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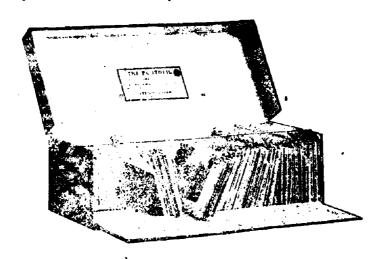
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Now that our membership roll has started to grow, let us hope that the next few months will see a large increase in the number of applications to be reported. Remember, if each member will secure but one application the Society will double its present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

I wish to request members to send notification at once of change in address, also to advise promptly if the efficial organ does not reach them regularly. It is, no doubt, a big undertaking to publish and deliver a magazine of the "WEST'S" proportions promptly and Mr. Brodstnie is sincere in his desire to have as little dissatisfaction as possible and will, upon notification 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—Scheme to establish an exchange department, and a series of auction sales among members and in this connection I wish to state that while I consider each of these ideas good and well worthy of consideration, 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 through the medium of correspondence. Let me know what your idea is and what you have to assist in insuring its success, and I will do everything possible to help was postal will do.

The following applicants will be admitted to membership, upon payment of balance of dues, if no objection is received by the Secretary before April 30th, 1908.

- 157. R E. Gerspacher, Bx 62, Grand Island, Neb. Proposed by L T. Brodstone and R. J. Mundell; also member M. P. A. No. 334 and Nebraska Phil Secty.
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No objectious having been received, Mr. Stephen Colder has been admitted to membership.

Don't forget your 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 notes at any time of new issues and of variaties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me will be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa. Lock Box 7.

(Continued from last issue).

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By referring to the WEST for January will be found descriptions of the Jowa and Texas Feed Tax Tags. No 3, under the Iowa list, has now been replaced by No. 5, which is described in WEST for March. No. 5 is issued in strips of five vertical and is rouletted 1 horizontally. I presume that No. 3 was issued in the same way. Nos. 1 and 2 are issued in strips of four vertical roulette 1. No. 4 is issued in sheets five vertically and four horizontally. Perforated.

Also 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. Iowa and Texas Feed Tax Tags; Town and City Special Tax or License, such as Billiard and Pool Hall, Saloon and Peddlars licenses. They are as truly Fiscals as any of the municipal Fiscals of Great Britain. Again, the Brass Tags for Express and dray wagons tacked on the wagon are as much evidence of the tax paid as the stamp stuck on a deed. Likewise the tag your dog must have on his collar has its counterpart in the Dog License of Ireland. If you run across anything in these lines let me know.

I notice in a recent report of the "Fiscal Philatelic Society" (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 you like to buy that value unused?

The October and November numbers of Morley's Phil. Jour., had an excellent catlogue 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 stamps (or stam:s printed on the document) as given in M. P. J., in the last few numbers. See the length of the purse-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 3d, 1sh 9d, 2sh, 2sh 6d, 3sh, 3sh 9d, 4sh, 5sh, 6sh, 6sh 3d, 7sh 6d, 9 sh, 10sh, 12sh 6d, 15sh, 17sh 6d, 1£, 1£ 2sh 6d, 1£ 5sh, 1£ 7sh 6d, 1£ 10sh, 1£ 12sh 6d, 1£ 15sh, 1£ 17sh 6d, 2£, 2£ 5 sh, 2£ 10sh, 2£ 15sh, 3£, 3£ 5sh, 3£ 10 sh, 3£ 15sh, 4£, 4£ 10sh, 5£, 5£ 10sh, 6£, 6£ 10sh, 7£, 7£ 10sh, 8£, 8£ 10 sh, 9£, 10£, 12£, 15£, 20£, 25£, 30£, 35£, 40£, 45£, 50£, 55£, 80£, 65£, 70£, 75£, 80£, 85£, 90£, 95£, 100£, 120£, 150£, 200£, 250£, 300£, 350£, 400£, 500£, 600£, 900£,

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Series 1902: 33. 1 oz gold. I judge that there should be 2 oz, 4 oz and 8 oz stamps for the 1898 and 1902 Series. Let us hear rfom you.

(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 investment. 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 their "day." Usually it is a brief and fretful period, when the stamps are much sought after and the eye 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 field 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 4d South Nigeria multiple: it was possible to sell a copy or two a year ago at 8d or 10d apiece. 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 believed 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 field 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 enthusiastic 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 ninepence is better than a slow shilling, and small profits bring quick returns. The chances are great that the man who sells quickly, and while the stamp is in request, is more fortunate in the long run than the man who

locks things up in his safe for an indefinite period. The other day a collector was vainly trying to sell Ceylon Service Kings at two-thirds the price he could have got 2 years ago. Since then the cry of forgeries has scared the people, or the stamps have lost their first fascination. A hundred fine used Lagos chalkies were recently sold at auction (the values were above 1d) for 1£; it would have been wiser for the holder to have sold them sooner. Locking up stapms sometimes involves risks; it would seem better to sell while one has the chance. Again, when a stamp has risen to a high price collectors.incline to "let it go." Today 21/2d Leewards chalky is cheap at 6d, and 1000 collectors will give that price; when advanced to half a crown, perhaps not 100 would give that price. How many collectors who missed the 2s 6d Lagos C. A at 2s 11d would now pay on to £2 for a copy? The opinion that most stamps increase in value the longer you keep them is true. puas, multiple Caymans, Brunei, and Straits on Labuan, etc will no doubt increase value, and those who put by any surplus for a year or two should not be disappointed. The same is true of 2s 6d Northern Nigeria C. A. and others. Yet experience shows that such stamps sell more readily when in the heyday of thieir popularity, and may not be so easy to sell when they have attained to high prices.

Is St. Vincent multiple, with the writer, sold well at 2s at the outset, but the last one or two copies had to be cleared out at 1s 6d. However much this stamp may rise in future, the fact remains that it hung fire within a year of its withdrawal; probably all who were interested in it were already supplied with copies. Rather than allow it to drift into the "intermediate" stage it was thought best to clear it out at a reduced price. Some day it may be worth 5s, and of course to a patient man it may be worth keeping till that time. As stated above, there are three courses open to pursue. Different people have different views, but the wisest practical plan may be to "make hay while the sun shines." and sell the "extra set" while it is in demand.

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locks things up in his safe for an indefinite period. The other day a collector was vainly trying to sell Ceylon Service kings at two thirds the price he could have got 2 years ago. Since then the cry of forgeries has scared the people, or the stamps have lost their first fascination. A hundred fine used Lagos chalkies were recently sold at auction (the values were above 1d) for 1£; it would have been wiser for the holder to have sold them sooner. Locking up stapms sometimes involves risks; it would seem better to sell while one has the chance. Again, when a stamp has risen to a high price collectors.incline to "let it go." Today 2½d Leewards chalky is cheap at 6d, and 1000 collectors will give that price; when advanced to half a crown, perhaps not 100 would give that price. How many collectors who missed the 2s 6d Lagos C. A at 2s 11d would now pay on to £2 for a copy? The opinion that most stamps increase in value the longer you keep them is true. Papuas, multiple Caymans, Brunei, and Straits on Labuan, etc will no doubt increase value, and those who put by any surplus for a year or two should nct be disappointed. The same is true of 2s 6d Northern Nigeria C. A. and Yet experience shows that such stamps sell more readily when in the heyday of thieir popularity, and may not be so easy to sell when they have attained to high prices.

