prize: Free paid up Membership for one year. 3rd Prize: One Dozen Colored View Cards of St. Louls, Mo. To obtain tirst prize get 5 new members for the Club; second get three new members; third prize, get two dew members. Contest began March 1st, 1908 and ends June 15, 1908.

DEFENCE FUND
A defense fund shall be maintained by this club for protection of its members and any member sending another member a card and falling to receive reply according to the time limit allowed by our rules, can make application to the secretary of the club for relmbursement for cost of card, plus postage on same under the following conditions: No member will be relm. bursed until two other members have reported as failing to receive reply
from the dishonest collector, the dishonest collector expelled. then the three reporting members will be relmbursed at the same time. No member can make claim for more than 250 during the one year of his or her membership in the club.

## TO OUR MEMBERS.

We have just had a new form of application blanks printed. It is much nicer and neater than the old form, being up to date in every way. The new blank is drawn up so that it will give a clearer idea to those who are inexperienced in the collecting of post cards. We are seadlag these new blanks to the members as fast as possible. Those who have not received any of the new blanks should write the secretary at once. When these blanks are sent you, it is your duty to distribute them a mong your card collecting friends. We have one member who has ohtained at the rate of one new member per month for the club. We now have 78 members, and just think how large our little club will soon be, if each oue of our members will do only half this much in the next four months We want to have a total of 1700 members by next month, and we also wish to have this number to publish in our next membership list In the meantime, I am yours for a little more hustiing.

James A. Cirt. Jr., Sec'y-Treas.

## Coin and Stamp Societies

The Numismtic Society, there are several in the country, but there are doyeus of Philatelic Societies. And'so with coin and stamp collections There are perbaps a dozen of the former worth over twenty thousand dollars while there are at least double that number of stamp collections that are worth from tifty to one hundred thousand dollars.

The Numismatic Siciety is j ist about holding its fifteth anniversary in a superb building costing bifty thousand doliars on a plot of ground worth as much' more.

They have iffeen thousand dollars invested in good interesting securities and a smail debt which will soon be paid off by the gererosities of their members. Excepting the bonds which are the reccienulation of + Life Membership fees, this splendid showing is made up do donations in the spast fow sears. Of course, many of its members are vioh men, but the roll of the Collectors' Club and the Philatelic Sjeiety contains the nacess of many. millionaires. During the past ten sears many efforts have been made by a few members to interest their fellows in a building enterprise but the work fell flat and the socleties are no better of than when they started. It is strange that there should be such a difference m the disposition of collecting men of the same country simply because one ip interested in coins and the other in stamps. Why don't the stamp men get toyether and do something for the of the cause and worthy of themselves? Csin med seem to work to accumulate tine collections of some particular line to present to their socleoy. Stamp collectors will not ever busy themselves to give their counterfeits to form a reference brok. During the past three months Mr. Charles. Gregory has donated a two thousand doliar collection of Oriental coins and Mr. Danfel Parish, Jr.. a twenty thousand dollar collection of medals. It behooves the stamp men to get together unless they are willing to let their science die outright and oniy be remembered with the tulip mania nd other pastimes of a day.-Metropolitan Philatelist.
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A curious hobby is the collect ion of sieel cutlery. Yet there are collectors who make a study of gathering together either sets or isolated examples of the old• fashioned steel dinner knives and two or three pionged forks. A century or more ago these knives were handled extensively. Some of the old silver pistol handles are beautifully engraved, aud many of the ivory handles are richly carved Mother of pearl was freely used, and so was china. The pretty decorated landles made at Bow are now raluable and ditticult to obtain.

An interesting catalcgue of the collection of autograph letters and manussipts brought together and mounted in a large album by the late Mr. Frederick Locker Lamson. of Rowfant, Sussex,has beed issued in New York It will be remembered inat the Rowfant Library a as sold on block for several tens of thousands of dollars.some of the Shakespeare quartos and other books golng to Mr. Jwight Chorch, of Brocklyn, others to Mr Van Antwerp. whose library was dispersed in London last Marcli. The autograph album contains in chrouological order letters and documents by Rem. brandt. Sir Philip Siditey, Marif Luther, Defoe, Goldsmith Scott and many other conspicuous men. One of the most valuable items is the earliest rersion and postibly the very first draft of Burns' 'Scots $n$ ha hae wi' Wallace bled.: It is written on red ruled Excise paper and differs materially from the poem as generally published. Seven or eight holograph manuscripts of this 'Bannockburn'' are known, one of them found in an old album belong. jog to the late Mr. A. Ifamilton having fetched $\$ 1775$ at auction last jear when it was bought for the Burns Cottage Museum at Alloway.

Pells are sometimes used for other purposes than that for which theg were originally designed. Little bells have frequently been made for decorative purposes as well as articles of utility. A curious ornament was sold for 84570 dollars in Londen the other day. it cunsisted of a orinking cup formed as a Dutchleather boot, mounted with silver gilt neck repousse with flowers, and a small silver bell of 17 th century work attached to it.

There seems to be no end to the Roman remains buried under the London of today. Pottery, coins, leathern bottles, tile and other curiocs relles were found during the excavations on the sites of Old Christ's Hospital. Medieval ware, as well as Samian pottery, have just been found on Duke Street, Aldgate, and a short time ago the remains found in behind All Hal.
lows on the Wall, where the old Roosan diten once was, were extremely numerous and interesting.

Collectors of Sheffield plate should beware of buying specimens which have an undoubted new appearance, for many Sheffeld cardlesticks and other objects, owing to the ignorance of thelr owners, have been electroplated during resent years. This, of course, can be datected by an expert,although in some instances where the modern plate had been rubbed off, the edges and the copper shows through, it is difficult to distinguish them.

Reports reach us from Brighton in reference to an interesting discovery of the remains of prehistoric man. Quite a number of Hint implements together with tusks of wild boars, have been found in digging on the lirtghton Downs.

Another Nelson relic has been discovered. It is a watel, which has been sent to the Royal Naval Museum at Greenwich. On the inner case is the inscription, "Admiral Nelson, Lord of the Nile, 1st August, 1797.""

Those of our readers who are fond of studying art treasures and curios will be pleased to know that good progress is belng made with the South Kensington Museum buildings. The new front is nearing completion and the arrangements of the interior progressing. Possibly in June or July all will be ready for the grand re opening ceremony which will be conducted by His Majesty the King. When re-opened the museum will have 250000 feet of space twelve acres of flooring and 16 miles of galleries.

At a mized auction sale leeld in London some very interest. ing curlo changed hands at reasonable prices, three old Worchester vases fetching only 6 ( 0 and a Rockingham tea service of fortytive pieces obly $\$ 45$. At the same sale however a selection of old pewter fetched good prices and seseral old prints and engravingss created quite a surprise by the figures they realized If any of our readers have any really good old colour prints to dispose of we thiak we can help them, for we have had sereral nquirles recently from collectors wishful to buy.

According to the Hundee advertiser a rare old Queen Anne double handled silver cup with the London hall mark of 1708 was sold in Edinburg recently for $\$ 1375$. There is a great demand just now for small doublehanded porringers especially of he Queen Anne and early Georgiau periods.

There is some inquiliry among collectors for old hand painted fatis. If any readers of WESI' have any o' these oid time curios soowed away, they would do well to look them up for there is money in such relics.

Durfing the sale of the late Lord Hrampton's effects a discovery was made that an odd lot catalogued a "a hot water jug. a decanter. and an ink bottle with silver, mounts's contained a rare specimen of severiteenth century work, the hot water jug being considered an exceptional specimen of that period The lot, which started at $*: 10$ was after some keen blding, znocked down to the buyer at $\$ 2000$

Another painting of Van Dyck has been discovered near Antwerp. The pic'ure, which was painted on a wood panel, was bought, among old timber for toc. It is probably worth thousands.

At a sale of war medals in Edinburg a Victoria Cross,formerly awarded to Private Kennedy of the Highlard Light Infaitr?, changed har ds at auction.

## ON COLLECTING

Life in this world is a culiecting and all the men and women merry callectors. The question is, what will sou collect? Most men are intent on collecting dollars. Their waking hours are taken up with inventing plans, methods, sehemes, whereby they may secure money from other men. To gather as mauy dollars as possible and give out as few, is the desideratum. But when you collect one thing you incidentally collect others The tisherman who casts"his net for shad, usually secures a few other fish, and unce in a while a turtle, which enlarges the mesh to suit and gives sweet liberty to the shad. To focus exclusively on dollars is to secure jealousy, fear, vanity, and a vaulting ambition that may claw its way through the mesh and let your dollars slip into the yeasty deep. Ragged Haggard and his colleague, Cave of the Winds, collect bacteria; while the fashionable young men of the day, with a few exceptions, are collecting headaches, reцrets, weak nerves, tremens, paresis-death. Of course we shall all die (I admit that), and further, we may be a long time dead (I will admit that), and moreover, we may be going through the world for the last time-as to that I do not know; but while we are here it seems the part of reason to devote our energies to collecting that which brings us as much quiet joy to ourselves and ochers as possible. My neart goes out to the collector-of old books. swords. stamps, coins, pistols, prints. clocks an bock plates, there is only truth. If he gives you his friendship, it is because you love the things that he loves; he has no selfish wish to use your good name to further his own petty plans-he only asks that you shall behold, and beholdng, your eye shall glow and your heart warm within you. Inasmuch as we live in an age of speciallsm one man often collects only books on one subject, Dante for instance, another nothing but volnmes printed in Venice, another postage stamps of the British colonles or thee German empire; while still another devotes his spare time to securlag tobacco pipes, and I am well a ware that the wan who collects only Venetian books has a contempt for the man who collects stamps, books and perhaps clocks. And in this does the specialist reveal that his propensity to collect has retined itself into an abnormality and degenerated, and from an innocent desire to collect has shifted off into a selfish wish to simply outrival. The man who collcets many things, with easy, natural leabiugs towards, say, spoons, is pure in heart and free from gulle, but when his soul centers exclusively on spoons, exclusively he has fallen from his high estate and is simply possessed of a lust for ownershiphe wants to own more pecullar spoons than any man on earth. Such a one stirs up wrath and rivalry, and is the butt of all others who collect spoons, and a hy word. Prosperous, practical, busy people sometimes wonder why other folks build cabinets with glass fronts and strong locks, and therein store postage stampsautographs, and books that are very preclous only whes their leaves are uncut; and so 1 will endeavor to here explatn. At the same time I despair of making my words intelifilible to any but those who are collectors, or mashap to those who are in the varlolold stake Then possibly gou say I had better not waste good paper by recording the information, since collectors know already, and those who are withnut the pale have nefther eyee to see, nor hearts to incline. Men collect things because these things stir imagination and link them with the people who once used or pos.
sessed these things. Thus, through imagination, is the dead past made to lipe again and throb with life. Man is not the lonely creature that those folks with bad digestion sometimes try to make us believe. We collectors are brothers not only to all who live, but to all who have ever gone before. -Elbert Hubbard. (Ex)

## PRESERVING INSECTS

The care of a collection of insects is quite a responsiblifty, as there is constant danger of other insects getting in and devouring the specimens. When the insects are caught they are killed by being put into what is called a cyanide bottle. This buttle is prepared by covering several crystals of potassium cyanide with plaster of Paris, dampening the plaster and allowing it to harden. The fumes of the cyanide fill the bottle and are very polsonous. If the insect is too large to be placed in the cyanide bottle, place it in a vessel with a few drops of chloroform, and cover from the air. After the insects are dead thej are "mounted by thrusting a slender pin through the thorax, or the division of the body to which the legs and wings are attached. With beetles, however. the pin is thrust through the hard covering of the right wing. Moths and butterfies are prepared for mounting by spreading the wings out smooth on a "'stretching board." This board is made by piacing two soft wood pleces on blocks, parallel with each other, leaving a space between them to recelve the body of the insect. The wings are then spread out upon the two pieces, where they are held by papers or threads, and pins, while the body rests in the space between the boards. The insects after being dried, are placed In shallow boxes, such as cigar bozes, the bottoms of which have been covered with some soft substance,sucr as sheets of cork, or pleces of cornstalk pith, into which the pins may be easily inserted. Moth balls, or some such insect preventatice, should be always present In the boxes to prevent the specimens being eaten by uther insects.

In one thing we are both agreed-postcards are great money makersprobably the best monejmakers in the world at the present time.

And we have jet to become cognizant of the fuilure of any postoard dealer who went into the business intelligetily. and stayed with it until it had the chance to grow.

We have watched many post card dealers start from almost nothing, and develop great businesses worth many thousands of dollars gearly. The same opportunity is before yos, and we cannot conceive of a better method of makitg a start.

Uucle Sam burns quantilies of silk, linen. cloth and leather cards every month because a oce cent stamp is used and the sender's address is lackiog.

The government is encouraging the use of the ptcture pust card by removing all the restrictions possible. Although the postcards of private manufacture is putting the old fashioned postal card out of business. Uncle Sam gets the same revenue from the stamp and saves the cost of the card and printing. so the probits are correspondingly greater.

The 5lst monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms 11622 Masonic Temple, Friday eva. ning, April 3rd, president V. M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Verkler, Careg, W. F. Dunham, McDonald, V. M. Brand, Brenner, Simp. son, Excell, I llumenschein, Merxill, Chester Dunham, Holmes, Baker, Rlpstra, Lewls and Greqn. The resigna. tion of W. O. Staab was received and accepted. The following gentlemen were elected to membership: Otto Darmstaetter, Fred F. Thuemling, A. M. Tierney, Chas. A. Windau, John T. Kellg, M. J. Cooney, Wm. Poiliza and E. W. Jeffreg. The President appointed Messrs Green and Williams as two of the editorial Committee.

A motion was carried to present a silver medal of the 50th meeting to Mr. J. H. Ripstr, the engraver of the dies. A donation of 59 medals, etc., was received from Messrs. F. FI. Noble \& Co. for the cabinet of the Society. Mr. W. F. Dunhaam exhibited a number of Dnited States half dollars, and Mr. V. M. Brand some very tine aurel.

The following magazines were received: Philatelic West, Splnt's Numismatic Circular and Numismatiche Correspondenz for March. Auction catalogues were recetved from Lider, Green and Adolph Hess (3).

Adjourned t meet May 1st, 1908.
Ben G. Green, Secretry.

## A WAY TO COLLECT POST CARDS.

A Imantsh girl, llvag in her father's home in Denmark, having probably heard something about Sydneg, and anxious to add to her collection of past card views from this state, hit upon a plan the success of which will probably astonish her.
—Having selected a card from a very pretty rutal scene of the home in which she lived, the little maiden addresssed the card in English: "To the cleverest girl in the biggest school in Sydnep, and would she please send a card in return'"

The card was delivered by the postman to the Girl's high suhool in Elizabeth street. The pupils. uumbering sone 500, are going to forward each a card to their unknown Danish friend

She will therefore recelve 500 post cards.
Mr. J. Leahy of Montreal, Canada, sends one of his colored view cards of Quebec. It is a fine as any we have seen He says in his circular that he has many just so fine from all over Canada, includilig Esquimaux scenes, Indian Types and the like.

The better grade of view cards, such as photographs and photographio representations, are undoubtedly educative in a geographic, ethnographic or scientific sense. Some of them may be a real assistance in the study of 20 . ology, botany, art and simllar branches. Here we havé indeed more than a fad.

The old headgear which Geronimo, the Indian chief, wote in his last battle with General Miles, has been buught by Robert W. Wells, of Washlog. ton, and will be given to the Smithsonian Institution.


## OLD COINS OF AMERICA

(Continued from March Issue).
"By permisson of Harper Bros., from Harpers Weekly"
In the meantime the colony of Maryland had taken prcceedings to supply its wants, and foad ordered the coinage of silver as early as 1681 . Lord Baltimore jssued poins bearing on the obverse the legend 'Caecllis, Dns: Terrae: Marglae: \& ct, around a bust of Lord Haltimore, and on the reverse his arms with the motto "Crescite: et Mutliplicamini. Copper half pennies were also issued at or about the same time but it is probable that they never went into circulation. One sold in Englatid in the year 1860 for 8362.

The French Government was the tirst to issue a copper c ifage for its American possessions In 1721 the Mint sent over a small copper coln for use In Louisiana having for its obverse a Double "L" the initial of the Monaren's name, crowned, with the legend Sit Nomen Dominl Benedictum. The same legend is found on a large portion of the colns of the monarch. Louls XV. The reverse was simply the legend Colonies Francoises, 1721. The second issue of this coin was in $1: 22$, atter which it did not appear again untll 1787, when it was enlarged and the metal reduced In quality, so that we have a larger coln at that period, of nearls perfect brass, with. the same legend and reverse.

At almost the same period the "Wood money", as it has been called. was introduced in the Colonies.

The English Government issued in 1722, to one William Wood, a patent for coiping vartous coppet pieces for use in Ireland The grant was made for a period of fourteen years, and the quantity llmited to 360 tons of copper The money issued by Wood was certainiy more beautiful than had before appeared in English dominions, but its swall size attracted attention, and a storm of rage in all Ireland broke out against It. Dean Swift, then in Dublin. led In the attack with his celebrated anonymous letters known as "Drapier's Letters." The mones failed in Ireland, and large quantities of it were sent on speculation to A merlca, where it no doubt, probably falled also. Some of theme ere in circulation in the U. S. as late as 1860.
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TO RIDE ReLICS OF VANISHED GREATNESS.
The Pantheon of the Spanish colonies, a pavilion in the Retiro of Malid, which holds the memories of Spain's vanished greatness, is to be dispantled and the collection books and paintings and vast archaelogical, geoogical, anthropological and botanical treasures it contalns are to be scatored and buried among the libraries and museums of the capital.