Is St. Vincent multiple, with the writer, sold well at 2s at the outset, but the last one or two copies had to be cleared out at 1s 6d. However much this stamp may rise in future, the fact remains that it hung fire within a year of its withdrawal; probably all who were interested in it were already supplied with copies. Rather than allow it to drift into the "intermediate" stage it was thought best to clear it out at a reduced price. Some day it may be worth 5s, and of course to a patient man it may be worth keeping till that time. As stated above, there are three courses open to pursue. Different people have different views, but the wisest practical plan may be to "make hay while the sun shines." and sell the "extra set" while it is in demand.

LARGEST STAMP SOCIETY IN AMERICA

Stamp Collector's Protective Association of America

We expect to give a list of parties complained of in next issue if nothing is heard from them. Some of them are dealers.

New Members are as follows:—E. King, N. Y. City, 141 E. 19th St. Dr. J. Brooks, Golden City, Mo J. Helsop, Waivendon, Woburn Beds, Enzland. A. Connelly, Downs Kans. R'd 3 Shirley Connell, Manchester, O. E. Cox, Harrland, Wis. Robt. Gentry, Sonora, Ky. T. Lynch, Nyack, N. Y., 123 Depew Ave. S. A. Cox, Humbolt, Kans. John Hall, Rochester, Minn. T. S. Hill, Woods, Okla. G. Brown, Brooklyn, N. Y., 215 Atlantic Ave. J. Kaier, Ada, Okla. J. Afborn, Worcester, Mass., 70 Merrick St. B. J. Bishop, Superior. Wyo. Louis Rojov. Parker, Colo, Bx. 7. G. Bryan, Ticonderoga, N. Y. A. Grutzmacher, Mukwonago, Wis. K. B. Squires, Greenfield, N. Y.

THE KANSAS CITY STAMP CLUB

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 1905

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March 4, 1908

The Seventy Eighth regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday March 3rd, at the usual place and time. President Myers in the chair. Thirteen members and one visitor present, Anschuetz, Baer, Bain, Boisselier, Bollman, Diamant, Humes, Low, Millhouse, 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 filed.

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 Messis Bain, Humes, Millhouse and Schoeman as Judges. The percentages awarded were not so high as in the Netherlands contest but again the closeness of the competitors was remarkable only eleven points separating first and last, the award being as follows:—Delafield 80, Wood 79, Myers 73. Low 71. Sisson 69

Dr. Baer had his splendid collection of 20th century in unused condition on exhibition.

Application received Philip H. Ward, Jr., 1756 Penn Ave., Washington, D. C. Proposed by F. R. Cornwall.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday March 17th, Rooms 803 805 Wright Ruilding, Corner 8th and Pine Sts. Next competition will be France on March 31st. This contest will be limited to the Major varieties only so that we may have had a large number of entries.

March 18, 1908.

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Whether Ireland's Patron Saint had anything to do with it as some suggested or not the fact remains that we had the biggest turn out that we have had for over a year upon his nata! day the number coinciding with the date, seventeen, being the following: Anschuetz, Baer, Bain, Bollman, Chase, Kennedy, Diamant, Haintz, Hubert, Humes, Low, Millhouse, Myers, Ruedi, Schoeman, Voelker and Wood.

The minutes of the previous 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 President 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 list of 29 names of supposed collectors who were being communicated with.

The Chairamn of the Entertainment Committee reported that so far the

following members had donated stamps to the Prize Fund Delafield, \$13.05, Wood \$5.08 and he trusted that others would respond as liberally and without delay.

The entertainment 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 simply flerce Mr. Schoeman came out on top of the contest with 71 points, followed by Wood 57, Myers 48 This ended not only the best attended but most interesting 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. Voelker, 4226 St. Louis Ave., proposed by Chester Myers.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday March 31st. Rooms 803 805 Wright Bldg., Cor. 8th and Pine Sts. The entertainment will consist of a competition of France, major varieties only. We fully expect the best turn out yet for that competition.

The Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colorado

Organized Oct. 19, 1906.

OFFICERS

Honorary President, Dr. H. A. Davis President, C M Snyder Vice President, A L Nell Secretary, V N Garreson

Treasurer and Librarian, Exchange Manager, L C Nelson 329 16th St Board of Trustees: S A McManus Chairman; L De La Vergne:

J Cook Meetings: First and Third Friday in each month. Dues: 50c per year, payable in advance. Official Organ: WEST.



MINUTES.

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Mar. 14, 1908

The 31st regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held Mar. 6th regular time at 412 Nassau Bldg., with 11 members and one visitor 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. Bill was received from V. N. Garretson for a letter file, same was allowed. Mr. J. C. Skinner was given orders to get any rubber stamps that he might need in connection with the exchange department.

Clarence Jackson of 128 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Denver was admitted to full membership in the J. S. C. Application was received from Neil Fimball, Box A, Golden, Colo. Guaranteed by C. M. Snyder and proposed by R. T. Bunney.

Nomination of officers for the ensuing half year was held at this meeting, resulted in the following members being nominated. Honorary President, H.A. Davis; President, A. L. Nell, James Jackson and Robt, Jackson: lst V. Pres., C. M. Snyder; 2nd V. Pres., J. C. Skinner; Secretary, V. N. Garretson: Treasurer, S. A. McManus, Bernard Nelson, V. N. Garretson, H. N. Starrett and E. R. 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 adjourned at 9:30 p. m. after a very jolly evening. Next meeting, election night, will be held at 602 Nassau Bldg. Visitors welcome.

Yours fraternally. V. N. Garretson, Secy.

KANSAS CITY STAMP CLUB, Continued

urer made a statement of the present condition of the treasury. The secretary then presented a medal to the society which had been denated by Mr. Brodstone. It was decided same shall be kept as a permanent medal of this society and presented each year at the anniversary meeting with appropriate ceremony to the member adjudged by the executive committee to have done the most service to the club during the year. The resignations of Mr. Chas. C. Scott and Mr. M. O. Canfield were read and regretfully accepted. The contest arranged by Mr. Woodward was the closing feature of the evening. It consisted of the exhibition of frames of stamps bearing the likeness of birds, beasts, reptiles and fish upon them. Messrs Nelson Luther and Davis recieved prizes for the largest exhibits. Meeting afferward adjourned to meet again Friday February 14, 1908,