This action is taken upon the ground that the building is needed for ther purposes, and besides, the collections are no longer visited.

But it is in reality a decision to disperse from the sight of the peop:e he ocular evidence of the empire dissipated by Spanish misrule. The most hteresting part of the exhibit related to the Phillipines.

It is said that the Sevres vases with applegreen grounds fetch the highst prices. We wonder whether any of our readers have any of these choice pecimens stowed away angwhere?


Editor-F. J. Clute, San Francisco

Postal

## Photographic Clubs

HOW TO FORM ONE-Taken from an English paper. (Continued from last issue)
Tosuch people the Postal Photographic Club is a veritable boon, placing as it does, the assistatce of other workels and the sight of various processes and method of treatment right in their homes, since there is no part of the British Isles, at any rate, so desolate that the Parcel Post will not conves the portfolio and all that it brings with it to their very doors

And the help rendered by a really yood Club to the members is very considerable indeed if anyone doubts it he has only to make a list of the workers whose names are prominent on the walls of our leading exhibitions and then find out how many of them have sprung into prominence from the ranks of some such Club. One Club of the kind at least, is said to be nearJy entirely composed of leading exhibitors at the "Royal'" the "Salon," and oher leading shows.

So much then for the principle of the Postal Club, let us now proceed t.o consider the details of tie scheme required for the establishment of such a Club.

In the Hist place the general plan may be outhned. A Postal Photoyraphic Club consists of a certain number of members who pay a small sub. scription, in return for which they are banded together for mutual Interest and aid. This mutual lielp is carried out by means of a circulating portiolio, which gees the rounds of all the members, being forwarded from one to another by Parce] Post. It should not, it may be parenthetically observed, be permitted to be sent by any other means than the Parcel Post, as, If sent by rail, difficulties are certain to occur with regard to the carriage, one member perhars sending it on carriage free, while another leaves the cost to be defrased by the recipient. If all are compelled to use the Parcel Post no difficulties as to cost of carrlage can occur.

The subscription is a matter of cersonal opinion on the part of the Secretary, the author has found 50c entrance fee, and 750 annual sufficient to cover all expenses. There are Clubs which only levy a subscription of 60c on their members, but it is far bet ter, if any doubt exists as to the expense to charge enough to cover'all requirements. Of course, a great deal depends upon the method of working the club, some methods being more expensire than olners.

The portfolio can consist of a simple back and front, with flaps round the back to keep the photos in their places, even these are dispensed with in some of the best Clubs, but they save the edges of the mounts in their journey through the post.
(To be continued).

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## -fripping Films--by E. F. Lange

The controversy regarding the relative merits of plates and tilms has frequently waxes warm. but is a question which perhaps will always be setled according to individual needs, as has beret. done in the past.

The serious ditifoulty with plates is their weight and liability to break. age. Amateur photographers who follow a rocation like teaching. which reeps them on the move, soon discover this ${ }_{48}^{*}$ dieticulty. Negatives acci:mu. ate, which are too rood to throw away, and too troublesome to move Mang nis tims, but some prefer the plates despite this disadvantage. The diff. sulty may te remedled Prepare two per cent solutions each of formaldehigde, surfium Huoride, and sulphuric acid. Soak the negative, dry or wet, 0 the formaldehyde solution to coughen the gelative film. The negative hould remain in the solution about ten minutes and then dipped into water to rinse the formaldehyde fromitt. Then soak about ten minutes in the soflum fluoride solution and plare it directly, without rinsirg, into the sul. shurle acid. The film'almost Immediately leaves the glass. After five minutes rinsing in fresh water the tlm may be squeezed on to a clean ferro. spe plate When it is dry, it readily peels off and you have a perfect negafive in a very thin tim of gelatine, which is almost weightless, very tough, ind which can be tled away between the leaves of a book. It also posseesses drautages in single transfer carbon printing and, in double printing. It is fot best however, to use the process on negatives larger than $4 \times 5$, as the platine of the larger sizes buckies slightly and becomes tronblesome ob. the ferrotype plate.

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352. The topic of stamped bank checks is not yet exhausted Mr. Walter Bain of St. Louls, was so kind as to write "the following: "One of the stockholders and a director in the A mericau Phototppe Co., N. Y., and the first man to use stamp printed checks gave me the following history of them: The American Phe. Co. secured a contract witn the Goverdment to print stamps on checks, drafte, etc., under the superoision of a representative of the Treasury Dept. and ther made up a design of their current 2 c bank check orange (adhesive) and placed it in a black frame to ccrrespond with the regular blanks then used, which generally had a heavg square printed in the right hand corner of the check in which to place the stamp. This gentleman ordered a book of checks and they were deltvered to him with the understanding that he was not to use them until such time as the printers had a sufficient stock on hand to supply the trade. The first day of their use he was called upon by a secret service man for counterfeiting, and the usual lengthy explanations had to be gone through with. The Phototype Co. were general printers, but baving this exolus.ve right of stamp printing from the Government their business became so great they were forced to abandon the other lines and confine themselves to printing checks. The demand for them was so great, that other establishments brought such pressure upon the officlals of the Department they were forced to make a settlement with the Photo Co. whereby the Photo Co. were to cease completing the checks (except for their own orders) and to supply the other es tablishments in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other centers with the stamped paper and allow these firms to do the other printing; hence the various firms imprift on the stamps; where the Photo Co's. Imprint is on the first and second issues, or others, it implies they were completed in their establishment. After the espiration of the first contract the Government authorized varlous firms as stamp printers in various sections of the country under superoision of a Department Representive, who saw that a settlement was made each week for all stamps printed, and these firms were compelled to furnish the stamp paper to all other printers upon payment of prices agreed upon."

These statement were made by Mr. J. T. Birch some years before his death. M:. Bain thinks that possibly scme more facts can be learned from Mr. Bireh's sons. The dates of the Photo. Co's. two ecntracts and their expiration, for instance, are such facts which it would be very desirab'e to know.

Mr. J. D. Bartlett, of Springfield, Mass, kiudis wrote the following: "The American Phototype Co. of N. Y., first held the contract of printigg stamped paper, and you will tina in the Repurt of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, dated Nov. 20, 1868, the following: "The American Phototype Co, of N. Y. imprints internal revenue stamps on checks, drafts, re-
celpts and other instruments furnished them by parties who desired such, at a cost of $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per thousand to the government, all additional cost not to exceed le per impression coutaining not more than six stamps paid by the parties ordering the stamps." Butler and Carpenter also Imprinted similar stamps at Philadelphia at same cost as the adhesive which was 20c per thousand. Now, as the American Phototype Co. were also printers of checks and receipts, it can be stated that the paper was furnished both by the printers of the stamps as well as by the parties ordering tlie stamps. I might mentiou here that Sterling's design " $C$ " is wrongly placed in his cat alogue. This design was the tirst used by Carpenter and Butler of Puila delphia and should be included under the Philadelphia design (not N. Y.)"

From these and other statenents we might draw the conclusion that possibly there are two designs copied from the 2 c adhesive, one of the Am . Photo. Co. of New York "with a black frame'" Issued as the very first sometime during 1865 or 66 , and another of Butler \& Carpenter of Philadelphia "without a black border" issued in 1867 or 1888. I have seen nelther the one nor the other and would be much pleased to hear from anybody having them or one of them. Would also like to hear of any body having a copy of Sterling's caralogue to spare, or a copy of the check with the St. Louls design, Sterling's Series "O."
412. Why are sume of the stamps of the Colombian Republic found in so many different shades and even different colors? I am not prepared to answer this fully. One reason is that there are two printing establishments which manufacture the stamps, and that consequently every stamp manufactured in both will accordingly show two varletles, as no two establishments will ever produce quite Identical outputs. A nother reason with some of the stamps may be that they were printed in several editions, and each edition will differ from the others more or less, sometimes intentionally sometimes accidentally. Even in an establishment like the O. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing, whioh turns out products of the highest quality small varlations in shades, io the texture of paper and other slight differences can be noted from time to time. In Colombla there seem to have been other reasons besides these two effective in bringing forth such a flood of varieties, and for this excess I cannot a ccount Perhaps there are some of our readers who can?
413. Has Denmark issued any revenue stamps? Yes, a number of them, and they are quite pretty in their way. Yvert and Tellier list 40 adhesives, many of which are found with and without watermarks. Besides the adhesives there are some stamped papers in use too.
414. Is it true that the new stamps of Switcerland are to be withdrawn and other designs are to be issced in their place? There is a rumor to that effect, but I have not heard of anything detinite.
415. Are the Austrian Jubllee stamps lithographed or engraved? I think they are both, but I am not Informed as to the exact prozess of production. Who can tell?
416. Are there any varieties of the International Reply Coupons? Yes, the text is in different languages and the name of the country is different according to where the coupon is Issued.

## THE RANSA- CITY STAMP CLEBB

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 1905
Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 8:c0 P. M. tr the Auditorium of the.Dillenbeck School of Oratory. third floor of the K. C. Past Building, corner of Mcree and Tenth Streets. Visitors are always welcome,

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\text { SECRETARY'S REPORT. April 27, } 1908 .
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The sixth regular meeting of the K. C. S. C. so far this jear was called to order at 8:45 p. m., Friday, March 27, 1908 withe the following attendance: Messrs. Nelson, Brocesisy, Polndexter, Luther, Rouse, Frante, Davis, Woodward, D. Malcolmson, Foulk, Hayum and Louffe: Mr. Leon Crowl was present as a visitor. Minutes of meeting held Eriday March 13, 1908 were read and approved. Mr. Luther reported that progress was being made in regard to the siga for our new location. Promissory notes to the value of twelve dollars due July 1,1908 and bearing six per cent interest were issued by the treasurer. The issue was subscribed for by the members present. The sa les superintendent urged the members to place books of thejr dupli. cates in the sales dopartment for circulation. A cross country walk to Merriam, Kansas ( 14 miles) nas proposed. The idea met with favor and aftar considetable discussion it was decided to make the trip on the thnd Sunday of April and further discussion was reserved for the next meeting.

Member No. 55, Mr. Andrew Addoms was dropped from the society because of non pasment of dues. A motion by Mr. Davis to abolish the stamp drawing, a regular feature of our meetings since our society's inception was amended so that instead of two prizes as in the past onls one prize costing fifteen cents will be awarded to the lucky drawer at each meeting. Messrs. Luther and D. Malcolmson were appointed a committee to inquire whether the society might have the use of a room in the new Y. M. C. A. for meetings when same is completed. The Secretary urged that better entertainment be provided for the meetings suggesting that lecture covering the political and philatelic history of various popular countries the feature of the entertainment together with a competitive exhibit of the stamps of the country under discussion. The meetings would then have an educational ralue and the stamp issues of the various states would become more interesting after the political events often giving rise to them were explalned. A resolution was passed making it the duty of the members of the entertainment committee to prepare such lectures in connection with the competitive exhibits of parlous country's stamps. A motion by Mr. Hayum limiting the busioess session of each meeting to one hour was passed. The meeting then adjourned to meet again Friday evening April 10, 1908.

The seventh regular meeting of the Kansas Clty Stamp Club of the present season was called to order by President Rouse at 8:21 p. m., Friday, A pril 10, 1908. Roll call revealed the following thirteen members present: Messrs. Sutorlus, Nelson, Brocesky, Poindexter. Luther. Rouse, Franke gavis, Woodward, D. Malcolmson, J. Malcolmson, Louffer and Crowl. The
minutes af the previous meeting were dispensed with. Mr. Luther reported that the sign for our new location was being made. Committee on perma nent olub room in the new Y. M C. A. building reported progress. Dis. cussion of the proposed cross country walk to Merriam, Kansas, was post poned untll the next meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Nelson it was roted unanimously to make the following changes in the society's meetings: The first meetlog of each month to remain unchanged. The second meeting of each month to be held as heretofore on the fourth Friday of the month but at the different member's homes instead of in the hall. This meeting will be almost wholly of a social nature, thirty minutes or less being given to business and the remainder of the evening spent in viewing our host's coliection, exchanging duplicates and enjoying such entertainment as our host may have prepared for the evening. The frst meeting under the new regime will be held at the home of Messrs D and J. Malcolmsou, Friday evening A pril 24,1908 in response to their invitation and future social meetings at the homes of other menbers whose Invitations will be received and accepted at each business meeting. This arrangement will be discontinued should our efforts to secure a permanent room in the new Y.M.C.A. Bldg,. now being constructed, for our meetings prove successful. The treasurer was instructed to communicate with Prof Dillenbeck in regard to the new arrangement of the meetlogs. The treasurer rendered his report for March, whicn was referred to the executive committee for auditing. Other business of leas importance was discussed followed by the usual stamp drawing in which Mr. Davis and Mr. Poindexter drew first and second prize. Each was allowed to selent his own stamps. As no appropifation from the treasury will be made for the stamp drawing held at the gecond (suciai)•meeting of the month owing to the new ruling the old plan of two prizes was reverted tothe first prize to cost twenty cents ard the second ten cents net. A lottery (the club's fifth) was then held amid constderable uproar. The last ticket from the hat No. 24 was held by Mr. Sutorius who recelved the prize, a two dollar Columbian 1893 in mint condition It was the opinion of Mr. Sutorius that thls feature of our meetings was a fine thing. They will be continued. The meetlog then adjourned to meet again Friday April 24. 1908.

The eighth regular meetiog of the Kansas City Stamp Club of this year was called to order at 8:56 p. m., Fridas April 24. 1908 at the home of Messrs D. and J. Malcolmson, president Rouse presiding and the following eleven members being present: Messrs. Sutorlus, Nelson, Poladetzer, Luther, Rouse, Davis, Woodward, D. Malcolmsin, J. Malcolmson, Hayum and Crowl. Minutes of meeting heid April 10, 1908 were read by the secretary and accepted without change. The proposed cross county walk was abandoded. The secretary was instructed to make a wiltten application to the secratary of the Y M. C. A. for the use of a room in the new Y. M. C A. building for our meetings when it is completed. Communtactions from Mr. Edward Hoffman and Mr. Henry Smith io which they tendered their resignations were read by the secretary but action upon saroe was suspended untll the next regular meeting. It was the opinion of the secretay that members when resigning should surrender tieir membership card, but some opposition being made, no action toward making this a rule was carried. Time $9: 12$ p. m. Next meeting in the Dillenbeck school of oratory, Friday May 8, 1908. The remainder of the evenug was spent very enjoyably, piano, graphophone
and refreshmente all helplag to make and keep eversone merry until a late hour. A contest arranged by the younger Malcolnoson called for the naming of the country and denomination of thirteen stamps, the portraita making up the central part of the deulgn of each being all that was shown. The prize, the one peso value of the 1899 Issue of Mexico was wou by the secretary, who correctly named twelve. Messrs. Polndexter and Lirowl closely followed with eleven to their credit. Respectifully submitted, Arthur L Nelson, Secretary.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, April 27, 1908.

Donations of literature from Mr. Bescher and Mr. Brocesky have been received since my last report. Both were of small amuunt. but are appreciated. A list of all books now in the library and an inventory of nearly all the magazines has been prepared and will be found in the hall at all meetings A list of the philatelic perlodicals being received as issued will be posted on the walls at future meetings also. Respectiflly,
arthur L. Nelson, Librarian.
The Kansas City Stamp Club Financlal Statement from Jan 1, to May 1, 1908:

January 1908

Receipts
Bal. on hand Dec. 31, . $\therefore .$. . 71
1807 Dues
5.25

2 Passive membershps 1.75

Jan. Dues
2.75

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225
1871

Expenses
Rent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$$. 00
Printing . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 375
Vouchers. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3.41
Bal . . . . . . . . . .................. 7.55
18.71

Hebruary.
Phil West . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 200
Mo. Dairy Co. . . . . . . . . . . . . . 250
Rent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4.00
O Sutorius. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1.10
Voucher. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6.52
16.12

Bal ............... ......... 2.78
March.
F. J Bescher . ............... 1.10

Rent .............. . .. ... . . 4.00
Vouchers . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1.72
8.82

Bal.. .......................... 261
A pril.
Rent . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2.00
F. J. Bescher . . . . . . . . . . . 12.90

Sales Dept. A. P. A. . . . . . . . . 50
Voucher ....................... 45 1585
Hal. . . ...................... 271
$\$ 1856$
Resp. Subwitted,
Carl S. Davis, Treas. K. C. S. C. No. 34.

# Southern Philatelic Association 

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.
To the Members of the Southern Phil. Ass'n:-
The time is swiftly drawing near, when the Convention of our society will take place, and 1 think a few words in regard to this event, will be timely As previously mentioned, the Southern Philatelic Association will convene at CJlumbus, Ohio, during the latter part of July, about the 20th, instead of the month of August as mapped out by the Committee, this will bring our Convention together with that of the American Phil. Ass'n. which also takes place at the above named city and Members. who belong to both bodies will have the pleasure of "killing two fies with one lick,so to speak. The change of the monch may prevent my appearance at the Convention, as very important business makes it necessary for me to remain here. but the same will be in such good hands, and under the guidance of Brothers Doak. Brodstone, and other efficient offlcers that there is not the least doubt in regard to the success.