The fourth regular meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Ciub of the present year was called to order at 8:29 p. m., Friday, February 25, 1908, President Rouse occupying the chair and the following eleven members being present: Messrs. Sutorius, Nelson, Brocesky, Poindexter, Luther, Rouse, Davis, Woodward, D Malcolmson, J. Malcolmson and Hayum Louffer of Kanass City, Kansas was present as a visitor. Mr. Davis made a final report of the committee which had had the programme of the anniversary meeting in charge. The libraries reported the receipt of two donations of auction sale catalogues and magazines of the library from Messrs. Davis and Luther A vote of thanks was taken. The following members being in arrears as to dues more than three months were dropped from the roll according 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 in the K. C. S. C. (active or passive) who presents application after first or before last meeting of any month be allowed to have privileges of club for said month without cost. Amendment II. Any non member tendering his resignation for membership 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 paid in full. Seconded by Mr. Nelson and carried unanimously. usual stamp drawing then held Mr. J Malcolmson and Mr. Woodard drew first and second prizes respectively, both choosing their own prizes. Nelson whose turn it was to prepare the entertainment for the next meeting announced the nature of the programme and offered a cash premium for each new member brought in at this meeting. Mr. Poindexter, chairman of the recruiting committee, offered a thirty cent Columbian Exposition Stamp in mint condition to the member on the recruiting committee obtaining the best results before June 1st. His request for permission to increase the number of members on the committee was granted. A list of those comprising 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 Park Ave, Kansas City, Kansas for active membership was acted upon favorably. The application of Mr. Irwin H. Joffee was referred to the executive committee. The meeting then adjourned to meet again Friday 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 fifth 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. Heffer who was called to the chair on account of the absence of the President. Following nine members answered to the roll call: Messrs. Nelson, Brocesky, Luther, Smith, Davis, Heffer, D. Malcolmson, J. Malcimson and Hayum. Douthit and Mr. Leon Crowl were present as visitors Minutes of meeting held Friday, February 28, 1908 were read and approved. The treasurer made a monthly report 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 unaniomusly 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 by the club for the library and books of all kinds now in the library would be posted on the walls at each meeting. Mr. Luther volunteered to have a sign made for the entrance of the building in which we are now located. A communication was read by the secretary. The following members were dropped from the membership list they being more than three months in arrears as to dues: No. 58 Mr. R. B. Kimbrell, No. 52 Mr. Edwin H. Ellis. A proposal by Mr. Davis to conduct a philateilc lottery as a private enterprise at future meetings in which the club would receive 5 percent of the profits was voted negatively. The meeting then adjourned. tainment 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 find of St. Louis Postmaster Provisionals made at Louisville, 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 638 to 3000. A contest for prizes in which the members were asked, first, to list the celebrities whose portraits have appeared or at present are to be found 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. Hayum 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 foreign 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.

Fouthern Philatelic Association

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L L Dickerson Chairman Fitzgerald Ga.F-G Fuessel St Louis. No H S Powell, Storm Lake, Iowa Recruiting Committee Charles Roemer, San Antonio Tex

H H Trulock, Mt Clair, N J

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 office eminently fit, for such an energetic Philatelist, whose untiring efforts, secured for us, a large increase in membership, and I wish to thank Mr Dickerson, for the work he has done for our Society.

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

In regard to the Auction Department, I will briefly state that Bro. Brodstone 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 ½ page, the Dept. however, is not as yet in the shape to throw off such a revenue to cover an expense incurred through charges for printing, I am therefore sorry to state that the Auction Dept will for the present cease to exist, until such a time. when it will insure enough income to be self sustaining.

Fred G. Fuessel. Pres. Fraternally yours.

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SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, March 20th, 1908.
66 books in circulation as per last month's report, value\$1415 59
20 " received since, value
86 books, value
5 '' retired during the month of which the amount of \$25.69 was
sold, value
81 hooks in circulation, value
INSURANCE FUND.
Amount on hand as per last month's report
1 per cent from retired books
Total

I have nothing particular to say in this report, except to urge members to handle all circuits promptly and forward books as soon as possible. you can forward a circuit today, do not wait till tomorrow: better service would be obtained both in regard to receiving circuits more regularly and in getting the new ones started.

Blank books with printed rules of this Department and holding 120

stamps will be furnished at the rate of 5c each.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 1. Chas. H. Smith, Smithton, Pa.
- 2. K. Plympton, Laguna Beach, Calif.
- 3. Robt. C. Miller, M. O. Dept., Des Moines, Iowa.
- 4. Wm. L. Parker, Box 55, Route 24, Morgan Hill, Calif.
- 5. Ira C. Greene, Box 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 Ave, Detroit, Mich.
- 10. Harry M. Lindsay, 1003 W. North Ave., Baltimore, Myd.
- 11. P. M. Wolsieffer. 1011 N. 5th Ave., Maywood, III.
- 12. John R. Beatty, Butte, Nebr.
- 13. Wm. H. Matthes, 818 21st St., Milwaukee, Wis.
- 14. A. Yaremdji, 40, 41. 42 Tidjaret Han, Constantinople, Turkey.
- 15 George Wood, 3920 Moffitt Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- 16. Sam M. Schoemann, 4036 McPherson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- 17. Dr Paul Baer, 1016 Biddle St., St. Louis, Mo.

REINSTATED.

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

APPLICATIONS.

- 1. Floyd Reid, Renville, Minn, 21, printer and stamp dealer, R. L. Doak, W. A. Reid.
- 2. R. E. Gerspacher, 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, Box 118; Abingdon, Va., 45, I. R. Service, R. L. Doak, Chas. Waring.
- 6. Leon G. Myers, 309 W. Mair St., Clinton, Ill., 19, student, F. P. Brener, Dr. J. C. Myers.
- 7 Arthur P. Cook, 65 S. Main St., Oberlin, Ohio, 22, mechanic, J. C. Rice, H. A. Cook.
- 8. Ernest D. Murdock, 32 Swan St., Rochester, N. Y., 35, camera
- maker, R. L. Doak, L. D. Tait.

 9. Gilbert R. Sharp, People's Ave., Cor. 9th St., Troy, N. Y., 16, stu-
- dent. Toledo Stamp Co., R. L. Doak.

 10. I. F. Bingham, 110 N. Oxford St., Brooklyn, N. Y., 18, "tock re-
- porter, R L. Doak, H. C. Menze.
- 11. B. 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. Ashbrook, Citizen's Bank.
- 13. E. L. Maxson, Winter Park, Fla., 62, postmaster and druggist, R. L. Doag.
 - 14. Charles C. Morrison, 3215 Elsinare Square, Pittsburgh, Pa., Att'y

at law, A. C. Thompson. Jno, A. McAdams.

- 15. L. Mathien, Beloeil Sta, Box 107, Quebec, Canada, 19, bookkeeper, E. Archetto, H. S. Powell.
- 16. J. W. Dickinson, Rox 520, Kamloops, B. C. Canada; 45, clergyman, R. L. Doak, Canadian Phil. Society.
- 17 W. F. Gregory 116 Nassau St., New York City; 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-plenty on hand.

Fraternally yours, R. L. Doak, Secy-Treas.

THE GEORGIA STAMP CLUB.

Branch No. 1 of the Southern Philatelic Association, Fitzgerald, Ga.

The fortieth regular meeting of the Georgia Stamp Club was called to order at eight o'clock p. m. Friday March 13th, '08 by president S. C. Davis. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Librarian's report was received and approved.

Exchange Manager Dickerson made his report for the period February first to March 15th, '08 as follows:—Borks in circulation January 31st, 08' \$117.10. Books received since Jan 31st, 39 14. Total, 156 24. Books returned to date 156 24. No books in 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 debits of each member at date of report. Also that all books in the Exchange Department 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 await the completion of the Garbutt-Donovan Building which will be in about sixty days and then rent suitable rooms therein.

Secretary was instructed 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 year's subscription to the Denver Stamp Journal.

The meeting adjourned to meet agan Friday evening March 20th, '03. Very Respectfully, W. F. Osborne, Secy.

A RECRUITING WORD.

The Committee on recruiting is very anxious to impress on every member 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 new 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 recruiting 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.