Members in duubt about anything appertainng to the Convention or its committees, will please apply at Bro. Doak's for Information, who is only willing to impart all he knows, to the uninformed.

To all whem it may concern, I wish to call the attention to the follow. jng: The names of new members will from now on be omitted, on monthly reports, instead of which, all applicants for membership will be admitted 20 days after their names have been published, providiag no objection will bo filed. during that period.

Before clesing this address I will say a few more words in regard to the late Auction Dept I will state that through the inability of a Sioux falls, S. D. frm which bid freely at the last sale, to remit the amount due this Dept. . I have been unable to neet the demands of the printer of the auction list, and I have permission to keep these lots until sold; any member therefore who wants to bid on any lots of the Sale can do so, until July 15. The stamps in question are without exception in an A No. 1 condition, and well worth bidding for. Any member, who wishes to know the name of the tirm, which bid on lots and ercpoded ou'; other bidders, but falled to come to time, will get the necessary information at this Dept.

Fraternally yours, Fred G. Fuessel, Pres. S. P. A.
P. S. I would request all members, without fall, to send to the Secre-
tary the names of those, whom they wish, should serve for the ensulng yead as the officers of the S. P. A., this is very important, and the durg of every member to attend to thls at their eariest possibla convenience.

## A RECRDITING WORD.

Did you notice the fine list of applications last month? Did you notice that Bro. Doak-proposed six of the eighteen applications? If Bro. Doak can do it, why can't ynu? Our association is destined to be the best out, and don't you wish to be able to say "I helped in the good work?"

Then send to any of the recrulting committee or the Secretary and get sume blanks and get that collector you have been exchanging with.

Tell him that we need him and he needs the assclation and be will come when you enumerate a few of the adrantages

We have one hundred and twenty nine members and by August 1 , '08 will have three hundred. Are one or two members to have all of the credit?

Let's not let them have it all, but let us all work and keep the good work going. Remember, "Three Hundred'" when we meet at Columbus. L. L. Dickerson. Chalrman. SALES SUPT, REPORT, May 20th, 1908. 78 books in circulation as per last month's report, .. . . ....value 81709.41 18 books received since, value ............ .... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 337.04 96 books, value . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 82046.45 19 books retired during the month, of which the am't of $\$ 1737$ was sold 202.40 77 books in circulation. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 81844.05 INSURANCE FUND.
A mount on hand as per last month's report. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 877.41
1 per cent from retired books . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2.02
Total. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 879.43
Are you a particlpant in the Sales Department? If not, you should be. You are missing a suap by not doing so. Do not hesitate to write me any matter concernng the Department.
Respect fully submitted
Charles Roemer, Supt.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. NEW MEMBERS.

1. J. E. Dennett, Mt. Vernon St., Arlington, Mass.
2. Monroe D. Ray, Hammondsport, N Y.
3. John Champion, E. Chicago St., Coldwater, Mich.
4. Ernest Honschoff Jr., 556 High St., Newark, N. J.
5. A. L. Matter, 4310 Forest St, Sta H. Cincinuati, Ohio.
6. H. A. Diamant, 208210 N. Main St., St. Louls, Mo.
7. Wm. S. F. Pliprce, 331 Benson St., Camden, N. J.
8. Horace H Bigelow, 11 Foster St., Worcester, Mass.
9. L. J. Marlay, La Porte, Ind.
10. Wm. F. Hafert. Box 602, Maywood, Ill.
11. Roberts Scypes, Richland Center, Pa.

12 James M. Saunders. Box 691. Fitzgerald, Ga.
13. Wm. R. Hollenbach, 325 Elm St., Reading, Pa. APPLICATIONS.

1. K. B. Squires, Greenport, Long lsland, N. Y., 26, Oyster grower, L. Brodstone, Joseph Ogle.
2. W. E. Goodell, 828 Cumberlaud St., Bristal, Tenn., 37, D. C.

Thomas, F. P. Repass.
3. James L. Folsom, Winter Park, Box 21, Fla،, 38, clergy, E. L. Maxson, R. L. Doak.
4. Alex Brinkmann, Comfort. Texas, 40, Jumber dealer, Charles Roem. er, R. L. Doak.
5. E O Allen,Shreveport, Box'481, La, chlef of police, L Brodistone, H. S. Powell.
6. Benjamin H. Datyon, 6 Irving St., Albany, N. Y., 24, clerk, W. H. Stephenson, R: L. Doak.
7. Atwood A. Hsde, co Washington Iron Works, Sherman, Texas,25, bookkeeper, Charles Roewer, F. Z. Edwards.

The above will be admitted to membership within 30 days providing no objections are iled with the Secretary

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Dear Members:-I am pleased to note the active work that has been existog in the S.P.A. for the past few months and hope all will lend a hand in pushing our roll of membership forward. It is impossible for the offcers to do all the work, but they ask the aid of the members as well. We have a new lot of blanks which will be sent to all persons requesting same. If rou desire to become a member of one of America's up to date assoclations, seod in your application.

The Convention of the S. P. A. will be held the week of July 20th at Columbus, Ohio, and at which time our election is to be held. No doubt Pres. Fuessel's call for nominations will appear in this issue. I hope all will respond at once aud send in their nominations AT ONCE in order that ballots and prorles can be mailed at an early date.

A favor asked of all those S. P. A. members who expect to attend the convention to mall their name on a card to the Secretary at once Hope all will plan their pacation for the conventiun week and we can assure you that the Columbus "cranks' have many good things in store for us.

Several members have entered complaint that deale rs are sending unsolicited selections of stamps to them after their names appear. To those who receise such selectlons hold them and report to the secretary.

Hoping to hear from all,
Fraternally,
R. L. Doak, Sec'y.

GEORGIA STAMPCLUR. Branch No 1., S. P. A , Fitzgerald, Ga.
President, S. C. Davis; Vice-presideut, Van Martio; Sec'r-treas, W. F. Osborne; Exchange Manager. L. L. Dickerson; Librarian, L. C. Glover.

The forty-fifth regular meating of the Georgia Stamp Club was called to order at 8:00 p. m.. April 17ch with President Davis in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Librarlans report received and filed. Exchange Manager made his report for the past month as follows: Books received since March 15th, 337. 18 . Books returned \$16.14. Books now in circulation \$12.04. The Exchange Manager wishes to call the attention of the members to the fact that the Exchange Department is not being used as much as it should be. We wish everg member would place books in the exchange Application of James M. Saunders for membership was regeived and accepted. Resignation of B. S. Davis was accepted with many regrets. MeetIng adjourned at 10:00 p. m. Next meeting to be held Friday evening, April 24th, 1908. Respectfully,
W. F. Osborne, Sec'g.

## Beginners Departmnet--Bolivia

## By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue).
The following document relative to the use of revenue stamps for postage, taken form the P. J. of A. Vol, IX p. 95, may find a place here:
"Ororo, December 21, 1892.
To the Prefect of the Departiment of Ortura:-
Sir:-Considering that the issuef of 5 and 10 centavos stamps is totally exhausted in the P. O of your city, the chief executive of the cation, with the purpose of preventing any inconvenlerce or delay in the public service, has authorized you to order the Director of the Public Preasury to provide the P . O. with the sum of 300 to 400 bolivianos in reveuue (tranaccines) stamps of 5 and 10 centavos. The $P$. O. will render valid these stamps to be used for the postage of the correspondence to the interior, 1 ransmiting the respective notice to each one of the ather postoffices that they may have knowledge of this decree, which is of a transitory character. (Signed) Baptista L. Paz "Of these as of the revenues used before ( 1870 1884) there can not have been very mang used postally: hence they command a pretty high price and one will do well to take care what he is getting.

During a revolution in 18995 values of the issue $189+(1,2,5,10$ and 20c) were surcharged E.F. over 1899 enclosed in a rectangle and used in the northern part of Bolivia. E. F. stauds for Estado Fedral. The 50 and 1000 are said to have been so treated and used tuo, but the latter, the use, is doubted.

About the later issues little need be said. The stamps of 1899 with portrait of General Susre do credit to the Argentine stamp factory. The issue o! 1901 has the following portraits: 1c. Ad. Balliplan; 2s, Camacho; 5c, Campero; 10c, Jose Ballivian; 20c. Santa Cruz The 50c and I bolitiano are not out yet. The 2 bolitianos has the arms.

The present president is Senor Joe M. Paude. His portrait has not yet appeared on any of the Bolivian stamps.

The story of the Rulivian 'Impresos'' stamps is 100 good to withhold, and so will sive it as told by the often quoted P L. of A. Vol J X. p. 21. 'Stanleo Gibbons Monthly Journal'' Is there quoted thus:
"The stamps represented by the above illustration have turned out to he absolure forgerles; or rather, as one cannot say there is a forgery of a stamp that has eever existed, they are bogus labels altogether. As. far as we can gather. the history of the stamps are as follows: The ifrst intima. tion of them, we believe was at the Paris Philatelic Eshibitions of last sear. A frame was exbibited there containing these stamps, and exhibited in the name of the Bolivian Government. This alone was strong presumptive evidence that they were absolutely genuine, but we are able to establish boyond a doubt, by the ald of Monsieur J. B Moans and Messrs. T. Bubl \& Co., that they are absolutely bogus The Bolivian Legation in Paris deny ang knowledge of such stamps, and there is no doubt that the man who sold them, namely Mr R Moens, of Paris, entirely ariginated and carried out this bold swindle One fact that led us to have some additional faith in these stamps was, that on April 5th last we recelred from Bolivia a parcel of them supposed to be sent us in the ordinaly way to be exchanged for other, set or pactet. These copies had various postmariss; but a pe-
culiar fact was, that the envelope itself was franked with the current issue of Bolivia rouletted, also that from the date of the letter we found that it had been five months on the journey. There appears to be no doubt that it was written in France, and sent out to Bollipia to be posted to us. R. Moens must hase dated it at the time he wrote it without thinking. Our esteemed confrere. Monsleur Moens, of Brussels, made a special journey to Paris on this case, and after full investigation he placed the matter in the hands of Mons. Andre Delanney, advocate, 51 Rue St. Hune, Paris, and he was successful in getting back the amount. he had paid. We have placed the matter in the hands of the same gentleman, ano trust we shall be able to obtain the greater part of the $£ 80$ paid for the stamps we bought from R. Moens. Possibly by next month we shall be able to give our readers more information on this sutject. In the mean time, howerer, we wish to state that we shall be glad to receive back immediately from all those of our customers who purchased any of these stamps from us the fuil serles bought With just a note of the price paid us, which we shall immediately return. We shall be glad if all letters in connection with this matter are sent in a separate envelope. and apart from any other business, so that we may make use of such letters th show to what extent we have been saindled. Letters containitug these stamps should te marked in the bottom left-hand corner with the word "Holivia," and we hope to receive all returns as quickly as possible, so that we may go on and complete our case In conclusion, we would point out that we think that some slight cate should have been taken by the Committee of the Paris Eshibition to ascertain that the stamps were a bona fide Government exhibit. - We consider that this is the cleverest swindle that has been perperrated on the philatelic public since that archswindler Van Dyck palmed off on many dealers and collectors the reprints of New South Wa!es." - The fact is the "Bolivia-Impress'' were of private make and the government of Bolivia knew nothing of the whole scheme.

Of stamped envelopes there are 9 listed by Seuf, 10 by Bright, the latter listing a 10e for 1903 which seems unknown to Seuf. Of wrappers there are but 2. of cards 7 Bright's catalogue has a list of local envelopes besides the regular ones, to wit: Autolagasta 1020,30 and 50 c , all blue, Climba hack - (no value) and blue (no value). Coripata red (no value) and Corococo blue (no valce). The latter four are all of the gear 187; the itrst four of 1878. Their types are not described. The prices are rather high for these locals ( 87.50 to $\$ 1875$ ); the regular issues are cheap.

Y vert and Teliler list only 38 revenue stamps fur Bolivia in their. "Catalogue de Timbres F'tscans', and thes are all cheap if any of our readers are in a position to get them easily in quantities, it may be a good plan to yet them and so start a tiscal stamp collection: By doing so they will find that in 1891 postage stamps (issues 188 1 1893) a are used as revenues, making it clear that in all those stamps which were used for both purposes it is important ta pas attention to the cancellations on used specimens in order to keep the postally used stamps apart from those used fiscally. To be more exact the postage stamps that were also used as revenues are: 1c, $2 c, 5 c 1887$, 1c,5c,10c 1891 and the 20c 1893 -It would be more than foolish, if we wanted to blame the Bollvians for such a double use of thelr stamps,after the Onited States have done the very same thing, surcharging the 1 and 2 c postage 1895 with the letter "I B " and thereby changing them into revenues, which
were used until a temporary scarcity of the regulal revenues could be overcome.

BRAZIL.
Hardly had the Spanish discoverers announced their ind of a new world when their neighbors, the Portuguese, also turned west and took possesssion of the eastern coast of South America, and although they found competitors in the French, English and Dutoh, they succeeded in keeping.or where they temporarily lost it, in regaining their hold. The outcome of this is that Brazil is populated principally by Portuguere and the otticial language of the country is the Portuguese language. Whilist the Spaniards were primarily concerned in finding the preclous metals, the Portuguese devoted themselves to settlement ahd agriculture. They entered into treaties with the natives, in which Caramarn (man of tire), a singular character, was of particular sersice. This Ca ramaru was a Portuguese nobleman. Ho was shipwrecked and succeeded ingaining the soast, moreover, by the impression he made upon the natives with his fire arms, in gaining their esteem, several wives and the rank of a chief among them. To his jufluence, as well as to the pursuit of peaceful enterprises of the Portuguese settlers, is due the peaceful settlement of Brazil as compared with the bfoody conqueste of the Spaniards in Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia. Had it not beeu for oriminals and fugitises from justice the settlement might have been more peaceful still, but Portugal as other countries in those times emptled part of its penitentiaries to populate its colonies. There was some friction betneen the colonists, and several times (even recently) there were riots and rebellions, nevertheless Portuguese America compares favorably with Spanish Awerica, and it remafned a monarchy long after Spanish A merica had dissolved into the many turbulent republics, a few of which we have already conisidered in these columps.

Brazil is a vast country, measuring some 2600 miles in length and 2500 in breadth with about 4000 wiles of sea coast, and its population appioachos if million of various and mixed nationalfties. The natural resources are rich and varied, and though their utilization 18 get far from being fully developed Grazil is'a rich country; which is capable of producheng not only what it needs fir domestic use, but also a good surplus for export. Educatiou in many parts is yet inadequate and the indolence of the people, especially in the northere or tropic portions is a great drawback to their welfare. Morals and public -afety are, it seems, better than in Ecuador and Peru, but compared, for instance, with Canada they leave much to be desired. The many and great tivers aftord abundant means for cheap transportation. and railroads are betog bulit at a fair rate carrying other modern improvements wth them.

Originally the settlement consisted of many separate colonies on private pr ants. In 1549 thes were mited under one general governor, Thome de Sousa being the arst appointed. In November 1807 the Prince Regent, whe later became King Dcin Joao VI fled from Portugal and with the ropal famlly took refuge to Rrazil agalnst the invasion of l'urtugal by Napoleon I. In 1808 Brazil was emancipated from the mother country and its ports were opened to foreign commerce. In 1816 the Queen Donna Maria I. died and Don Joao VI. asceuded the throne.
(T'o be centinued).

## Foreign Revenues--by Oscar. 5. Hartmann

The editor of the WEST says I must furnish an article about foreign revenues, so here it gies:

Mexico has furnished lu its da,s good sized stamps as large as the shin plasters of the U. S. Clvil war. The dimensions are varied, for jnstance 63s47, 45860 etc On the uther hand Brazll can give an example how small a stamp can be issued in its Consamo stamps.

Argentina must be conceded the honor, If you are so inclined, of occupy. ing 75 pages in the revenue catalog. Of course argentine is no small country and it's states have all thelr own issues. Outside the federal issues tize province and capital Buenos Agres have done their share. The symbol 2 hands clasped with a stick on which is a cap resting, you tind often. On the guia de campana you see the head of a horse sheep, cattle depletted. The high pesos of 1869 Ruebos Ayres are said to be very, veiy scarce The isuing of so many documentary, neariy every yeara set of $3+$ ranging from 5 cent to 500 pesos has done a great deal to add to the great number of revenue stamps. Tobacco, testaments, tishing, food supplp, soap, spirits, etc beed also their special stamp. The second in command as far as revenue goes in the U s. The M. \& M stamps are the main factor and the tax paid are also very large in number, and hard enough to get hold of. Oleomargerine, renovated butter, optum, spirits, tobaco, lockseal, meat industry are special branches of the $\mathrm{D} . \mathrm{S}$. revenue line.

Spain aud its Colonies (Cuba, Phllippines, Porto Ricu which are now elince 1898 separate) but in the catalog under the head of Spain is the third in prominence.

Some difficulty presents itself here. because some issues can be only dis. tinguished by the color, whether it is Spain or one of the colonies. The monetary values are also quite troublesome: 1 peso- 100 centavos, 1 peseta -100 centavos, 1 real- 8 cuatros, 8 reales plata-1 peso, and 1000 milesimas de peso-1 peso. Takes a inancier to tigure out the cash. The war stamp (impueta de guerra) are really only revenue stamps and not postage. Spaln Is the only country where the National Philatelic Sociecy has its own revenue and official controll stamps. Between 1869 and 1881 revenue stamps were used in Cuba and Porto Rico jointly under the name of Antiles Epagnole, after that respectively separate under their own name.