ACROSS THE-POND



By y. C. Aufder Heide S. H. D' Amsterdam

A STAMP THEFT

A stamp theft by burgiars has been committed in Amsterdam. In the night from 11 to 12 February thieves entered the shop of a well known. Amsterdam Stamp dealer. The burglary was accomplished as follows: The thieves have stolen in by day, and have gone to the upper floors which are for the present not occupied. When night had fallen, they came down and by means of a saw made hole in the wooden wall of the shop. Through this hole they entered the shop and office of the unhappy dealer.

Some books with good stamps, among others a book of English Colonials, value £75 to £30, three just arrived complete Austrian Jubilee sets, an album filled with stamps, envelopes. 57 s' eets with cheap sets, old letter with stamps on them, and a great number of rare single stamps. were Great Britain £5.0.0, 2-£1 brown, £1, anchor, U.S. 1847, 5 and 10 cents, Naples 50 Grana, 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. Newspaper stamps of 1975, catalogued by Senf at M'ks, 870.—! This list is not vet complete as our stamp dealer dealt also in coins and curiosities, -and hear, what the thieves liked among these goods: First, of Coronation plates, given to all children at school, when H. M. Wilhelmine mounted on the throne of the Netherlands, and which are now eagerly sought after; a complete set of coins of the late President of the South African Republic, Paul Kruger; 14 American one and a half dollars, among them some octagons, one 2½ dollar piece, three dutch 10 florin pieces, portrait of Queen with loose hair. as it appears on the stamps of 1891 94,3 old dutch 5 florin pieces and a great many other gold and silver coins

The total worth is given as its 4884.—or about \$2,000!

The dealer was insured against theft. The renowned Amsterdam "Reherrche", as here the detectives are called, is hard at work to find the burglars, but five days has now gone by without any result.

ANOTHER THEFT.

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

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MINUTES OF BRANCH 1. Jan. 20, 1908.

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 by Pres. Champion. The Secy. read minutes of last meeting which were approved. There being no business the members adjourned to the exhibit which was of British Colonies. The prizes were as follows: 1st, Mr. John Walker; 2nd, Mr. Holbrook; 3rd, Mr. Woodward; 4th Mr. Tuttle; 5th, Mr. Clark, 6th, Mr. W. Walker.

Adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully, submitted, Geo. T. Holbrook, Secy.

MINUTES OF BRANCH 1. Feb. 3. 1908.

The 23rd regular meeting of Branch 1, was held at 169 Pearl St, Coldwater, Mich. There were six members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. There being no business the motion to adjourn was carried. The host had prepared an entertainment and club adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully, Geo. T. Holbrook, Secy.

MINUTES OF BRANCH 1, Feb. 17, 1908.

The 24th regular meeting of Branch 1 met at 215 Chicago St, Coldwater, Mich. 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 Colonies was furnished for entertainment. The prizes are as follows: 1st, Mr. Clarke, 2nd, Mr. Tuttle, 3rd, Mr. Holbrook, 4th, Mr. Wm. Walker. Adjourned at 8:30.

Yours Respectfully, Geo. T. Holbrook, Secy MINUTES OF BRANCH 1, March 2, 1908.

The 25th regular meeting of Branch 1, was held at 170 E. Chicago St. Coldwater, Mich. Every member, and one visitor and Byrch Cleveland, a member of A. J. P. A. from Laurence, Mass. It was decided that the next exhibit was to be of U. S. stamps. After a pleasant evening the club adjourned at 8:35.

Yours respectfully, Geo. T. Holbrook, 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 5c 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 Town--by L. Crandall

(Written several years ago)

James Henry was anray. The most casual glance thrown in his direction by an entire stranger would have indicated that fact. With a flushed face and an angry heart, he went about his evening chores, costing from time to time a mailcious glance towards his father, to whom he owed his present "What's the use of a fellow trying to do anything, anyhow" muttered, answering with a scowl the call of his mother to supper. James Henry was in trouble. That very day his father had told him, fact, commanded him, to dispose of his stamp collection before the week was He didn't want a lot of old worthless pieces of paper lying around, taking up room and always in the way: besides being the suspected cause of the disappearance of one dollar which 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 altho Mr. Henry said nothing he believed, from the sudden augmentation of his son's collection, that he knew where the money had gone and consequently determined that the collection must go, "it took up too much room anyway."

Measured by its monetary value, the collection was small. dealer it would not tetch \$5 but to James Henry it represented countiess sacrifices during the single year that had been occupied in its formation. cent that he could possibly earn, every stamp that he could beg had gone into that collection and now in two days he was to lose it all. thought overwhelmed him. With a dry sob he choked down his supper and hurried into the large comfortable sitting room where he stretched himself out on the lounge in front of the blazing log fire whose effects soon began to be felt and the boy abandoned himself and his troubles and gently glided into the land of dreams. It seemed to him that he was suddenly awakened by hearing a small voice crying "James Henry, James Henry." He looked about carefully and finally saw directly in front of him the cause of all this disturbance, the funniest, queerest, smallest little man that he had ever heard or dreamed of. The very sight caused him to forget all his present troubles and go into a spasm of laughter which lasted several minutes. little man said not a word; did not even smile but waited patiently until the boy had linished, then handed him a card which read as follows: O G. Fine. Special Representative Her Majesty 'The Queen of Athesives,' Stample Land "

James Henry gazed at the card for a few moments, speechless with astonishment, until Mr. O. G. Fine ventured to explain his presence by saying: "I have been commissioned by my Queen to find a stamp collector and bring him to Stampic Land for a visit this very night. You are the first person that I have approached and the chance of a lifetime is open to you." In James Henry's state of mind it did not take him long to decide. "I'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 and you will be so immediately. It is a virtue possessed only by stamp collectors."

James Henry scarcely believing, did so, and to his surprise found himself quickly shrinking until he was no larger than his companion whom he percieved was dressed in the extreme of fashion and presented quite a dapper

appearance: "How are we to get to Stampic Land?" quite naturally asked "Here is our steed," responded O G. drawing from his pocket a copy of the 5c 1903 Mexico. "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 ared the boy would be reached in less than haif an hour. Not another word was spoken during the entire journey, and James Henry was only too glad when at last the towers of Stampic Land were seen in the They descended to the ground among the greatest crowd that had ever been seen on Gibbons Avenue The street was packed from curb to It seemed as if every one was present from the Hon. P. O. Mauritius down to Mr. 10 Pq. Germany. "Three cheers for James Henry the first person to ever visit Stampic Land," cried the crowd. James Henry found himself suddenly transformed from an unimportant farm boy into the most important person in all this vast assemblage: everyone was trying to catch a glimpse of him, to shake his hand: congratulations and compliments were showered upon him from all sides.

The enthusiasm of the crowd knew no bounds, and after the boy had made a short speech, thanking them for his welcome to the country, he was hoisted upon their backs and paraded down Gibbons Avenue, up Mekeel St., across "Off Center" Lane and down Scott St , directly to the palace of the "Queen of Adhesives," 2 6 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 kind manner and the sight of so many familiar stamps Upon being asked the size of his collection by the Queen, he was reminded of his father's resolution and burst immediately into tears As soon as he had quieted down the Queen asked him the cause 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 collecting stamps." A council of old inhabitants born before 1850 was called, and the universal opinion seemed to be 'hat death was the only punishment for such a heinous offense; the decree of the council was changed at the earnest solicitation of James Henry himself, who pleaded that his father might have one more chance. His plea was finally granted and a messenger despatched to acquaint Henry, Sr. with his fate. The boy still had several hours left before his departure, and improved them 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 Wylie Lake, the famous West Church, and other spots famed in history. His time limit having then expired he left Stampic Land amidst a tremendous celebation, mounted on the back of the Queen's special steed, Columbian Republic 1876, and in twenty minutes arrived at his native country. What was his horror, when in sight of home, he suddenly slipped from the back of the bird, and was falling, falling thru space with the expectation of striking earth every second, when suddenly, he came to himself, hearing the confused murmur of voices. said his mother; "he's so tired."

"Well, son," said his father, "I have been reading an article about the

value of rare stamps and I have concluded to let you keep yours."

As James Henry collected his scattered thoughts, going slowly up the back stairs to bed, he wondered, after all, whether the Queen's message had reached his father.

Stamp Collecting -- The Best Hobby

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

While at the present time more people are interested in collecting post cards than any other hobby, we believe that stamp collecting offers greater possibilities of financial gain for stamps are constantly increasing 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 upon looking 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 and never been the wiser.

If you are not a collector, begin today.

The first thing you should have is a catalogue so you may know the value of stamps and save being imposed upon by any unscrupulous dealer. Many collectors do not, at the commencement buy a regular album, but use an ordinary copy pook. Begin with a few packets, and then purchase from the approval sheets of some reliable dealer. The great advantage in buying from approval sheets, is that it saves the risk of purchasing duplicates and you see the stamp before paying for it.

If you will subscribe for a few good stamp papers and begin the collecting of stamps we are sure you will become an ardent lover of Philately.

Mr Charence P. DeKay has not brought out his philatelic paper in January, as he first intended, but instead he has issued now (in February) the first number of "De Kay's Stamp Circular." It has plenty of advertisement, is full of spicy notes, contains the report of the National Philatelic Association and costs only 10c a year. The size is about the same as that of the old Weekly Phil. Era

If you have any letter you cannot read, German, Dutch, Spanish, French, Portuguese etc, send them to the editor of the Inquiry Department with 25c each for translation. If the editor cannot translate them, he will return your money, but as he would rather keep it, he will try to send you the translation

Beginner's Department-Bolivia By L. G. Dorpat

Mining is what gives Bolivia its chief importance. The minerals are gold, found in river sands and lake muds as well as in the rock of the mountains, silver, quicksilver, antimony, copper, tin, lead, iron, coar, salt, hyacinth, opal and diamonds. Near Tipuani are the old Inca gold-washings, where some of the tools the Inca 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 product. Guano and nitrate of soda yield good profit.

The population, between two and three million, consists of various The latter may be mixtures of races, chiefly of Spaniards with Indians. classed as civilized, half civilized and wild. There are also negroes. 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 Bolivian lacks education. With few exceptions they all belong to the Roman Catholic church. The Inca Tupac Amaru was mentioned in connection with Peru, who "spread fire 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. years (1782 to 1809) there was peace, but after the Spanish had been defeated in the neighboring provinces of Rio de la Plata the patriots turned against the Spanish strongholds in Bolivia and there was war from 1809 to 1825, which ended in the total defeat of the Spaniards and the establishment of the present Republic of Bolivia. General Sucre was the first president, chosen for life, but after two years he had to leave the country. followed by Marshal Santa Cruz (1828 1839). Then came General Velasco, General Ballivian, (1848 2) Belzul, General Jorge Cordova, Dr. Jose Maria Linares (1858). Dr. Maria de Ac. a (1861), Maria Melgarejo (1865), Morales (1871), Ballivian (1873). Prias (1874). Daza (1876), Pasheco (1884). succession is not known to me, and I have no means here in Wayside to ascertain its history: the reader who has access to later publications than those in my possession may be better able to ascertain the recent historical events; he would do me a great favor by informing me. I may yet remark that the Bolivian succession was nearly always by violence to the great detriment of the country.

In regard to the condition of the people in Bolivia the "Brittanica" says: "The Peruvians, ever since the conquest of their country by the Spaniards in the 16th century, have been subjected to a system of tryanny and oppression which has few parallels in the history of the universe. They were rated little better than beasts of burden. By their toil the gold and silver were obtained from the mines, the lands were cultivated, the flocks and herds were attended to, and all domestic and menial offices performed. Yet the fruit of their labor, especially that of mining, which was attended with numerous privations, and often with great loss of life, were altogether devoted to enriching their oppressors. One of the principal grievances was the unital a compulsory kind of personal labor, either in the working of the mines or in the cultivation of the fields, exacted from the Indians generally for the space of one year. It is calculated that no less than 8.285,000 In-

dians have perished in the mines. The tribute exacted by the government from every Indian between the age of eighteen and fifty five 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 Indians to commence these payments at fiffeen, and continue them until seventy years of age, and putting the amount of tribute for the years before and after the legal period into their own pockets. By law the Indians were obliged to marry the men at fifteen and the women at thirteen. Besides all this the Indians were subject to another system of extortion-the law of repartamicuts. This was originally established with the best of intentious, -the governors or corregidors of the districts 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. law was shamefully abused; and 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. seems rather a wonder that Bolivia is yet what it is, and there must be a good stock among the people capable of great development, if only started in the right direction and given a far chance. Bolivia is the third state in South America in size having an area of about 700,000 sq miles and, if it only had a good stable government, it might become the most powerful of all, as there is no richer part of the earth's surface of the same size anywhere. am loth to leave the country, but for a philatelic journal I have already written too much on this subject, and must now turn to the stamps of Bolivia.

STAMPS OF BOLIVIA. Of the first issue which was made in 1867 under Maria Melarejo, Mr. Thiele writes in the "Adhesive": "The first issue of Bolivia has always had a peculiar fascination for collectors: the very crudeness of these stamps forms their attractiveness. They were local products and the appearance testifies to the low estate of the engraver's art as existent in Bolivia at that time Reproducing processes were not yet known down there at the time and hence each stamp on the plate was engraved separately, thus forming as many varieties as there are stumps in the sheet. The sheet of the 52 contained 72 stamps, arranged in 6 horionztal rows of 12. The plat ewas reengraved a number of times-5, as usually given-but did The 10c was from a larger plate: the sheet contained not change its size. 78 stamps in 6 horizontal rows of 13. Both these sheets evidently have no relation whatever to the currency and probably owe their peculiar arrangement to the size of the plates employed for engraving. The 50 and 100c are both from smaller plates; the sheet of either value contains 30 stamps in 6 horizontal lows of 5 The lower four rows of these two plates were later used for making fraudulent reprinst which appeared on the maket quite numerously 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 The original 5c is found in yellow green, blue green, olive green and violet; in green there are 504 varieties, noticeable especially in the shading of the condor and the shading of the globe on which the condor stands: in violet (last state of the plate-which by the way was copper) there are only (To be continued). 72 varieties.

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. Imperiorate. 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 intend of 18 in background only a single 1 can be found. This series is in use at pesent.