Germany onjy cccuples twenty three pages which is not bad for all the diferent staces are included All straight issues and designs varied enough to make an attractve collection.

Austria Hungary with its 12 pages can make no big claim, but for variets you can find lithographed, typographed and wood cut all in one earls series Hungary made up in various watermarks. The Austifian revenues have a tendency to curl up which can only be overcome by scraping that gum off. or you will find a nice copy latel on with a corner broken off, or not to soak them in water at all.

France and its Colonies were mentioned in the 2 previous numbers of the WEST. Great Britain is blessed with a great varlety of tares and each requires a stamp. For instance, you start a business, you need a stamp, you go in the bankrupt, you need another, and somebody to wind the business
up, another. Ireland is the oniy country which has a government dog tax.
Portugal and Colonies also takes a place among the prominent, also do not see many of its revenues.

There are plenty of other countries of course that have revenues, but they do not occupy so much space in the catalog, but I think if Uruguay keeps up the speed, it will carry the palm off. Since 1891 there has been a set issued and not satisfied with that every 3 months it is surcharged witn the trst, second, third and fourth quarter respectively. The people must be used down there to use revenues or they must be afrald of crookedness.
The study of repenues gives you the inside of the various ways, how people on the other side of the norld progress or are tax ridden. A pastime or study well worth taking up.

## Boost Stamp Collecting--by G. R Sharp

Of late gears, people have been hearing a great deal concerning "Old Home Weeks.' which are nothing more or less than campaigns to boost some city. What I wish to say right here is, why not boost stamp collecting? Why not double the number of collectors already in existence:

My plan is, "Let the season 1908-1900 be a campaign for the advancment of Philately. Let this campaign start with the A merican Collectors Associations consention, which is to be held in the latter part of Juls, and have it continue until the end of the stamp season or until the convention in 1909,'

In connection with this, there are many ideas which could be carried out A general committee could be appolnted from the principal philatelic societies to make arrangements for the event. A good sized pamphlet could be published for this occasion ooly, which would outiline the benelits of stamp collecting, which would contain a list of the majority of the important philatelic societios and the members. In the back pages could be given orer for the advertisements of stamp dealers. These ads would mostly pay for the whole book. Cuts of valuable stamps, portraits of leading collectors, would tend to brighten up the pages This book could be distributed broad. cast throughout the country and with it could go a good slzed packet of stacps. The leadinz stamp periodicals could be invited to print special issues to be distributed and to give certain low rate subseription offers for a certain leogth of time. Dealers would be asked to bring forth their best offers . Different stamp societios could gite offers tarsocure dew méṭibers.

The expense of carryng out this plan, would no doubt assume large proportions out societies and co!lectors in all probsbllity be glad to send in small subscriptions, for the benetits derived would be many. The three most jmportant would be: 1. The advancement of good old philately. 2. The boosting of the philatelic press and societies. 3. The increased trade dealers would receive from this boom.

Auction sales of stamps are quite numerous at this time of the jear. Catalogues may be had iree on application to the Uuited Stamp Company, 1148 Marquette Bldg, Chicago; Toledo Stamp Co, Toledo, Onlo; B. L. Voor hees. 1319 Lawrence A pe., Chtcago, Ills. ; and others.

# Samoan Stamps and Robert Louid Jtevenson--An Appreciation 

By Verna Weston Hankuay

(Contlnued from last issue).
The local conditions stirred Stephenson strongly. As an Finglishman he wanted Great Britaln to reform them; and as an Englishman, perhaps it would be more correct to say Scotsman, he bad the natural loaging to dwell under his own flag. No country is ever quite like one's own; he regretted to see the British Emplie, usually so keen and alert in colonial expansion pushing aside her opportunities. But with all this there was that strain which we so love in the man,-the good old Scotch moral sense-a healthy, robust contempt of the blundering rule, the individual ambitions and greed the whole shabby and sordid political system.

Since Robert Louis Stevenson's sojourn at the place where he was to be buried ( 189094 ), political conditions have undergone a marked but no sur prising change. The Samoan group of Islands were, in 1900 portioned be tween Germany and tiee United States but the island Samoa in 1899 was ceded to Germany. The philatelic result is the German stamps overprinted "Samoa."

The Samoan stampic issues are not phllatelically. edifying; with surcharges and yet more surcharges they do not form a particularly pleasiog field. They admirably record the political travail through which she passed. The desigu and coloring are not such as will combtne to make up stamps which can be termsd gems of att but this is a detail of small moment as philatelists are not amateur or connoissuers. The stamps are stmply characteristic and viewed as such they are appropriate philatelic emanations from the South Seas.

The tirst stamp of the series "Samoa Express" is quaint; the second depicting the bread frult tree(at least we will term it so, information to the contrarv bilng lacking), is one which we el assify as appropriate; the dext is also appropriate as a stamp reepresenting a polite fletion, i. e., a country ruled by a bing. A shadow of royal authority this!--the vainness of regal vestments, and the old, old sadness of princely blood. The last design is signilicant.--immensely sol Then the equally signifieant trall of surcharges, overprints. the whole vexing and wretched botch, and we have an impies. sfonistic sketch of the whole.

It is not to be supposed that Samoa escaped postal scandals, or that the postal department remained in vestal virginity while others were mismanaged. We find a gentleman named Davis, 'by authority of the Eing of Samoa' transacting the postal business. As usual stampe nepe prepared for use and used. and mall was forwarded to tts destloation. But Mr. Davis unfted the bus.ness of stamp peddler with his somewhat more high sounding one. He sold any stamps he chose, used or unused. The proceeds went di. rectly into his pockets. Later, when by the trend of event he was superseded, a new order of things of course prepalled, but the mischief had been done. After his death a few years ago a large number of rematnders were sold to a dealer at Sydnev, New South Wales, for a sum a very 'great deal below face value.

There are other scandals as well, to which the quotations on Samoad
stamps eloquently attest. When used stamps of comparatively recent sears command higher prices than unused the incident is signiffoant. There are enough letter writers in Samos, and enough business transacted there to reverse this if it were not for these same philatelic abortions.' But the whole story is not a pretty one.

So now Samoa rests under the shadow of Germany! - I have no quarrel with the German eagle, :-rather a sentimental sorrow for the frultess efforts of Stevenson, and an acbe when I remember that pathetic last letter of his to Mr. J. T. Hogan, M. P. Fruitless, did I say? This is incorrect; the series of letters served to call attention to a state of affairs which are no less revolting because they were enacted upon so small a stage. The saduess of his death almost immediately following, gave the whole subject a most pathetic interest. As is usual with human-kind the world was ready then to try and better things, where before his earnestness provoked smiles.

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The Secretary has recelved complaint from several new members that some dealers have made a practice of sending unsolicited selections of stamps on approval. This spstem should be discouraged in the best interests of all concerned and names of dealers practlelng such tactics should be reported to the Secretary who will take steps to put an end to it if pisible. The best method-of treating these dealers is to require them to forwaid sufficient stamps for return registration.

Why not overhaul gour duplicates and realize upon them through the medium of the Sales Department. Mr. Smith reports a greater demaud for books than he can supply, surely such a condition of affairs as this cannot last long. Your duplicates are worth money to other collectors, why not get It?

NEW MEMBERS.
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16:3 F. Fred Böehmer, Berlin, Ont. Reference, W. H. Schmalz and G. A. Melntyre.
R. J. Mundell, Sec'y.

The satage Stamp No 22 , edited by Mr E. J. Nankivell, F.R.P.S.L. asks the qi.setion "A re Stamp Dealers necessary?" and answers the question aftrmatively-for the "would be successiful philatelic weekls"-but negatively for the collector. The arguments brought forth are witty and well calculated to provoke contradiction, so that, after all, the stamp dealers come out a little a head. The whole paper is so spicily written and so full of sug. gestions that it cannot fall to interest and benefit the reader.

## Lucy's Luck-- by S. A. D. Cox

"I don't like Luoy Sanford, mother."
"Why not, Juliz?"
"Oh, she's too proud for a girl whose folks are as poor as hers are. She thinks she is as good as I am."
"Well.' sald Mrs. Meldon, drily, "perhaps she is a good as you are."
"Oh, I mean that she thinks she ought to move $\lambda$ in the same soetety that I move in and be talked to and admired as much as myself. Which is presumptuous don't you think?' ${ }^{\prime \prime}$

Mrs. Meldon shook her head. "I can't say that I do Julia," was the reply. "She goes to the same church and is to be considered your equal, I think, in everything save money and that does not make the difference that you seem to think it should."

Julia was silent a few moments, and then said: "Mr. Morse seems to think she is the nicest girl in Alezandria."
"Ah, that is it, eh?"' said Mrs. Meldon. "I thought there was something back of your dislike for Lucy aside from her being the daughter of poor folks. Mr. Morse comes to see you occasionally, however, and why should you think he likes Lucy more than you?"
"Oh, he acts it and looks it when he is around her"
"Well, Juila, my advice to you is that if you want to win Mr. Morse you will he friendis tờ Lucy. Invite her here, and be her chum Reing Lucy's friend will recommend you to him."
"I guess you are right, mother," said Julla after a moment's thought, "I'll do as you sag"

After that Julia was with Lucy Sapford quite a good deal and had her at her home frequently. She was a good actress and Lucy did not suspect that Julia did uot really like her. Lucg was a frank, unsuspecting girl and she learned to like Juilia tirst rate although her instinct told her that Julia was ralher selfsit.

One afternoon, when Lucy was at the Meldon home, Julia said: "Let's go upstajis. I have a lot of old dressee in a trunk, and we'll get them out and see what can be done with them."

They were soon looking at the dresses in question, and mang of them were almost. uew, Julia having worn them only once or twice. Julia happened to see Lucy looking at a litile trunk in one corner, and said: "That is grandwother's Her wedding dress is in there. I'll show it to yru."

She opened the trunk and was showing Lucy the dress, and then as she heard her friend give utterance to an exclamation, she said: "What is it?"
"That stamp on that old letter?" sald Lucy, her eyes shining with ex. citement.

Julta glanced at the letter, and saw that it bore a stamp circular in shape, with the words. "Alexandria Post Ofilce, Paid 5." on it,"ing it did not excite her, she simply saying list lessly: "1t's a queer lookeds stamp, isn't it.'"
"Yes." said Lucy; "and do you know, it is worth a lot of moueg!"
"What. that old stamp?' queried Julia.
"Yes."
'I can't belleve it, Luoy." she said: "and yeu are welcome to it. if
gou want it."
"Oh, I would like to have it," said Lucy, her eses sh!ning. "if'm a stamp collector, you know; I have a nice collection, not valuable partioularly , for I have not been able to buy stamps, but it is pretty and gives me a lot of pleasure. But, I could not accept that stamp, Julia: it is too valuable for you to give me."

Julia arched her eyebrows 'Why, how much is it wcrth?'' she asked. "Five or ten dollars, perhaps?"
"It's worth a thousand dollars," said Lucy, quietly; "perhaps two thousand."
"What!" Julia was surprised indeed, and gazed at her friend in a manner which was proof that she could hardly belleve the girl's statement. She took up the letter and examined the stamp more closely, and then said: "Lucy, you know what you are talking about, I guess; take this stamp, and if you can find a buyer for it, sell it, and gou shall have half."
"Very well, I will do that," said Lucy; "but I could not accept the stamp as a gift."

She took the envelope and stamp home, and wrote to a stamp dealing firm in Philadelphia, sending the stamp to, them, and later it was sold at auction for four thousand dollars."
'I don't feel right about accepting so much money,' said Lucy, when she gave Julia the two thousand dollars, but Julia made a gesture and said: 'You must keep It, Lucy. The lesson in falruess and unselifhness that you have taught me is worth It . Keep the two thousand dollare, Lucy, and from now on, we shall be better friends than we have ever been before."

And this was indeed true. Lucy's honesty and unselfishness in the matter of the valuable stamp had taught Julia a lesson, and although she was Lucg's rival for the love of Mr. Morse, she was fair in it, and when Lucy and Mr. Morse were mariled, Julia was bridesmaid.

## P日ILOLOGICAL LETTERS.

A splendid opportunity is offered by E Haberland of Lipzig, to all those who know German add wish to learn Latin, old Greek, dew Greek, Danish, Dutch, Italian, Portugese, Russlan, Swedish, Spanish, Mungarian French or English. Herr Haberland has published a series of letters for each of these languages by eminent scholars, calculated to make the private study of these languages not only pleasurable but protitable as well. Who ever has tried to acquire a foreign language without oral lessons, will know that this is not easy, and it takes a great deal of effort on part of the student if he is to employ the common text books, grammars and dictionaries. Here we have something quite different. These language letters or philolog. ical letters are expressly written for private study, they have bees tried and their value has been shown over and over again. Besides that they are cheap, averaging about $\$ 3.00$ a series, or, while other similar works were sold in this country for $\$ 25.00$. If any of our readers wish to take up the study of any of the languages named above, I shall giady order them a set from Herr Maherland for the regular price, and shall also offer them my personal assistance during the time of their study. Alll I ask is that they pay the postage, the pleasure I derive from the study befng sufficient remuneration for any exertions. Address L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wisconsin.


## St. Louis ftamp Collectors -



The eighty second regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday, April 28th at the usual place and time.

In the absence of the President who was unable to be present owing to sickness, Treasurer J. H. Humes took the chair.

In spite of the fact that the clrcus had come to town we hatd a good average turnout of members, fifteen being present, namels:-Anschuetz, Baer, Bain, Bollman, Chase, Delatield, Humes, Fennedy, Low, Mtllhouse, Ritcille, Ruedi, Schoeman, Voelker, Wood.

The minutes of the previous metting were read and approved.
The application of W. A. Ritchie was reported upon farorably by the membership Committee and he was duly declared elected.

Communications from the United Stamp Co. and Redfeld's Weekly were read by the Secretary.

The Chairman of the Entertainment Committee reported the following donations of stamps to the Prize Fund, Bain 81.40; Delatield .41. Dr. Baer's packet of stamps had been examined and was found to catalogue $\$ 1313$.

- The "'Sweden'" contest, strange to say, only brought out three collections, Messrs. Delafeld and Wood's for exhibition and Mr. Low's. The latter was awarded a prize. It is to be hoped that our members will not show such apathy over the "Denmark" contest which takes place in Mav.

To fill in the evening the Secretary sprang a little contest on the mem. bers in the form of two questions:-1. Gfve a list of women whose pictures appear on stamps 2. Give a list of stamps which have a map upon them.

Delafleld and Millhuse tied for first with 18 points and split the prize between them. Voelker had 16, Chase and Schoeman it each.

The evening closed with the auction of two lots for the benefic of the Treasury.

The next meeting will be heid on Tuesday, May 12 th at 8 p . m. Rooms 803.805, Wright Bld, 8th and Pine Sts.

The eighty third regular meeting of this Society was held May 12th at the usual place and time. The President, Mr. Myers, in the chair.

There were thirteen members and one visitor present. Anschuetz, Bollman, Chase, Cornwall, Humes, Low, Militouse, Pokorny, Ritchle, Ruedj, Schellhorn, Schoeman, Wood.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.
The Secretary reported the receipt of a copy of "Stamps Worth Fortunes' by Fred J. Melville, from the author. The same was handed over to the Librarian. The thanks of the Society will be forwarded by the Secretary.

The Chairman of the Entertainment Committee reported two more donations of stamps to the prize fund. Mr. Strauss 85.12, Mr. Humes $\mathbf{\$ 5 . 0 0}$.

The Exchange and Sales Manager reported his department in good condition, quite a few new books have been put into the circuit which is on
hand at every meeting.
The President requested the Chairman of the Becruiting Committee to get out a list at the end of the half year showing the results of the work done by the members of his committee. He urged all present to do their utmost to help the committee by securing at least one new member.

The menu served by the Entertainment Committee was supposed to be a set of ten questions but upon close examination they were found to contaln twentythree minor varietics or thisty three questions altogether. The author of them, fortunately for him, was not present, so he escaped the vengeance of his victims. The three prizes were well earned. the leading contestants were M yers 931/2; Wood 80; Schoeman 79; Millhouse 71; Anschuetz 56.

The meeting closed with the auction of a couple of lots kindly dodated by Mr. Ritetife to the Treasury.

Applications received, M. Pokorny, 1339 Park Ave, St. Louls, Mo, proposed by G. Wood. Change of address J. Ruedi from 2741 Eads A re to 2219 Pestalozzi Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

The dext meeting will be held on Tuesday May 26th at 8 p. m. Rooms 803805 Wright Building 8th and Pide Contest of "Denmark" collections will be the blg feature.

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## Stamp Collector's Protective Association of America

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We would like to recelve the ideas and suggestions of all the members as to the best way to collect accounts or get return of goods. A dealer in Denver whom we helped in a Detrolt case writes that he heard from the party after a year by cur help and that he would like to hear how the other members do.

Congressman Kustermann of Wisconsin is making a fight against the reutal of canceliling machines and postal mall cars for prices that equal about one third to one half of the orjginal cost of these conveniences. He sass the postal administration should buy or bufld them and not pay 33 to 50 per cent of their value annually for their rent. He finds the support of others who claim that when all the graft can be eliminated there will be a surplus instead of an annual deficit in the post office department. We heartily wish them success!


# A Feke Excerpts from My Note-book <br> <br> By Vernd Weston Hanway 

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Mr. lisodstone received a while aso an envelope addressed, "Mr. P. West, Superior. Nebr." Herein rests the rewards of fame,-It was correct--ly delivered. I wonder how many journals in the country could have a Mr. and an initial prefised and stili retain their identities.

A gentleman who rimoved from Los Angelos to an eastern citv, has juat undertone an unique experience A short time ago he recelved a notlication from a postal authority that an envelope upon which there was due two cents was held subject to the payment of postage. In forwarded the stamp, and is now awaiting the letter's arrival with iuterest.

It is seldom that a letter attains the importance of having two trips made across this contipent on its behalf. But the gentieman fears it will turn out to be a patent medicine circular: !

If there is anything in the world I like better than a stamp it is MORE STAMPS. So, gradually $I$, have come to be one of those over whom blocas o' four hold sway. Used or unused, it makes no ditterence, but if thes are on covers, or frum the edge of the sheet, then phllatelic glee holds high earntval. Some hundreds of these latter I have, off and on cover, and they are a most interesting philatelic by way. Some time I'll extract a few notes on the subject from my note book, but just now, I hapea glimpse of the otfice cat, or its shadow flting acoss these pages. Then too, the mall leaves in fifteen minutes.

## THE bURDEN OF MINOR VARIETIES.

The increasing burden of microcsopical minor varieties is beginning to tell ao seriousig that I hear of a decided movement to get rid of it somehor. Dealers declare that it is injuring trade, and that a good general catalogue that will contine itselt to leading and detinite carieties must come some day, and the sooner the better.

Perplexing varieties have been loaded on to some countries during the last few years at such a pace that not a fow of the finest countries are belag literally choked with Philatelic weeds. -Ex.

There are about 60,000 postoffices of the fourth class within the $\mathrm{U} . \mathrm{S}_{1}$ and 6000 of the tirst, second and third class together.

# WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE 

## By Verna Weston Hanvay

(Continued from last lesue)
The Child: "You'd be a dear Jack-," (he settles his necktie and beams benignly) "if, you didn't happen to be such a prig," rises and goes out. Cousin Jack scowls after her.

SCENE II.
A dining room. Numerous persons at table. Dr. Stonology at left of Mamma; Dr. Stampology at her right Mrs. Dowager Dlamonds at Stone. ology's left. The Child at his left.

Cousin Jack, soto voce lookiog across at Dr. Stampology, "What a distinguished looking man! He must be the eminent Dr. Stoneology. I suppose that other at 'Mamma's left is Dr. Stam'pology. What a wizededup Ilttle man he is. But what can you expect of a man who collects stamps?', shrugs his shoulders.

He catches Dr. Stampology's eye and says courteously, "I have always wished to have the pleasure of meeting you, sir, but of course I-have known you a long time by reputation; so long that I feel as if you were an old friend. I have read all of your books and want to congratulate gou on the important additions you have made in the cause of ssience,-add.tions of great immense importance."

The Child stiles a laugh and smiles at Dr. Stampology. Pe looks bewildered, but smiles back.

Dr. Stampology: "You are too kind; pour sentiments are I assure you, most gratifging. I thank you."

Mrs. Dowager Daicoonds, turning a wide expanse of white shoulder to Cousin Jack, "I noticed you in your box ar the Majestic last night, Mr. Doone. The vaudeville was wretched, dou't you think so? I very seldom go to anything of the kind. but as there was absolutely nothing worth seeing elsewhere, and nothing else to do, I went. I was excoedingly boredl Pan Pan danced wretchedly, don't gou think so? I supposie you'll write one of those charmingly satirical criticisms about her. I should think a cultured and learbed critic would find her too really ridioulous."

The Child, smiling sweetly": "My big cousin, dear Mrs. Dowager Diamond, is very much interested in engaging psychological researches at present."

Mamma rises, and the ladies pass out, as Dr. Stampology opens the door. SCENE III.
A drawing room. The gentlemen fle in from the dining room. Cousin Jack and Dr. Stampology reenter arm in arm. They sit down facing each other.

Dr. Stampology, as Dr Stoneology passes: "There is a gentleman who does not view my efforts so kindly. He doesn't cousider my labors of the slightest scientific merit. But of course he has more claim to the gratitude of real science," smiling at Dr. Stoneology who p3uses near them.

Cousin Jack, earnestly: "Pardon me sirl His poor and trifing efforts are completely overshadowed by gours. I can't see, I really cannot, why my cousin, I like to call her so altho' she is a very distant one in fact, is so Infatuated with him. 1 could wish that sbe would give up her childish
whims and interest herself in vital, important thiags. Perhaps you might persuade her. I beg to repeat, sir, I have a high honor for your researches. They are scientific and learned In comparison that gentleman's are weak and anemic, -I should term them childish."

Dr. Stoneology, coming up to them, "Really, sour remarks are flattering, but scarcely lucid. Will you be so kind as to inform me whereln my researches merit them ${ }^{\prime \prime}$.

Mamma, Mrs. Dowager Diamonds, and The Child, join them.
Mamma, "I really haven't had time to introduce gou. Jack, this is the eminent Dr. Stoneologg. Dr Stoneology, my cousin, Mr. Doone. You may hape heard of him; he is the dramatio oritic, and is much interested in scientific matters, you will have much in common," she turns to Dr. Stamp. ology "I noticed gou talking with each other at dinner, so suppose you have already met."

Cousin Jack gasping as Dr Stoneology bows grimly, "Er er-er why I-बr thought the gentleman was Di. Stampology." Both gentlemen smile.

The Child: "Why, how tunng! Dr Stampology and I beg that you excuse us," sha passes her arm through his, he bows urbanely to the others and they pass into another room.

Mis. Dowager Diamouds. purringly: "Dear, dear Dr. Stoneology,can't you tell me all about that expedition you so bravely led in Central Africa?"

Cousin Jack bows and hurries away with a savage and fushed face.
The Post masters' Advocate, by the way, gives among many other points of interest a number of interesting figures relating to the U. S. postal service. The figures are taken from ottcial report. We repeat some of them here.

At the close of the iscal year 1907 rural delivery was in operation on 37,728 routes served by 37,582 carriers On 689 of these routes service is performed tri weekly. On nearly all of the remainder the service is dally. The expenditures were $\$ 26,755,524.00$ approximately. 723 countries are served. The standard route is 24 miles with at least 100 patrons. It is recommeoded that rura) carriers should wear uniforms. A losal parcels' post is to be established and possibly a geveral parcels' post. Recelpts from the sale of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers and postal cards in 1907 were $\$ 165,742,09388$. The railroads received $844,495,00000$ for carrying the mails. There were $805,568,700$ postal cards of the various kinds issued to postmasters and $8173.006,47627 \mathrm{in}$ stamps of the various denomina. tions, whlle the number of stamped envelopes and wrappers amounted to $1,418,840,250$ and the number of stamp books $17,686.800$. Of registered letters and parcels there were $38,255,649$ of which more than 4 million were free; hence the registry fees a mounted only to $\$ 2,722,44632$. 37,572 money oraier offices were in operation, and these issued $62,069,783$ domestic and $3,640,136$ foreign money orders amounting to $479,650,34264$ and $84,080,711.06$ respectively , or $563,731,053.70$ together. (Dorpat).

DeKay's Stamp Circular No. 3 is here and about the onls fault it has is, that there is not more of it. It will certainls gain friends, if it keeps in the way jt has started. It may be had with The WEST for 50 c a year, of ordered from Clarence P. DeKay, Florlda, N. Y.

## Secret Marks On U. S. Stamps

## By A Collector

Secret maiks long undiscovered and other pequliarities give exceptional ralue to many of the Onited States stamps iss ued from 1870 to 1875.

The stamps of 1870 were pribted by the National Bank Note Cumpany, and were all embossed in relief on the back. They consisted of eleven denominatons: 1 cent ultramarine with the portrait of Franklin; 3 cent, green portrait of Washiagton; 6 cent carmine Lincoln; 7 cent vermilion Stanton; 10 cent brown Jefferson; 12 cent violet, Clay; 15 centi orange, Webster; 24 cent purple. Scott; 30 cent black, Hamilton; abd 90 cent carmine, Perry.

In 1873 the Continental Bank Note Conpany of New York got the con. tract fir printing the stamps and while it used the identical plates of the former company, its eagravers added to each denomination a secret mart almost undiscoverable by the layman, that the two jssues might be distin. guished. The stamps were of the same general colors as the 1870 issue.

The secret marks remained unknown until 1895 when stamp colleotors found a private mark on the 12 cent stamp, and afterward mark after mark came to light until all the denominations were found to have secret marks except the 24,30 and 90 cent stamps. These were distingufshed by other peculiarities.

## CLASSES OF THE ISSUE.

The stamps of the 187075 period can be disided into five general classes those of 1870.71 without embossing on the back; those of 1870.71 with embossing; the Continental company's stamps of 1873; the stamps especially printed for saie to collectors in 1875, and lastly, the regular issue of 1875 on which two denomlations were especially printed.

The rarest 1 eent stamp of this series is that of the special printing of 1875, which can be recognized by the fact that it is printed on hard, white woven paper, Instead of the regular paper of the 1873 issue. Like the regulaf 1 cent stamp of 1873. it bears a secret mark, which consists of a small crescent drawn inside the first small white ball to the left of the large ggure "1." This stam $\rho$ unused is valued at $\$ 50$. A stamp with the same mark, but on regular paper is worth $\$ 1$. and that, without any mark, the larger stamp of 1870.71 with embossing is valued at $\$ 7.50$.

The 2c stamp of the special printing series is a!so the rarcst of the denomination of the period named. The stamp is dark brown, is printed on the same paper as the 1 cent, and shows a mark in the form of a small diag. odal line under the scroll at left of "U. S." This variety in unused condition is valued at $\$ 10$. The stamp on the regular paper with the same mark at 9150 and the stamp of the $1870-71$ issue with embossing, which does not show the mark at $\$ 5$.
(To be continued).
Mr. John F. Seybold of Syracuse, N. Y., speclalist of stamps on orginal covers was so kind as to seod us a picture of his Canada 12 pence black on the original valued $£ 120$. It is a beauty. Mr. Sejbold's example has undoubtedly helped a good deal in this country, to bring the attention of collectors to original covers. The Perforator had quite a number of his good things in illustration.

## Stampltems

## By C. E. Jenney

I have lately been shown a U. S. stamped envelope seldor met with. It is the le green on buff of 1857. It was an entire used copy bearing the "Paid. Wells, Fargo \& Co., through our California Express" label. The whole was in fine condition. The stamp is catalogued by Scott at $\$ 2000$ cut square.

A rather unique case is that of the Uruguay 5 Ec blue of 1904-and the sc blue of 1906. The latter is apparently an exact reproduction of the former, but enlarged. This is the only case of the kind that 1 know of.

One of the most ridiculous and laughable statements that has come to my attention for a long time was made by Dr. Emma L. Walker in the 0e tober 1907 number of the Ladies' Home Journa!. Speaking of unused stampe as sold at the postoffice, she says, '"The gummed side of a postage stamp is reeking with germs. Never use the tongue for licking elther stamp or envelope." "Reekjng" is good, especially with the expense and trouble the government has been to get a perfectly harmless and pure adheslve sub. stance. If it was a private from of which this statement had been made a libel suit would certainly have been justiflable. It is a wonder that some people dare to open their mouths for fesr of inhaling poison.

Size 14 on amber of the 2c brown 1907 stamped envelopes seems to be of considerable scarctty and aell posted envelope collectors are looking around for it. The small size I, which only comes on white is also a good envelope. It would stem as if this very small size is only called for in a few of the small rural districts.

Tro scarce types of the 1903 issue of stamped envelopes are No. 12400 amber and on buff. These are only found on the size 3 eavelope. It is the last type discovered of the 140 type of this issue and ouly just recently reported by Barrett, though this issue is supposed to be retlred for some time.

The Postmasters' Adrocate No. 10, Vol. XIII is partlculariy interesting. One of the good things it contains is an article by William E. Curtis on Postage Stamp Fakes (written originally for the Washington Star and the Chicago Recerd-Herald) treating of James Harden Hickey and his Trini. dad issue. the Clipperton Island stamps, Ledang and quite a number of others. The stories are quite breezy, but it appears as if Mr. Curtis did not in all cases contine himself strictly to the relating of facts and that collectors and dealers of postage stamps are in his mind a pretty poor set of reas oners. He might have added reports about still other falses and that as a rule collectors and dealers are not so easily duped as might be supposed from the large number of schemes tried for robbing them Generally the schemer gets the worst of it, and only would-be collectors and would be dealers are really entangled by them. Other cases are exceptions. Philatelists generally require pretty good proof before they invest to any extent.

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## NOTICE

May 20, 1908.
After our report is completed each month it is carefully gone over and all mistakes are corrected before it is trausmitted to the printer for publica. tion We realise that owing to the diversity and oddness of the names and addresses and other items which we publish, it is almost impossible to have everything set up correct to the letter. The Union desires therefore to ask the pardon and endurance of those whose names or addresses, are, or will be, sometimes incorrectly priated. It is our desire to have uur reports correct in ererp detall, but we cannot assume the responsibility for typographical errors.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

## Our Five Leaders.

Points to date.-916. L W. Dison, 21. 903. Arnaldo Ghisla, 13. 868. Mrs. John Hoffman, 9. 314 Miss M. Hays, 8 1133. T: G. Grifinn, 7.
'The following members have secured one or more new points during the month just ended:-329. Edena May Carroul, New points, 1; Total points 1. 924. Frank Schmidt New points 1, Total points 1. 931. W. Kay Felter, New points 3, Total points 7. 1208. Jas. A. Carr Jr., New points 2, Total points 2 1290. Geo. G. Dimick, New points 1, Total points 3 . 1291. Wal ter Kruger, New points 1, Total points 5. 1409. Miss Ida Paine. Nem puints 1, Total points 1. 1423 Edn. W. Banks, New points 1,Total points 1. 1462. W. L. McMillen, New polnts 1 ,Total points 1. 1447. Walter c. Rowe, New points 1, Total points 1 .

## AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

1289. Mr. George J. Rhin Jr., Manchester, Wisconsin, desíres to bereafter exchange with foreign members only.
1290. Wm. C. Stephens, Seeley Creek, "I should thank the members very much if each one should send me one (1) view card except those who have sent cards before 1 will answer all."
1291. Fr. Gonzalez Sioco, wishes no further exchange untıl further no tice.
1292. Frank W. Johnson, Fargo, N. D, will be in Peoria, Ill., during the week of June 1.i, in camp with the Forrester Team of Fargo, N. D., and would be pleased to meet any member at that time.
CHANGE OF ADDRESS.
1293. Arthur Schneider, 295 IIigh St, to 7 Burndt St., Newark, N J. 147. F. F. Bullard, 912 Market St., to 603 Crockett, Shrevesport, La. J. Leahy, Bos 21, Station 13, Montreal, Quebec, Canada., to 405 Hulett St., Schenectady, N. Y.

138ij. F. Gonzalez Sioco, P. O. Hox 104, Manila, P. I. to Candaba, Pampango, P. I.

EXPIRED.
The following memberships expire during the month of June: 358,482 , $514,244,546,548,1165,1177,1178,1179,1181,1182,1138,1184,1185,1186,1187$, 1189, 1191, 1142, 1194, 1195, 1196, 1197.

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619. Erhard Rapprich, Lorettogasse 108, Bohemia, Austria. RENEWALS.
447. J. A. Blair, f3ox 818, Edmonton, Alverta, Can
432. Milton M. Herr, 454 W. King St., Lancaster, Pa.
467. J. F. Aborn, 70 Merrick St., Worcester, Mass. (good cards only)
1017. Royal Froom, 285, So. Pearl St., Denver, Colo.
1078. George Parker, 1022 North Eye St., Tacoma, Wash.
1092. Alfon J A. Stark, 163 Tompkins Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1108. Jaspar Spock Jr., 16t Locust Ave., New Rochell, N. Y. (Views of liaptist churches and X. M C. A. buildings prelerred).

1110 Clareuce C. Robiuson, $1+10 \mathrm{E}$. Winchester Ave, Ashland, N.Y.
112E. J. Leahy, 405 Hulett St., Schenectady, N. Y.
1184. Emerson A. Stoner, Greenwood Park Station, Des Moines, Ia.

13\%3. Francisca Goven, Bacolor, Pampanga, P. I.
1378. Joseph M. Agerino, Sindoim, Calulut, Pampanga, P. I.

Our Secretary, J. Park Graybell, has on account of his business been compelled to resign his place as Secretary, thus leaving, myself to take charge of that office, he will remain among us as General Manager, however.
F. W. Hawes.