12. Quittances (receipt) 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 f Common.

1892. New design. Liberty flead in circle. Same value and inscription.

- 13 Re'cipisses de chemino de Fer. 1864 Eagle. Lettering on white back ground. 20 cent. 1891. Grand Vitese value: 35 cent. Petit Vitese, value, 70 centime. Dimension stamps are found with the surcharge "Bon pour recepisso" used for the same purpose which increases their value.
- 14. Reconnaissance 1864 Eagle. White letters on colored ground One value: 20 cent.
 - 15. Roles d' Equipages One value 3 fr. 60 cent.
 - 16 Bands for spirituous drink.
- 17. Wagon—Lits. Inscription: 1mpot. 1877 78. Odd values like 1.14, 1.73, 1.86. 1898. A series of values from 5 cents to 4 fr. 65 cents.

Part II. French Colonies.

- l Algeria. A large number of tobacco stamps or bands.
- 2. Alsace Lorraine. French dimension stamp of 1864 and Effect of Commerce surcharged by the invading forces of Germany in 1870 for fiscal purposes.
 - 3. Annam
 - 4 Cambodge Eff de Com of 1874 surcharged
- 5 Cochin china. 1886 Due stamps of French Colonies of 1884 surcharged.

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

- 6 French Congo Connaissement, Copies and Envegistre.
- 7 Diego Suarez. Octroi. A large stamp. 2 heads on same.
- 8 Guadoeloupe 1899 French revenues surcharged.
- 9 French 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 day in the month.
- 12. French India 189 French Colonial stamps surcharged with a 30 on diff. values. Good many c be others on French revenues.
 - 13. French China. Various designs
 - 14. Madagascar.
 - 15. Martinique.

- 16. Nossi-Be Eff de Com. 10 cent to 10 fr.
- 17. New Caledonia. 1881 Surcharge 23k en moins.
- 18. Reunion 1904 Eff de Com surcharged: Droit-en-sus-Reunion in an octagon. Engagements are double stamps.
 - 19. Senegal. French revenues are used there.
- 20. Tunis. Design of their own. Inscription: Protectorate Francaise.
 - 21. Vinh (Tonkin) Marche de Vinh.

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

Part III. A list of towns, villages, 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 Serie 1 fr. to 1000 frs. Also for Blois, Brest. Chartres. Guadeloupe, Le Mans, Marseille, Praris (with numeral of the diff. divisions) Saint Hulaire, Saint Quentin, Seine et Mame, Tourwing.

Part V. Transportation Paris. Ordinary and Express. Parcel post of Paris.

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

SIMPLIFICATION THE ORDER OF THE DAY.

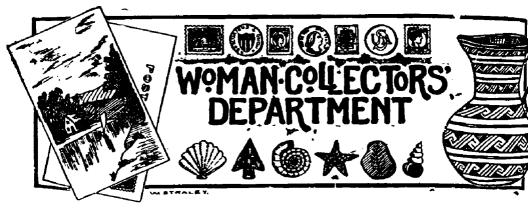
It has long seemed to us that specialism in stamp collecting, while a spleudid thing in its place, was being over emphasized to the detriment of general collecting, but this view has not been very popular the past few years, and it is with considerable interest that we note this winter indications of a popular return to older and saner ways. We note the following in an exchange from the pen of Mr E. J. Nankivell, one of the most 'specialistic' of English specialists.

"Simplification is the order of the day in stamp catalogues and collecting. The other extreme has been the ruin of more than one country. Mexico has never recovered the suffocation of District overprints; South Australia 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 shamelessly weighted.

It is neither 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 heart's content, but for heaven's sake, don't let us jeopardise the best, and truest and 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 swamp their pages with confusing varieties, and every year 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 one really suited to both the specialist "wallower" and his less scientific brother who cares only for the varieties listed in large type.



A Clipping, a Moral, and Some Comments By Verna Weston Hantway

(American and English publications desiring an impartial review in this periodical will please forward specimen copy marked "For Review" to Miss Verna Weston Hanway, Lk Bx 8, Dallas, Pa;)

A short time ago I chanced to notice two excerps from the "London Mail," on totally different subjects, set up in just a position under the heading "Stamps and Children." They read thus: "A rare philatelic gem will 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".

"Prosecuted at Sleaford Petry Session for not sending his child to school, Josiah Eikington, laborer, stated that he earned \$3.75 (three dollars and seventy five cents) a week, and had 'only 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 stern suggestion. The average woman or man will feel a heart wrench, and the average philatelist will, very probably, have occasion to blush.—the two bits of news are exceedingly pointed. Naturally, children are of i omense importance, and no one can view a child's suffering or want, without sympathizing and going to its assistance. The clippings question the moral right of anyone satisfying an individual, fancy for such a trifle as a stamp, where there are many persons suffering actual distress. The conclusion immediately arrived at is that we should give, or in other words make the person a receiver of charity, to relieve that distress. This is the spirit that animates us when we give out mites to "charity."

On the other, there are vast economic questions involved. A beggar, or tramp, comes to our door and we give him food. We 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 need will arise. We hear of a mother wrestling with poverty, trying to keep the wolf from her children; we go to her assistance, and keeps poverty, suffering, distress, away awhile longer. This is simply comnon humanity, but at best our aid is but temporary. What is the root of that poverty?—is it illness, or desertion, or shame? It is far wiser to relieve the germ, or cause of the evil, and that is just what

many good men and women trying to do, -in the meantime while they are trying many fall by the wayside. Viewing matters thus in a plain, naked light, one feels a sympathy for Socialism.

But let us go a step further, before we conclude that these cilppings, so obvious on the face, are entirely just. Suppose, in the course of your business life, you rent and own houses, and that a tenant (or tenants) on the plea of illness, evades and repeatedly evades the payment of his just rent. This goes on for a year or two, in the end you have discovered that the person is not ill, has a bank account, and that you are 'stung' for a good many more dollars than you spend yearly on your stamps. Or again your charity may be used to support criminals or human parasites. A lenient landlord has many stories hidden among the pages of his leases

As a matter of fact amateur philanthropy and slumming is a problem which has many sides to it, and is not always wise. Please understand that I am not inveloping against the aiding of "the poor ye have always with you". We will all continue to give to the beggar at our doors, and those in need. But it is fortunate that there are those who have educated and trained themselves to the life mission of aiding and getting at the cause of economic disturbances. The charity which you 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 Alexandria Postmasters Provisional stamp here seem rather out of place in connection with the foregoing. The "Alexandria" 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 Huff of Alexandria, Va., to a young lady who afterwards became his wife. Mr. Huff, now eighty two years old, has just had the very unusual experience, of seeing this bit of paper and envelope, a memento of his youth, sold for over three 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, paid a sum considerably over the amount mentioned. The sale was made through a Stamp Company 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 existence. The other three stamps, however, were printed on a buff wove paper, while the stamp just sold is printed upon one of a grayish blue color.

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

The stamp season of 1907-1908 has witnessed but few births in philatelic journalism. As time goes on the vast 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 until January 1909. We have received No. 1, Vol. 1 of "DeKay's Stamp Circular," containing a goodly amount of chatty philatelic matter. The subcription price is but fifteen cents a year, and no doubt it will be succeeded next year by "The Philatelic Tribune." The "Stamp Circular" is the official organ of the "National Philtelic 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 Chlcago, 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 Postmen of the 40's

The postage stamps of the independent mail companies which did a letter carrying business from 1842 to 1845 are interesting and some of them are rare. These concerns differed from the local delivery companies in the fact that their operations instead of being confined to a city's limits, reached out to other cities of a state or to other states.