## NEW MEMBEhS.

1473. George Petit Jr, Lyndonville, N. Y. (Foreign only).
1474. S. W. Dodd, Latrobe, Ohio.
1475. Annie E Dewey, 56 Center St., Pittstield, Mass.
1476. Miss Cornelia I. Dunn, Box 74, Walden, N. Y. (Foreign only).
1477. E. F. Bullard, 912 Market St., Shreveport, La.
1478. Mrs. C. W. nsborne, Youngstown, Ohio, General Delivery. (Colored views only)
1479. Ambrose Poorman, 411 Lyconnig St., Williamsport, Pa.
1480. Ed Gutierrez, David Rarolor, Pampanga, Luzon, Phillppine Is.
1481. Mrs. E. O. Jones, Nilwood, Ill.
1482. Clifton E. Webster, North Yakima, Wash.
1483. Walter Schmus, 618 W School St., Chicago: Ill. (Unused views in sealed envelopes).
1484. C. C Schmuss, 618 W. School St., Chicago, Ill. (Unused views in sealed envelopes).
1485. Fred Huber, 2730 W. Gih St., Cincinnatti, Ohio. (No comics)
1486. C. V. Westfall, Lost Creek, W. Va., R. F. D. No 1.
1487. Jose Lajseyra, Caonao, Cienfuego, Cuba.
1488. C. I Schlagenbusch, Milesville, Stanley Co., South Dakota.

Insurance Postcards. Souvenir postcards with insurance policies at tached is one of the latest developments of the postcard craze. You buy the card for 5 cents, sign and keep the centract attached to it and mail the souvenir card proper to your wife, sweetheart or next friend, and you are insured for $\$ 500$ for twentyfour hours in case of accidental death or the loss of hands or feet by accident. The limited contract policies are with a Casualty Company of New York City. This unique idea is meeting with success, especially among travelers.


# OLD COINS OF AMERICA 

(Continued from last issue).
"By permission of IIarper Bros., from IIarper's Weekly."
But other pieces were colned by Wood under a special patent for A mer ica which were somewhat more successful. This was known as the Rosa Americana coinage, from the device on the face of the coins. It was more extensivley used in the South; as it did not win much favor in the North. It was struck in the composition resembling brass. Pennies, half pennies, and farthings were issued, the dies varying even in pieces of the same value.

Probably the earliest copper coin which it cad, with ary degree of eertainty be aftrmed. was struck in America, was a private coinge in the little village of Granby, in Connecticut. This was produced by a man by the name of Higley, or Highley.

In 1737 Mr. Higley of Granby made or procured a rude set of dies, and out of copper dug in Granby, he coined various coppers. These pleces circulated in New England, but being of a metal, soft and easily rubbed, they wore off and became smooth. Some bore the device "The value of three pence," while others bore the legend around an axe, "I cut my way through." Numerous counterfeits were made in 18i0.

In 1773 a copper coin was struck in Eugland for use in Virginia, whictr was a very fine plece. It has been said that the issue of this coin had some reference to an interesting historical fact.namely. the invita ${ }^{\circ}$ ion of Chas. If by Virginia, to come over and establish his throne in the Dominion-an in. vitation which the king did not forget, but subsequently honored by allowing Virginia to adopt his own arms. The authority of this statement is not known, but the coin remains one of the most beautiful of the early coins of A merica.

Soon after this the Revolution came, and brought with it the usual necessities of war, and the immense issues of paper money form part of the colonial history which it is no part of the present purpose to go into. With the peace came the Instant demand for coin. and all the Northern States set to work at once to supply the demand.

A coin made its appearance after the close of the war which has been variously called the Tory Cent, or Georgia Cent, and the Georgius Triumpho. There is certaioly no reason for imagining that this coin was designed hy a Tory, for it appears to be the work of an honest American, somewhat behind in his Latin. The head is not precisely a portrait of Washington, but Liberty on the reverse standing behind a barrier of thirteen bars shows the spirlt of the coin.
(To be continued.)


Tre very oddest and latest seen in sovelty Post Cards is one sent to me from Cuba. A har.d made card painted in water colors with a native scene of Palms etc It is constructed of Yagne. the dry bark of the Royal palm of Cuba. It was sent from Habana, Cuba. These make quite a remarkable souvenir, and are made by certain Mrs. M. G. Wallace. The desigos are original and comic even. One shows a Cuban bahe sitting under a Royal Paim tree with the inscripifon, "A lone in Cuba". Such cards as these can also be made of the tender blrch trees or poplar trees, and decorated with colored inks or watercolors. I have made such from Wisconsin birch bark and found same very satisfactory.

Several new serles of post cards lasued have made their appearance, and they certainly will equal, if not surpass any seen as yet in sales. One set shows Colorado scenes as sfei on Colorndu Springs and Cripple Creek R. R. by moonlight. Rich in coloring by the three color photography, and appear as near to an oil painting as anything else compared.

The first shows "Looping the Mountain," "The Devil's Slide," "Sentinel Rock, Glyde Park.' "St. Peter's Dome," "Rounding Devil's Sllde," "Silver Cascade Falls," "Rock Creek Loop." "Bjrd's eye view of Crtpple Creek. Colo.," "Cathedral Park,'" "Three Elevations of 'Track as looped about the mountains," 'A Lonp A round South Cheyenne," "Point Sublime," "N. Cheyenne Canon." These are published by Mail Trade Co. of Conn. and sent to me by the publisher of The WEST.

Other grand sets which cannot be equaled were sent by the Mail Trade Co, Stamford, Conn. One is the Valentine's series of twelpe sards of interesting scenes on the Panama Canal. These are reproduced in the photo chrom style, printed in Great Britain. The various scenes are as follows: -Section of the Panama Canai, Excavators at work, Panama Canal, Culebra Cut as it appears today, Panama Canal, Stone crushers at work on the P. C., Steam shovel at work, P. C., Another view at close range of gigantic steam shorel at work, Dredges at Terminus, P. O.. Chagres River, Sources of Water Supply of high level of the Panama Canal, A street in Colon, P. C.

Quarters of Negro Workmeu on the P. C.; A Panama Household and thelr home; Wash Day in the Canal zone. These cards are simply grand, perfect in very way. Still another serles from the same publishers is the Valen. tine's "Mezzograph" series showing beautiful art studles in colors. Sky and water effects of granduer as produced from celebrated painting, "When the Shades of Evening Close" showlng a sunset scene on the waters; "The Day Dying Glorg'" "An eastern gale plays thro the shrouds and swells in every sail," "Fram wave, from wind and fortune's tempest safe ashore," "The Sweet Approach of Even!' "From the deep they gather in therr harvests." These cards surpass anything in rich coloring seen yet The glossy effects or mezzograph tinish give them a natural hue. Fery ine Easter cards wero issued by the same firm also in the mezrograph finish. The little chick sories or comic series were very humorous, "The Seesaw," "Steady Boys, Steady!' etc. The Easter lily series with biblical quotations are sery fine.

## A Collector's Idea--by H. C. Wilder

In spirit, and at heart I have always been a phllatelist; for years I was activels one. At some future time. it is my greatest desire to agaln resume the active collection of stamps. The demands upon my time by stamp col lecting forced me to temporarily give it up a year or two ago, at which time I became active in post card collecting, thinking that philocarty would require less.time and energg. That is where I stand at the present time,passively, a philatelist; actively, a philocartist. I aim to keep myself thoroughly uptodate and versed in philatelic events of the day, however active I may be as a card collector. Of recent date-possibly for sis or eight months-I have observed a decided tendency for phllocartic literasure to be on the decline The current journals all seem to incline that way. while philately, and other hobbles too, consistently hold their place I am sorry as a card advocate to note this downwrd tendency, occasionally bolstered by an article by the pen of a dealer, or possibly two. And it is reported that p. c. sales are constantly increasing all over the world. These articies inspired from bus: ness ends, lack the enthusiasm and are of a different kind than articles by an active collector. Subjects like methods of collecting, systems in keeping tabs upon exchangers, etc., are what interest the collector, and reader of philocartic publications. If such artleles could be read month after month, the philocartist would he benefited, card exchanging would assume a higher plane, and casual readers of philocartic literature might have a higher opinion of the hobby of $p$. collecting. In a degree, such articles would be doing for this hobby what the philatelic socifties are doing for philately along the llne of missionary work. There was a period a few years ago when this class of articles were abundant, about the time when p. c. clubs were first organized, but now ther are on the decilne as I know every philocartist who reads at all extensively will admit. I think you will agree with me here. Now, my object in expounding at this length what seems to me a danger, I hope you will understand, is not an insplration of pessimism but rather a danger that is prove to be overlooked.

I believe that a contribution or two to the current hobby journals would at least awaken a feelling that such a danger is possible if not proba. ble, and incidentalls cail forth more ariteles of the right sind. If sou will
have the kindness to print such a contribution in an early number of the WEST, I will endeavor to take tine to contribute an artcle emboding my observations upon the subject. And later I would hope to be able to follow it with one upon some interesting phase or system of exchanging.


The 52nd monthly meeting of the above named Societs was held in their rooms. 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening. May 1st, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Verkler, Carey, W. F. Dunham, McDonald, V. M. Bran ${ }^{7}$, Simpson, Leon, Blumenschien, Merrill, Chester Dunham, Holmes, Baker, Lewis, Mayer, Tierney, Kelly and Green.
Communications"were read from Messrs. Cooney, Pollion and de Lager. berg. Albert $\mathrm{F}^{\text {. }}$. Madlener, Wm. Bartholomay, Jr. and Jos. Lundholm were elected to membership Mr. Carey read a paper on Modern Foreign Copper Coins. Mr. W. F. Dunham exhibited, by request, the Chicago 1804 dollar. Mr. V. M. Brand showed a proof $\$ 50$ round Kellogg slug, Hawali pattern silver dollar and gold $\$ 20$ of Lilluokalan!, and Indian mohur and divisions of Nepal. Mr. Holmes showed a $\$ 3.00$ gold piece of 1854 D. Mint, and Mr. Blumenschein some U. S freaks.

The following books were added to the library: Obsidional Coins by Haillet, 4 volumes; and Danish Medals by Bergsoe. Magazines received were: The Numismatist, Mehl's Numismatic Monthly, Philatelic West, Spiuk's Numismatic Circular and the Numismatischer Verbehr for April and Mehl's Monthly for May. Auction catalogues were received from Elder, Green, Hess, Kube, Mehl and St. Louis Stamp \& Coin Co. The medal commemorating the 50 th auniversary of the American Numismatic Socitety was received and placed in the cabinet.

Messrs Miller and Walsh were present as visitors.
Adjourned to meet June 5, 1908.
Ben G. Green, Secretary.

## WILL KeEP POSt Cards clean.

Washiugton, D. C. As a result of numerous complaints of postal and post cards being defaced by the postmarking, the Postmaster General has ordered discontinuance of the postmarking of cards at the offee of address. The postal card fad has reached enormous proportions, and the new ruling is expected by postal officials to be received with delight by the thousands of collectors.

The oftice address is stated to be the office at which the mail is received, not the sending office. Post offices have been stamping the "receiving'" time on the address side of the cards instead of on the back, as in the cases of letters, and it has been found that in some cases cards properly faced for "back stamplag' have been defaced by ink from the roller in the machine.

An Ancient Book. A descendant of the ancient Babslonians, Mrs. Anne Najaran, of Nashua, N. H., has in her possession a book written in the language of the race and supposed by her to be dated many gears before the Chistian era. The book is thirteen inches long, eight inches wide and five inches thick. The covers are made of black walnut covered with leather. The leaves of the book are not of paper, but are made of some kind of skin.

# Curious Wallpaper. 

## $B_{\text {B }}$ F. E. Halbert

## A RELIC OF REVOLUTIONARY DAYS.

The walls of the parlor in our local hotel are papered in a very curlous manner. It is on swall sheets abouc 16820 inches and each sheet is a small section of a vast pleture covering the entire side of the room. Each side contains a different picture They are in black and white and appear to be well executed wood cuts. These large scenic riews give a rather pecular effect to the room.

What an ideal paper to cover the wolls of a curfo coliector's den. This room miy have been used for some such purpose in years gone by, and al. though this paper is now where it was placed over 100 years ago, it shows but Httle signs of its age. The presedt proprietor bad the paper recently varmished to preserve it.

What a task it must have been for the paper hanger who did the work. It seems that ic must have been wurse than putting together a large childrens' puzzle pleture. 'The work was well done, and one has to look sharp to see where the sheatg jola. 11 istory does not mention it, but the writer was informed by one of our reliable local collectors that thits paper was sacored ay a French pripateer during the revolutionary war. Our great and onls, P. T. Barnum is credited with being the first to conceive the idea of a picture that should be larger than one shifet of paper, or rather, one that required more than one sheet of paper on which to print it. He had considerable diffeulty in finding anyone to uadertake such a task.

This wall paper shows that the idea was utilized long before P. T. was born.

Sarah Orme Jewett, the noted authoress, who lives not far from the hotel is sald to have one room in her residence papered in a like manner.

When one considers the time, and the condition of the mechanical arts when this paper was mace it must have been pretty expensive.

There are no dates on the paper, but it must have been made as early as 1790, or not far from that date.

CANADA'S NEW COINAGE.
The new copper and silver colos for Canada are row in general citculation, and are the first to be minted in the Deminion. The new Ottama branch of the Royal Mint was opened by Earl Grey on Jan. 2nd, and the machinery set in motion, the $u$ rst coin to ve turned out being a silver 50 cent piece. The dies of the copper one cenc piece were then started. The denominacions minted are:-Copper, 1 cent: silver, 5 cents, 10 cent, 25 cents; gold, 5 dollars. Mr. Fielding. the Minister of Finance has announced in the Ottawa House of Commons that it is I.tended shortly to issue a 10 dol . lar gold piece. According to the "Numismatist," gold coles of the same denominations, designs, welght, and fiveness as gold colns made at the Royal Mint in Enlgand, are to be produced at the Ottawa branch, and after separate inspection these coins will pass current in Eogland as if colned there.

Suggestlons and ideas are always welcome.

## QUEER OLD POTTERY

## Grotesque Vesselis Unearthed in South America

## By Ray Murray

A uthor of "Cronn Jewels of Bussia," "Tales of the First Empire," "Heroes and History of the American Navy," etc., etc.

Heneath the sull of the great South American Republic of Columbia, there has just been brought to light some remarkable buried treasures In the line of curious auimal shaper pottery. each incised and made of black clay. These specimensa are perhaps the the only vestiges left of the vanished empire of the Chluewas, which flourished to this region in pro-Spanish times. The American Muspum of Natural History has acquired these discoveries, and curator Charies Mead is arranging them for eanibition. The find consists of nearly 200 biack pottery .vessels, with deep incisions fantasticlly molded to represent animals cotimon to that region and some mythologocal ooes, with a few human portrait pleces. This unique collection of biack ware, the irst to be seen in this country, is said to be the inest extant.

These grotesque potterg vessels, many of which contained tine golden ornaments, were votive and mortuary offerings placed in the graves along with the bodies of the dead. The collection was found in the Cauca river valley, Columbia, about oue hundred and tifty miles from the Pacifio ocean. This stream is one of the tributaries of the Magdalena. The pottery was unearthed by some of the Indian placer miners who now carry on the busi. ness of sluice washing at the ancient burial grounds of their ancestors to obtain the golden objects which are sold only for their metal.

The Cauca valles, in pre Spanish times, was the domain of the Chibcha nation, which for hundreds of milles along buth banks had established fairly advanced and flourising civilization. A retinue of chiefs with one leader, administered the govermment. Next to the Aztecs and ancient Peruvians,or Incas, ther are classed third in the list of aboriginal races as to culture. The rest of Columbia was inhabited by other independent tibes living in lower stages of enlightenment. The Chibchas and their aeighboring tribes have disappeared entirely. Between 1536 and 1540 the Spaniards conquered the Chlbchas and took possession of their territory.

The Chibcha left no written language, and the Spanish manuscripts which have been preserved, give ouly fragmenarty information, so that nearIf all the knowledge of this people is due to their handioraftsmen. The great abundance of gold and the lezishness of display which flourished among the people and their skill in fashioaing this metal lnto striking shapes is clearls shown by the numerous personal ornaments, statuette and ceremonlal object rescued from thetr burial places. Instead of sacrificing the living anlmals, on some occasions tigures of soild gold representing them were bur. led as offerings to the God of War. Most of the gold specimens are handsome and massive and were used largeiv as ear, lip, nose and breast ornaments.

One of the highest prices realised recently for Greek and silver colns was a medal of Syracuse bearing the head of Perseohone, whioh was sold at London a few daje ago for $\$ 180$.


FDITORS NOTE The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines books. etc. dealing with the silbjects of Archeology and Conchology for review: aiso would appreciateclippings or accounts of discoreties along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credi will begiven. address. W. Straley. Comanche, Teras.

Bulletin 35, Bureau of American Elhology, "Antiquities of the Upper Gila and Sult River Vallejs in Arizona and New Mexico,'by Walter Hough, has been received. It is ant exhaustive treatise of 89 pages. 11 plates and 51 fgures by this well known. member of the Burean aind will te of much inter. est and value to the student and collectors.

Volume XV. of the Proceedings and Collections of the Nebraska State Fistorical Suciets is to hand, and is a nice book of some 422 , cloth. The contents ale as follows: Officers and oftice staff; Letter of "Transmittal; Twenty-one historical addresses by members of the Society; Unveiling of the Thayer Monument, Wrika Cencetery: Proceedings of the Society-24th to 31st annual meetin.ps; Museum catalcgue; Newspapers jeceived by the Society; Legislative acts affecting the Society; Constitution and by-laws; Publications of the Society. The report of the Archleologist for the years 1906 and 1907 is, of especial interest to the collector of relics in Neiraska.

The following article on "IIunting Indian Relics in Connecticut" is fron; the pen of Mr. R. M. Lane, 25 Grove St., Great Barrington, Mass :
"Sitting in the hotel one evening, two strangers moved up to me and held out a fer Jndian arrows, saying. "What do you think of those?"