They included Haie & Co., the American Letter Mail Co., Overton & Co., Hartford Mail, Pomeroy & Co., W Wyman, Letter Express, Hoyt'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 States 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 minor varieties, in blue, black and yellow. This was a rather large rectangular stamp, bearing the portrait of a woman. Around the portrait on a label were the words "Pomeroy's Letter Express." At the top in very small letters were the words "Free 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 yellow, from which the denomination has been erased. This stamp, when used is worth \$30 in fine condition. 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 denomination of 5 cent. It was printed in black and the design consisted of a square, in the center of which was an old style locomotive hauling one car. At the top was "W. Wyman, 8 Court St., and 3 Wall St.," and at the bottom "20 Stamps for One Dollar." Although the black on white stamp is the only one known, Mr. Wyman is on record as saying 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 general 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 \$40, either used or unused, the stamp with the small pigeon printed in green, being catalogued at \$15. The green stamp showing large pigeon, with the word "Free" underneath, is valued at \$50 in both conditions, while the one in pink, the rarest of the series, is worth from \$50 upward.

The stamps of Hale & Co. of Boston embraced a greater number of varieties than those of any of the other companies, there being nine different stamps of the denomination of five cents, in colors of red and blue. The design, which embraces two types, 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 offices, among which were branches in New York, Boston, Philadephia, Baltimore and Detroit. The firm was organized in the latter part of 1841. The rarest of their stamps is now valued at \$50.

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

The stamp was a triffe over half an inch square and showed a man with a package on his shoulder and taking long strides. The stamp printed on pink 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 Pennsylvania. It's stamps embraced 3 varieties of two general types.

The first showed an eagle facing to the left, with expanded wings, and the inscription "The American Letter Mail Company." This stamp is worth \$35 used. The second stamp shows an eagle facing to the right, and is smaller.

Only one 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, Albany 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 connection, starting at Buffalo, by which 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 one hand and a drawn sword in the other. The 10 cent denomination of this type printed in scarlet is worth \$50.

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 denomination of 5 cents, the first of the three being valued at \$15, used or unussed.

Hoyt's Letter Express issued a small type set stamp of plain 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 \$25.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



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 ze stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must 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, and 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 design Fine lathe work supporting at right and left ends oval design with words at top, 'Two'; in cen ter (2); at base 'Cents'. Sizde 84x33 mm. Colors-Bronze, blue, buff, drab, gray, lemon, orange, deep orange, olive, pink, purple, and violet, on white and various colored papers." (There is but one variety mentioned). 150 to 161, price 10 cents to \$1.00.

(Our 7th design). This also is found in 1875—Philadelphia Series L. many colors on a variety of papers. A 2d variety is only an oddity caused by inaccurate work of the perforating machine. Nos #162 to 177. 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. inscribed 'United States Internal Revenue'. At right and left connecting circle with large (2) in center, and cords in bands above and below. 'Two cents, Two cents' size 69x32 mm. Colors-bronze, buff, orange, and deep orange, on white and fancy safety paper '' Nos. 179 to 181, price unused \$1.00, used \$ 25 each.

1874—Boston Series N. (Our 17th design) Eagle and Monitor. No's 182 to 185 price 25 cents to \$1.50

1874-St. Louis Series O. Made by the St. Louis Lithographing Co., Liberty head, flying hair, facing left, with pole and cap, in central oval. Buckled band inscribed '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'-'1874'; at right, reverse of coin, 'States of America'-'2 Cents'; beyond, at ends, 'Two (2) Cents.' 73x36 mm Colors Bronze and buff, on white and blue papers." and 187, price \$1.00 to \$3.50.

Summary: 15 different designs of 2 cts. stamps issued 1865 to 75, used until 1882. One design of 1898. Very many minor varieties, if every change, color, form, of document and value of bank be considered.

We have to thank Mr. 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 12th design, which is Mr. Sterling's "Philadelphia I," especially the former.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Vanderhoof, Mr. Robert Mac Millan (4320) Grant Str., Omaha, Nebr.,) and others we can list the following: The Cook County Nat. B. of Chicago, Chicago, Ills. (check) 1874 19th design

The Importers and Traders Nat. B of the City of, New York, New York (check) 1872 1st design

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The imprints on these papers are: Union Lith. Co.; Stewart, Haring & Warren, 437½ Bway, N. Y; Hindle & Jenkins. Printers, 674 Wabash Ave.: Edw. Mender, Chicago; Wm Mann, 529 Market St., Philadelphia. (varieties & times); Moss & Co., Prs., Phila.; Cuvler, Page, Hoyne & Co., Stationers, Chicago; Collier & Cleveland, Lith. Denver, (several times & vieties); East St. Louis; Lehman & Bolton, Phila.; J. Hachnelen, Phila.;

The stamp designs are not confined to any particular part of the country, and the several printers have used various or 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 whether the other printers and stationers (or in fact any body who chose to) furnished the papers and had the stamps printed to order by the stamp printing establishments. Another possibility is that the government ordered stamps and paper from certain firms and sold it to banks, printers and stationers. Who can tell, how it was done?

Mr. J. N. T. Levick, 244 86th Str., New York City, sends a check of The German 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 violet (lavender) laid paper. The check form is black bears the imprint of Croker & Telfer, Stationers, 90 Warren St., N. Y.

By the kindness of the same gentleman we can now list our 20th design: It is the same as Starling's St. Louis Series O. Nos. 186 and 187 on blue laid paper and may best be recognized by the picture of the U. S. Two Cent Piece forming part of the design. The check before me is of Preston, Kean & Co, Baukers, 187— (no place stated).

Mr. Levick also sends a long list of Stationers and Printers whose imprints 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 modicfiation that, if anyone desires to collect all the stamped checks used by anyone bank, it will be of much interest to note the manufacturers.

Besides that the very great number of check printers 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 procreould be printed by special U. S. agencies only like the Graphic Co. of New York mentioned above and the other agencies named in Sterling catalogue and mentioned some time ago.

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

Note: The Query No. 352, about bank checks has 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 have now reached the 400th query and hope to reach the 800th in due time

400. How can the Lithographed and engraved stamps of Paraguay (Scott's A. 25)1901 2 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, while in the engraved stamps the mouth is closed. Lithographs are flat, more or less blurred; engraved 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., H. Wilson, 1102 17th Str., Rock Island, Ills.—Mr. E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn. If the readers of the WEST help me a little, I 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 man 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, 941 Edgewood Ave., Trenton, N. J. Finally I may mention the Springfield Stamp Club of Springfield, Mass., with Messrs Stone, Prevost, Curtis. Bartlett and Munroe in their Committee on Publication. Any of these men will be able to give you more and better information than I can.
- 403. Where can I sell my 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 Toor 2419 Walnut Ave. Milwaukee, Wis. Of coure you would have to join the club but then you get other advantages besides the possibility 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

your 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, Redfield's Stamp Weekly. Chicago Collector'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 feel much obliged to them for making me acquainted.
- 406 Are all watermarked stamps worth more than those without watermark? No. The value depends on the demand and rarity, not on the watermark, or anything else in itself, except good condition.

352 By the kindness 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 Bank of Lloyd Huff & Co. Greensburg, Pa. 1870 12th " Denver National Bank, Denver. Colo. ,, (var) check 1899 Greensburg Banking Co., Greensburg, Pa. ,, 1879 3th ,, , , First Nat Bank of Denver U. S. Depositoy '' 1877-79 Merchants and Mechanics Bank, Leadville, Col., ,, 1882 3d First Nat. Bank of Central City, Central City, Col., (var) ,, " 1877.79 17 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 same as that which I called the 15th design in the January number of the WEST.