I was at once interested, when one showed me about 30 he said he had found that das, and I accepted an invitation io spend a das hunting them. He spoke to me not knowing that I was interested and was a collector. He sald he was spending his vacation that way, for a few daps.

We don't find arrows and other relice in the easturn states so plentiful as in the west, nor in such quantities in a place, because there are so few known burial places atd they cannot be dug fnto and desticyed. My newly made friend, Mr. Weston, had been a collector for several years and knew where to look and how to look for them.

By walking thoroughly over the field where the relics had been prevjously found aud where there were lots of chipy from arrows, we found about 25 to 30 aplece each day. We turned over every stone that looked like an arrow and also found one or two stone spades and gouges. Mr. Weston also found a tine pestle. We probably covered a territory of 30 acres daily. fmperfect arrows we did not save.

The arrows were mostly of white quartz, not large, but we found many
fack and gray fints, nicely chipped.
The scede of our operatious was a mille or more back from the Housapuic river, in fact several miles in certain places. Along the Housatonic per are still to be found traces of Indians and their works. It is a wonder pme that the chips and arrows are scatiored over such a large area.

There is an old Indian burying ground not far from the river, also a plle A stones, said to have been left there by the Indians in their journeys that a!. There is also another place on a high dry sandy knoll. half a wille ack, where several squares are formed by lald stones as if for some purpose. the old residents say they rere used by the Indians for a camping ground ad were laid around their tents or tepees.

This is ta the vicinity of New Mllford, Conn, and before taking our eparture we were able to buy a few small lots of Indian relics from farmers ind others who had picked them up.

Although I have chauged and collected minerals and Indian reiles for weral years, it was the tirst real collecting trip for arruws I ever had taken od I was sery much pleaser and interested. A few days later, a few miles foth from there, I found two fine gouges and several arrows, part of a peseand some tine red jasper chips, but in another town.

Later I will write somethigg of the history of this locality, the names Indian tribes, etc. 1 would like to hear more about locatlles in New mgland and the eastern states."

The "Bank of Selma'" was established in 1857 under a special act of the fate Legislature, with a Capital of $\$ 300,000$. based upon Gold and Silver thli'Washintgon M. Smith its firet president, and Charles Lewis, cashler. bis, bank had the right to issue bills for circulation. At the commenceent of the War Charles Lewis was Its president and Ro Lapsley its cashier. his bank was sound and solvent, but like ali banks in the south its capital od surplus was invested in Confederate Bonds and upon the fall of the onfederate Government he bank became insolvent.
1 have been told that the Confederate oticers learning there was gold the liank of Selma and the Commercial Bank of Selma sent soldiers to flima aud forced the officers of the Bank to exchange the gold for Confedate money and bonds.

Hardy's history which I have before me says that all bills were remoned, but this I know is not the case as I hrae seen some of them.
Washington M. Smith, the first president was the father in law of $\mathbf{H}$. Herbert, who was Sec'y of the Navy under Cleveland.
Charles Lewis, the first Cashier and afterwards its president was the tarles Lewis and Company, Bankers who in 1862 Issued blls I have two these bills at the present time in my collection. This bank also broke. dma. Ala., is what is known as the Black Belt of Alabama, named originIfy for the color of its soll, but on account of the richness of the soll, soon crame a large slave ownlop section and slace the war is called the Black flon account of the large Negro population, over fipe negroes in this Daldrounty to one white person.
Selma was the home of Vice prestdent William R. King, who named petown and was one of the firsi Incorporators.
R. L. Dietrick, dealer In Paper Money, Lorraine, Va.

'The celebrated R slens' ceiling in Whitehall Palace, now the Musen of the Royal United Service lisitution, has been restored. aud inspected the King, who has taken a great interest in the work of restoratoin. Th Museum is now opened to the publit.

At the sale of Mr. Rome's London en lection of antiquities dispersed $n$ ceatly, a fine half suit of futed armour of early sizteenth ceutnry workmor ship, stamped with the Guild mark of Nuremberg, realized. \$1225.

A new memotial clock with chimes is being placed in the parish churd of Brodsworth, near lloncaster. This new clock will replace one of the old est clock in England. which only indicated the time by the hour hand, th minutes having to be guessed. Very fow of these clocks, the frame work d which is made of wood and iron, now exist.

Sporting prints scem to be selling well, and there is quite a demand if both sporting colour prints and books. Old coaching prints are also mod in demand; suveral tine examples have recently beed offered in the Jooder salerooms, and among them several bargains have been picked up.

Old silver continues to fetch good prices, but some of the large spect mens go relatively cheap. By the way of illustrating the difference in ralu between large and small pieces, we may mention that a Queen $A$ nne tid handled porringer was sold last week for $\$ 175$; at the same sale a masir antique candelabra of the same period, weighing 144 ous, was sold at $8: 10$.

Tea caddies alwass sell well. Three small silver specimens in a leative case were sold recently for $\$ 330$ the total weight of the three being only? ounces. At the same sale a seal topped spoon realized $\$ 20$, and a rat tall o the Queen Anne period $\$ 2$.3.

Antlque leather black jacks are not often offered for sale but a smal specimen with a sllver band round it was sold last week in London at a sa'. of curios for $\$ 6$, - a very moderate price as these things go.

As an instance of the present day value of old color prints, at the tiad of Tobias Bernard, for the theft of a color print, from the $G$ reen Jana Ho tel, Whitechapel, it was stated that the print was worth $\$ 75$. The pletur
ad been disposed of for 830 to an antique dealer, a ho doubtless knew somefhig of its value.

A second brass coin of the Roman Emperor Hadrian, who died A. D. 33, has just been found in splendid preservation near Winchester. On the arerse is a twelve oared galley tlled with soldiers. while standing on the prow of the vessel, one of the soldiers hulds a standard. In the same localIt several iuteresting finds of Roman pottery have been found, showing that he district is evidently well worth exploring.

An inventory of the ancient and historical monuments in Scotland is to be made, and a commission has been appointed 10 procure authentic records of the civilization and conditions of the life of the people in Scotland from the earliest times. up to the year 1707 when the Act of Union was passed.

The number of curio dealers appears to be ou the increase, and according to the Dailies, women dealers make capital curio sellers. Already several Jadies have built up important businesses in the curio world

One of the most interesting mummles now on view in the British Museum is that of a lady, one of the priestesses of Amen•Ra, at Karnack. The face is covered with a casing, which has the portrait of the priestess, and is thickly overlaid with gold, the eges and egebrows being inlait with ob sičian.

At Edinburg, a short tlme ago, a rare old Queen Anne double handled cup of plain Cesign, with Loudors Flall Mark, dated 1708, was sold for $\$ 137850$.

In a recent sale at London a collection of cream jugs by the late Hepry Lanson was an iuteresting feature. They ranged in dates from $17: 30$ to 1803, and were soid at prices vary ing from $\$ 150$ to $\$ 3$.

A rare group of naval medals sold recently in London for $\$ 350$. It congisted of the V. C., the Legion of Honour, and. ive Crimean medals. At the same sale one of the most costly lots was a New \%ealand Cruss awarded for gallantry at the siege of Ngatapa.

At an important sale of old china in Finfland, some tine specimens of Crown Derby, Chelvea, Worcester alid Spode, forming the property of the late Mr. Charles Stidmore of Hradford, was dispersed.

An autograph letter signed by Lord Nelvon. In his usual form. "Nelsou aod Bronte," was sold recently for 840010 a private buyer. The document conlained instructions in refererce to one of the $s$ ilps of the rear squadron in the battle of Trafalgar.

- An important collection of relles from the llizhiands and also from the Islands of Sootiand will be on view at the forthcoming Edioburgh Exhibition. Highland relics and curios always interest collectors, wang of them being curious and almost barbaric in their decoration.

One of the treasures recently found in the Valley of the Tombs of the Bings at Thebes is an exquisite ring of open gold work. forming the names and ittles of Rameses II. Many gold rosettes,also found in the same tomb, were probably attached to the dress. A number of small tigures of Seli, A pis, lions and other animals were also found. The oollaction of Egyptian curlos is an interesting toobby, and one whioh is coming into fashion, for yuite a number of these interesting relics can be purchased for a trifing sum.

# $\therefore$ A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors By George J. Remsburg 

The head of this column spent a das of archaeological teldworis in biw valley of Owl creek, about seven miles southeast of Atchison, receat) Owl creek is a pretty little stream flowing into the Missouri riveridil was onoe the scene of an Indian village. During the past seventeen jen we have gathered a large amount of archaeologic material along this stream, and while the suppply has greatly diminished, we found on the occaslood aforementioned (A pril 24), a number of flint arrow and spear heads, scat pers, knives. hammar stones, pot shards, and other specimens. The most perfect object found was a small fint arrowpoint, or what is commond called a "bird point." It is one of the tinest specimens of the kind we hara ever found in this region. Most of the objects were found on a small trath of freshly plowed ground which had never been under cultivation belon On a high hill overlookng this village site are two ancient Indian mondid which we explored in 1891 and which were described in the WEST serenl years ago under the caption of "Crematory Mounds on the Missouri."

We are indepted to Mr. Samuel P. Hughes, a well known Nebraska archaeologist, for several pre historic human bones taked from the famous Gilde mound' on Long's IIH1, near Omaha. This mound has become wotld famed because of the discovery therein of the remains of a pre glacial race, or what is termed the "Nebraska Loess Man." Tnis great discovery nus made by Prof. Robt. F. Gilder, of Omaha, in October 1906 Prof, Gilder has kindly furnished us a copy of his very excellent paper, "Recent excarations at Long's Hill, Nebraska,'" from the American Anthropologist, lot Januars-March 1908. Messrs. Gilder, Hughes and Gallatin are doing 2 great anthropological work in this important Nebraska tield. Besides de veloping the "Long's Hill'" mound, they are on the trall of the Mandan Indians and are bringing to light a vast amount of aucient Mandan material along the Missourl river. Mr. Hughes has also dorated to our collections some samples of Mandan and Otoe Indian pottery, and other specimens for which were very grateful.

Prof. S. W. Williston, of the University of Chicago, who some time ago discovered the large serpent Skeleton mentioved tn our last "Kolumn," says that Westerd Kansas has for some time been famous all over the world for the excellent specimens of this skeleton: He says the chief interest is not in its novelty, but because of jts perfect preservation. He states further that the finest collection in the world is now on display at the Kansas state university. The professor says: "The anlmals were in brtet swimming liz. ards of great size, often reaching a length of thintyfive feet, with tin lite paddles, instead of crawling feet and a long, broad tail for propulsion through the water. They are found as far east as Ellis on both the Smoky Hill and the Salina rivers, and altogether hundreds of specimens, more or less complete, have been collected during the last twentylive jears."

The editor of this department will be pleased to have Kansas Coliectors inform him of any tinds, of interest along archaeologic, geologic, paleontologio, philatelic, numismatic, blblographic, and any of the other lines of collecting that they have made anywhere in the atate, for publieation. in this
columa. * We want to make it one of the interestlag features of the Magauine, and to do this we must have the co-operation, of our Kansas readers. Due credit, will be given in all instances. Address Oak Mills, Kansas

## $\$ 18,000$ for a Book

## acute bibliomania at a london sale.

For a superb copy of the irst follo edition of Shakespeare's "Plays," issued in 1623. the record sum of $\$ 18,000$ was given at the sale of the library of Mr. W. R. pan Abtwer, of New York, in London. Never before has a copy of this rare work realized such a remarkable sum, the nearest approach being the $\$ 8,000$ paid for the copy at Christie's rooms, seven years ago, which now rests in the Scribner Library, New York.

Possessiog only a few trifing defects and encased in a superb red morocco binding by Redford, there was little surprise when Mr Quaritch opened the btdding with an offer of $\$ 2000$ for the precious volume. Thls bid was not to go unchallenged. the representative of Messrs. Pickering and Chatto raising the price to 85,250 . which, however, his opponent immediately Increased to 87.500 .

Then ensued a spirited contest, the price leaping up until the prevtous record had been reached and passed.
"Eleven thousand five hundred," cried the auc ioneer in response to Mr. Quariteh's nod

There was no response, and all thought the baltle was at an end.
A volse at the end of the room cried 'Two hundred and ifty," and then It was sean that another Richmond had entered the tield in the person of Mr. B. F'. Stevens the Amer can agent, who in the past has secured so many rare editions of the Baid.

## american agent outbid.

With a smate Mr. Quaritch resumed the contest, makiog 8250 bids with determined persisteucy. Another palise ensuan when $\$ 17,500$ was reached.
"'Come, Mr. Stevens," crled Mr Hodge, "you can't let it go."
"Two hundred aud ifty," was the reply.
It was of no avall. Mr. Quaritch was there, evidently with the firm determination of securling one of the tonest coples of one of the rarest books in the English language, and Mr Stevens gave in.

Altogether this wonderful sale. though containing only $2+3$ Items, pro duced the remarkble total of $\mathbf{\$ 8 1 , 7 5 5}$.

Almost the last lot to be sold was a copy of the first edition of Waiton's "Compleat Angler." 1653 described by the auctioneer -as immaculate. An extremely scarce book, copies have realized $\$ 100$ and $\$ 2000$, one in 1895 making 82075. The copy at Saturday's sale brought $\mathbf{8 6} 450$ The book was original$l_{\text {ly }}$ pnblished for 37 cents.

Many other notable lots appeared in this sale, a set of the Waverly Norals practically as issued goling for $\$ 1500$, a copy of the third follo edition of Shakespeare's "Plays" making 83250, and a tine copy of Shakespeare's "Rape of Lucrece"' 1624 , realising 81750.

This last item, at ofe time, in the possession of Narcissus Luttrell, has his intials and the price which the bowk cost him (8 cents) on the fly leaf.


The Trenton Philatelic Society was organluad January, 8th, 1809, with the following Chartit members present: Wallace Buckman, W. b. Housel, Edward Semon, E. A. Andrews and Al. vah G. Clark.

The following officers were elected for the tirst year: President Wallace Buckman; Vloo Prestdent, Alvah G. Clark; Treasurer, Edward Semon; Financial Secretary, Wm. B Housel; Secretary \& Sales Mgr., E. A. Andrew.

The Society meets on the $2 d$ and 4 th Thurs. days of each month except July and August

The following members have connected themselves with the Socjety since is organlzation: Theo. Meger, H. V. Swallow, E. R. Sterling, George E. Poole, Mortimer H. Potts and Lewis C Overton.

The drawing of the seal which heads this arttele was made and donated to the Society oy the Vice President.

The Society has had two very energetic Committees, viz: By.Laws and Ways \& Meass. The formet have completed their work of compiling a Constitution and set of By. Laws that are second to none in regard to any other Philatelic Society.

The Ways and Means Committee have ably performed their duties in procuring the cut which heads this article, stationery and auction sales slips. and last but not least in procuring and furnishing our permanent rooms at 118 Passaic St.

Previous to mesting in our permanent rooms we met at the homes of the different members at which times various entertainments were given by the host. The last meeting in particular, during the entertainment part of the erening held at the home of the President, the members were treated to an illustrated lecture on France and Spain, with sereral moving pletures particularly one of a Spanish Rull Fight interspersed.

The Society has a reporter and thus keeps the public well informed of the doings of our society through the press of the city.

The Society has at present bewteen ten and ifteen prospective membars in view.

The Society desires to thank the publishers of this paper for their kindness in using his article.

We extend an invitation to any Philatelist who may be sojourning in this city ur the vicinity to join us on our meeting night.

Yours for Philately,
E. A Andrews Secretary.

The majority of our readers have their lives before them; and it will rest with them individually whether they "arrive"' or "founder." The boy with a healthy hobby is far more likelp to develop his latent power than the boy who spends his time in "pottering," and plaging practical jokes. First get a vision of what you intend your future to be, then elect a hobby, and whether you are at work, or emploped with your hobby, strive after porfecton. That is the way opportunities come; and that is the way to jesoh your goal.

## Indian Blankets

## By Frank Hammond

Navajo blankets are more generally known a.d In greater demand than any other Indian blanket. Fine specimens of the genuine article, hand moven from pure liand spun wool by good Navajo weavers are among the ferr best blankets in the world, being truly artistic in coloring and design, erviceable and very durable.

The weaving of the Pueblo Iudians, however, on the average is more cuiformly good than that of the Navajos. The Pueblo blankets are woven by med. the Navajos by women, both of them using a very primilive loom.

No Navajo woman ever makes two blankets exactly alike, nor, as a matter of superstition, will she make a blanket perfect in design. The irregularity in design is usually so slight as to be unnoticable at a casual glance, but if you exaimne the blanket carefully you will invariably find a slight flow in the destgn. These blankets-the tine grade genuine ones, at least-are all pure wool. Yet in the earliest stages of Indian blanketry no mool was used, the blankets being made of hand spun cotton, as blankels were made by the Hopi (also called Moki) Indlans long before the coming of the Spanish early in the sixteenth century, and it was the Spanish who first intruduced sheep. The Napajos were not the first weavers amodg the Indians, although now the most famous It was, however, many generations ago that they learned the art of their netghbors.

A staple, but of late years rather a scarce color used by the Navajoa is a peculiar and very beautiful shade of brown, secured by using the wool of their brown sheep, used wihout being colored in auy was. Black white and a rich, bright but not glaring red are however. the thret colors most frequently used. Indeed some weavers contina themselves entirely to these three colors. Gres, however, is also quite frequently used, as blue is, also. What we may call fancy colors. purple, piuk. preen and the like, are not truly Indian: they are usually found only in the poorer grade of blankets, and so made for sale only because some white men want them so.

The swastica, a symbol of good luck, of late s) well known and popular, has been a farorite design with the Navajos for many geverations another some what similar igure that is atso a favorite is the ordinary erees with-four straight arms. whteh fiepresents the four cardinal point of the comprss. Fach detail of the design of a blanket has some meaning; each bgure represents somethon, as for ins'ance lightning, mountains, the evil spirit or the like. Each color also has its special sikniticance In short, each blanket tells a story, is so much traditional folk lore if you but know how to read it.

## PATTERN COINS.

A pattern coln is one that has not been accepted by the autherities at the Mint, and has in conseqedce never been struck for circulation. When a coinage was contemplated it was usual for the artist to submit several pleces of different designs, out of the same denomination for selection: those not ohosen then became patterns, and only a few were struck Often Medallats have made destons for coins unoficially. These are termed patterns and be jug iare are much sought after. A farthing of 1665 was sold recently for $\$ 35$.

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## EXTRA.

We are very sorry that our report did not get in the last issce Our ie port was or time but the publisher was forced to go to press earlier on ac count of his leaving for Esfland By the way the Publisher is President of the Collectors Union as you perhaps know, and during his extended tilp through Europe I feel safe in saying that he will be glad to help the mem. bers in any way by securing anything they may desire in the collecting line Our Vice Pres. Mr. H. C. Wilder of New York in a letter just received says, "Send large bunch of application blanks as am advertising the Union with my adds and expeot a lot of members." Why don't you all do that way. It takes such men as Mr. Wilder to make a society. Do you maot encouragement, well this ought to help a little. As a special inducement am guing to effer fifty line post cards to the one seouring the most members before Aug. 18. The uine condition belag the winuer must secure at least five members. Is there not others who will give something to teake thit
contest worth worklog for. Show me that gou are interested and I will see that other and better prizes are offered. Each new member counts one. Each renewal counts one. Nothing goes farther to show a society's progress than the jolning of the foremost collectors. We are pround of cur list and here are to be found the most widely known collectors of today. This issue Mr. G. H. Fabian,Jr. Pres. and manager of the Atlas Stamp Co., -(one of the largest companies in the east) Brooklyn, N. Y. jotns the Union and mishes us success. Below is a list of members whose names have expired. I find it impossible to write each one. Please watch this each month and send in your renewal. W. F. Stolberg, T. J. Uderjohn, Henrich Jung, G. H. Blakeslee, Loun Tillitson, Geo. Hughes, H. C. Hoyt, D. L. Passavant, W. D. King, Paul Mignon, R. M. MeGill. W. Balley, J. F. Lawson, V. A. Hurd, P. P. McKeel, U. S. Moore, J. A. Beck, A Iwan, E. Aspland, E. Jackson, F. Bernd, Miss Hass, F. Britton, Walter Speeter, II. Maple, C. Koch, W. H. Sedwick, L. A. Running, Henry Dieder, Lizzie Smith, Clare Snyder, Bessie Cline.

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# Nete Mexico Mound Graves 

## By J. W0. Mullens

There are many burial mounds in all parts of this territory. Mr. Din. nahoo and myself opened several in a search for pottery and Indlan relio In one we found 4 "metates' or corn grinders, with several pesties Also7 stone tomahawks, some of them fine specimens, others that had been bady used. Some were of arstone that is not faund in this rectioǹ; and one in particular, of a biack lava formation, must have come from old Mexico. We found a fint lance head 8 inches long and some arrowheads, two pottery cups, half pint size, a $\leq$ mall square dish $21 / 2 x 4$ inches of antique $A$ ztec design, two large executioners stone hammels, many pleces of broken pottery and corn bread that had been burned to a cinder, and the cakes still solld and unbroken. A lso some ears of corn also badly burned but ears yet lotact. About three feet below the surface we found adobe walls showing corners of three rooms, and in one angle parts of human bones ana one skull. These bones crumbled at the touch. There was no metal of any kind in the mound which was some 60 feet long by 25 wide and 6 feet high. On top the mound was several rows of stones set on edge and regularly laid out in plats as if to mark a play ground or camp ground. The fineness of the soil on mound in. dicates that the west winds of many years have formed most of the mound by the drifting sand and dust.

I own the land on which is a large hill thickly covered with small monnds, and have added many specimens to ay collection by pickups on the surface-mostly ar rowheads, teads of broken mussle shells. polished quartz pebbles and three or four phallic charms. Some of the arrowheads are agate, hence the tribe came from either Colorado, Western N. M, or Old Mexico.

The extcutloners hammels have been used or their gruesome purpcss and show great hlotches of what looks like bloud srains on them. There have been no Indlans in this secion for 40 geals except a few stragglers pas. sing through.

In a future article will be given a description of the burial of an A pache chief 50 or 60 years ago, told by an eje-witness-an old Mexican who was their captive.

Our Scotch readers will be interested in the "Old Glasgow" Exhibition now being held in Glasgow. Many quaint Scotch relles are being exhibited. The chief officials are appearing in anoient costumfs. Beverages are drunts from old pewter pots, and the fare offered at the cafees is that in vogue io the fifteenth century.

Occasionally orders accompanied by remittance are sect to The WEST, without any pame and address being given. At the present time we hare half-a dozen such prepald orders which cannot be dispatched owing to this cause. If this note is seen by ang who have been remiss in this way wi shall be glad to hear from them.

The Post Card Business is like buging the latest edition of the paporyou must have the latest edition out.' New cards coming in every das.


EDATOX'S NOTH-Our readers are invited to contributc interestiny items. articles, etc to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and miverals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont.. will be answered as far as Dossible in this dept.-Porest Gainesl

Reports from the vicinity of Malshfield. Wis., indicate that rich iron ore deposils have been located near the tuwis of Sherry, Milladore, and Hansed, in that stalp. Mr. E. J. Longgear, a mining expert of Minneapolis, has recently laken options on several hundred acres of land in the latter towus. The opilins are la'xen in Mr. Longgear's name, and he will have full charge of the prospecting, but it is understood that wealthy and exper. lenced mine owners of the Mesaba range are behind the deal. Undoubtedly, if the indications are promising, there will be no lack of capital ior devel. opment purposes. One diamond drill is already in operation and seceral more will be installed at different points, where suiface indications are most promising.

These deposits were knoun to exist, as far back as twenty seass, and at that ifme, Jocal capltalists organiced, a company to do prospectlag. Several shafts were sunk, thirty or forty feet, but it was finally decided that ore did not exist in suticient quantilies to pay for mining, consequently the operations were dropped for the time.

A new discovery in Califormia promises to be worth millions to that state. Reports from San Diego County gire the news. that phosphate rock has been plcked up as float, near the town of Escondido. Samples have been forwarded to the state minitig bureau of examination.

Heretofore, phesphate rock has never been known to California as a na. tive product. North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida have afforded the greater supply of mineral fertilizers for the Uuited States.

The surface indications in San Dlego county seem to indicate large deposits. We have a palued correspondent, Mr. Albert kiveritt at Escondido, and we hope to hear from him soon, concerning these reports. If so, we will give somerhing further concerning these deposits. San Dlego county is quite rich in minerals of parlous kinds. Some of the Enest rubellites we have over seen have come from there.

There is a great variety of ourious sights to be seen in the petrified forest, covering thousands of acres in eastern Arizona, but what is regarded as the most curious of all, is the natural bridge of petrified wood, concerniog
which, many of our readers have doubtless read something.
The bridge is a huge, petrified tree trunk, spanning a deep ravine fifty feet wide. It is a mass of agate and jasper, overhanging the ouls clump of living trees within the border of the forest. Each end of the log is firmig fired in shale and sandstone leaving about one hundred feet of it, eithor wholly or partly exposed to the elements.

Throughout the dim past, the tree has been spared as a relic of the geo. logical past. In recent years, however the elements seem to have done theif worat, and in several places in the huge petrifaction transverse cracks have appeared. The Government: fearing that this great natural curlosity mould tumble to its destruction in the ravine, has recently had two stone abut ments erected undel it, thus making of it. a bridge of three spans. Many of our A. S. of C. C. members will doubtless have the pleasure sometime of seeing this great petrified forest, and will then cease to wonder that the Government should have made a National Park out of it.

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Change of Address. Jesse C. Camera from Norfols to Omaha, 107 S. 17 St.

The Sales Manager would like to have the convention held at Omaha during the Ak-sar-ben meeting and would like to hear from the memters on the subject.

REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.
Books received on circulation 14, value 87567
Members should take more interest in this department, and send in more stamps. So far only a few parties have sent in stamps.

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This department is run strictly on a cash basis. Members are allowed to keep clicuits 3 days only, a fice of 5e a day will be imposed if kept longer. All circuits must be sent by registered mafl. Should any blank spaces be unaccounted for, it shall be the duty of the member noticing the same to adjust the matter with the last member, and fallure to do so will render him liahle for the a mount When forwarding books to next on circuit a report must be made out containing a memorandum of total amount taken, this together with remittanse must be sent to Sales Supt Members after remoring stamps from books must place their names plainly in the spaces from which the stamps are taken. One per cent of the total value of the book will be charged for insurance agalnst loss. A commission of ten per cent is charged on all sales.

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81 O. N. Elkle, Route 2, Box 1, Walcott, North Dakota.
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> CHANGES OF ADDRESS.
35. Magnus Hansen from Thuresensgade 33 K to Thuresenşade 24 K, Copenhagen, Denmark.
12. Miss Ella Borgen from Littieton to Snyder, Colorado.
10. Wesley Fales frum Hamilton Montana to Sand Point, Idabo. CORRECTION IN NAME.
69. Should be Clareace Webib instead of Clarence H. Webb, Perif, 0. POBLISHERS MISTAKES IN ADDRESSES.
76. William Huxel should be 315 East 65th Sit. Instead of 31 East 6ith St., New York City.
67. Theo Heyl should be 336 East 66th St. Instead of 36 East 66th St, New York City.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

58: Frank W. Johnson, 793 South 10th St, Fargo, N. D., announcom that he will be in attendance at the Modern Woodmen of A merica Tri•Annual Couvention to be held in Peorta, Ill., durlag the week of June 15, 1908 and will be pleased to meet ang' of the P.A.S C. C members who mas happen to be in Peoria on that date or any of the members of the following societies: I. O. O. F., Macabees, M.B A., Loyal Americans and the N. A.s.C.
69. Olarence Webb, Perry, Ohio, will hereafter send first cards

6j. John A. Parker, Jr., 1022 N. Eye St, Tacoma, Wash., will not bt able to auswer cards promptly until after Sept. 1st, 1908.
32. Geo. J. Rhein, Manchester, Wis., will exchange with forelgn members only.

## PRIZE CONTEST NO. 2.

1st Pilze, Honorary Life Membership: 2nd prize, free paid up membership for one year; 3d prize one dozen colored view cards of St. Louls, Mo. To obtain first prize get five new members for the club,second get three par members, third get two new members. Contest began March 1st, 1908 sod ends June 15, 1908

## FROM THE PRESIDENT.

I wish to express thanks in behalf of the officers of this club to our members for the encouragement and interest that they have shown in this club. We are just eight months o:d and have over 80 members, which I believe is doing fairly well. We are not going to stand still but continue to make this club a better club and I beg to state that we are contemplating making some changes in our defence fund plan etc.. which will be to our merbers advantage. Announcement will be made as soon as plans hare been completed and in the meantime we will thank our membres for ang saggestions that they wish to give that will enable the P. A. S. C. C. to be-

Dear Fellow Members:-It is with pleasure that I announce to you that we are preparing to puolish our Membershlp List No. 2. We wish to have at least 100 names for this list. Cannot gou help us to bring the rotal membershlp to that amount? I also wish to state that those members who have ohanged their address and have not notifed me should do ss at once. We wish this list to be ecrrect and witholt your new address we cannot make same correct. We are a little late in pubilshing this list but we thought It a beneft to the nembers to wait and get a more complete list before we published same. Respectiully.

James A. Carr, Jr., Sec'y-Treas.

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## AN ODD POST CARD.

The most curious postcard ever produced, according to a leading philatelist, was one which the Japanese government put out in 1873.

In describing he saps it is "really a sheet of paper folded so as to form four pages of a narrow book. On the front page is a border inclosing an impressed stamp for the postaze rate and a space for the address. On the second page are printed in native characters only minute directionss for use. On the third page are ruled a number of vertical lines, between which the sender was to write his communication, and the fourth page was a blank." They remained in use untll 1875.

President Roosevelt has been presented with,the first medal struck to commemorate the Jamestown Exposition, President Harry St. George Tucker made the speech of presentation, and the president made a brief response.

The medal is a handsome plate of bronze, and will be prized by the lim. ited number of distinguished men', who will recelve replicas.


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Editor-F. J. Clute, San Francisco
Postal

## Photographic

Clubs

HOW TO FORM ON F-Taken from an English paper. Continued from last issue.

Tapes are likely to get torn off, and more satisfactory substitutes are leather straps which buckle together over the edges: one attached to a plece of broad webbing which may go right round the top of the port folio and fas. ten behind the back. It is important that it shonld be held firmly together so that the photos (which may be valuable to their producer may be safely preserved.

Inside the portfolio are contained the photographs sent by the members, a note book in whicli notes are written as the book goes round, and which forms the medium by means of which the Secretary addresses the members and finds fault with any little peccadilloes they may commit cuch as detainIng the portfollo over its alloted time, not entering dates of recelpt and dispatch in the notebook (in which spaces should be arranged for this), and such like matters. In the notebook should be arranged spaces for asking queries and writing replies, and for any suggestions, notes, or information which members may desire to note down. Discussions on various photo. graphic subjects may be carried on in this notebook, being commenced by the Secretary and contributed to by subsequeat members, or the Secretary may depute a different member each month to inaugurate a discussion on some stated subject, which must, as far as possible be one in which all can join.

One important feature of the Postal Club is that each photo sent by each member received criticism by all the other members, and members should be especially asked not to omlt this duty, for therebs not only did they assist the member whose photo is criticised. but also the mere fact of writing a criticism of someone else's pleture teaches anyone the faults to be avoided in his own, and it is one of the most valuable points in the training the Club affords its little family group.

For these criticisms a place has to be provided in the portfulio. Thls is done by coercing each picture with a large sheet of paper, which sheets are provided for the members when desired, by the Hon. Secretary. On the front page of each sheet of paper is a printed form, in which form spaces are left for detail vary in different Clubs, according to the taste of the Hon. Secrerary, but they are usually more or less of the foilowing import.

Name of member inserting print. Title of picture. Date. Time of Day. Exposure. Plate. Light. Developer of plate. Method of print. ing. Developer of paper (if required). Toning bath. Remarks.

There are other items that may be substituted for the above or added to
them as the will of the Hon. Secretary may dictate.
The remalnder of the sheet is left blank,and on the back of it are writton the criticims of members as the case travels round. If there ia not room on the back they may be continued Inside, but when using tnk care should be taken not to get ic on the photograph, or it may entirely spoll a valuabie one which caonot be replazed

There are two systems as to the insertion of pictures in the portfolio. One is that each member shall send one or more prints to the Secretary each mosth for insertion in the current folio, the other is that each member may lusert a picture and remove the previous one, as the portfolio reaches him or her on its journey round the circle Buth have been tried on the Club of which the author is Secretary, and ha prefers the first method, as in practice it was $f$ und that many members were unfortunately short of prints suitable for Insertion whenever the portfolio reachen them, and they erequently failod to remove old prints The system of sending prints beforehand to the Secretary has the advantage of enabling him to "drop on" ang member whose contributions are too scanty ln number, and a tine can be levied for defective evergy in this respect, and for other defaults, as e.g., keeplog the folio too long. The rules may be left to the founder of the Club. One should be that members must send on the portiolios regularly and not delay them, and another that any member leaving home must send his new address to the member before him on the list or to the Hon. Secretary in order that the folio may be sent to him while away and not delayed until he returns. If this is not done the portfolio may be kept for a month or loogof while the following member is anxiously awaiting its arrival.

A date should be fired after which no photograph will be received for the ensuing portfolio and a date after which no subsoriptions can be received for the current year, any member exceeding thls date to cease to be a mem. ber of the Club. Every member should be required to send a post card to the Hon. Secretary when forwarding the portfollo, in order that its whereabouts may be known, and any delay checked. Postcards printed with the Secretary's address, and on the other side a form stating dates for recelpt and dispatch, to be filled in by members, can be placed in the folio, if the Secetary cares to go to the expense of printlog them for the sake of the greater certainty they offer of the members duly forwarding them. In any case printed labels should be supplied to each member, on waich is printed a request that in the event of absence from home for more than three or four days the folio may he sent on at once to the member's present address.

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Any reader in Nebraska can become a member-Membership card free for the asking President-Miss L. Tillotson, ..................... 1305 S 32nd St., Station B, Omahe. Sectetary-Treasurer-L. T. Brodstone.............................Superior, Nebraska. Those marked $x$ exchange post cards, $x x$ photo cards.

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We hope to hear from members in regard to the conventlon at Omaha during the Aksarben this fall. Let all members send ideas regarding same.

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