Notes: Mr. H. T. Morgan of Victoria, B. C. was so kind as to send me several stamped checks of England and New Zealand. They 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. Briefmarken—Journal" No. 699 I see an offer of stamped papers from Great Britain (1850-1870) and from the Argentine Republic, coming from Prof. Richter's collection, and showing that there are other people, besides those in the WEST'S family who take an interest in and collect stamped papers.

Walter Morley in his Morley's Phil. Journal, offers a little book "Embossed Deed Stamps of Great Britain," Part I. by F. G. C. Lundy, for the small sum of six cents (3d)

352. We have to thank Mr. Walter Bain, of St. Louis, Mo., (4045 Botanical Ave.), for lending the following papers:

First Nat. Bank, Philadelphia, like adhesive check 1867 design Franklin Savings Institution, St. Louis, 18—5th design Boatmen's Savings Institution, St. Louis 187—11th design Davis County Savings Bank, Junction City, Kans 187—12th 187—12th 187—15th 187—15t

(To be continued).

183- 3d

The Mechanics Bank, St. Louis, Mo

Un-Perforated Postage Stamps By G. R. Sharp

It is interesting to note what the "United States Official Postal Guide" for 1908 has to say in regard to unperforated postage stamps. It says in part:--

The Department is prepared to issue postage stamps without the usual perforation, when desired in that form for sale to the public for use in automatic stamp affixing or stamp vending machines

The unperforated stamps are in sheets of 400 each. They are issued to postmasters in lots of 10,000 stamps or multiples of 10,000 of each denomination desired

The postmasterr should not make requisition for unperforated stamps unless he has satisfactory assurance that at least 10,000 stamps of each denomination ordered will be sold within a reasonable time.

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

Postmasters will not... chasers that the unperforated stamps should be cut apart accurately, as mut...ted stamps are not valid for postage.

COUNTRIES WITHOUT STAMPS.

There have been before now postage stamps such as these of Sedang, which had or country attached to them, but it is surprising to find from a recent country attached to them, but it is surprising to find from a recent countries in "The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly" how very few countries of any importance at all there are which have no stamps. Excluding 3a, age states in Central Africa and one or two rather vague places on the northern frontier of India and in the Malay Peninsula, there seem to be only Thibet, Morcco, Oman, a Sultanate of some pretentions in Arabia, and Andorra and Lichtenstein in Europe. Andorra might certainly turn an honest penny by issuing a set of stamps even as the still smaller republic of San Marino does and we wonder that Lichtenstein has waited so many years. A set of Morocco, may be regarded as a philatelic certainty before long, and there is a chance that Oman will follow wiit, leaving no considerable counttry with any pretensions to civilization controlled with its own postage stamps.

It is easy to foresee the probable objections to a collection of Pictorials. Such a collection would be interesting, but would it be a good investment? we can far y the shrewd ones asking. There is really no reason why a collection c this kind should prove an unprofitable undertaking, if only it be tept as free as possible from utter rubbish. There were do 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 only.—Hobbles.

It is a high tribute to philately that the Australian Commonwealth Stamp Committee counts among its members one who was appointed for being a philatelist, Mr. Basset Hull, a gentleman whose name sounds well in Australian Philatelic circles.



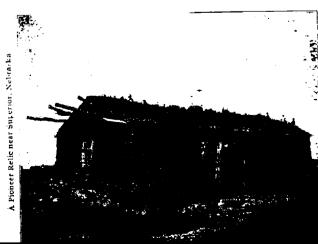
Post Card South African Women'and Children



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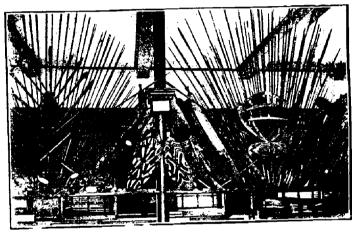








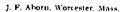
Pat Ryan and some Indians of his at the Pan American Exposition



An Australian Museum of Native Weapons







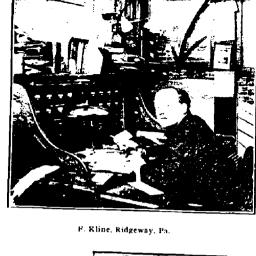




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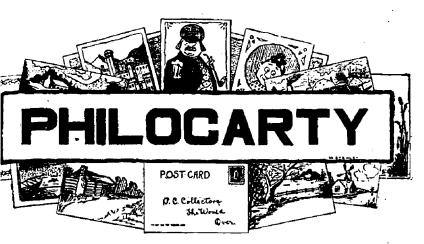
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R. W. Dunlap & Son. Lockport, N. Shining, J. D. Grimes and Family, who are all collectors of Stamps, Coins. Curios. Relics and Post Cards living at Chambers, Nebraska







Among late samples of postcards are the silhouette or shadow picture cards, 16 in series, very comical and rich in humour as seen in the Val. sets. These have been advertised in the WEST for some time by P. Martin Chicago, Ill., U. S. A. Another odd and interesting series are the Cowboy cards—character studies in Wash drawings, photograveurs in sepia duo tone. These cards will be considered a curicsity in later years, for like unto the Indian and buffalo, the cowboy days are numbered. These are sold by J. Parry, Publ. Denver, Colo. Both have had ads in the WEST.

Having received some pretty cards from Wisconsin, and since I'm a bred and born Wisconiso girl and have resided in the dear old state almost my lifetime I naturally want to mention a few things about the history and things of interest on the cards of Prairie du Chien. There is perhaps no spot on the upper Mississirpi, round which so many historic associations cluster as the old city already mentioned. It is picturesquely located on the river with an air of quaintness and entranceing charm amid landscapes and mountainlike bluffs. On one card we see the ruins of Fort Crawford, and other glimpses of some old historic ruin. Perhape it is to this day the abid. ing place of the Canadian-French, the first settlers, or old Pominion fam-For many years after the discovery to the "great River" by Father Marquette in 1679 this locality was often visited by the e ly traders and voyagers who frequently wintered here as it was then well known as an indian village, the chief of which was Alim, meaning the dog, or in the French language, Chien, hence the appelation, La Prairie des Chien, meaning the Prairie of the Dogs, which in the present day has been modified to Prairie du Chien. In the year 1780 a western trading point and supply depot became To meet this end, several French traders attracted by the natural advantages of the "prairie" selected it for a permanent settlement.

Having some very interesting Mexican views we will have a glimpse of Mexico, the macca of nearly all tourists who visit this interesting country. The City of Mexico situated on a plateau within sight of the grand snow-capped peaks of Popocatepeti and Iztaccihuati, with its ancient cathedrals

and noble palaces, show a splendor and glory of the past, a glory that was not new when Corter 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 events are well pictured on the post card as seen from the crowded amphitheater, the bull fighters in their costumes and other parts of the performances as well. These scenes are more definite than anything we could read upon the subject. What must it be to witness, and what must be the character of a people whose chief amusement is a fight of this sort? To witness repeatedly a spectacle that develops all the brutality in one's nature can not but have its effect upon natural life. Bull fights occur only on Sundays and feast days, which seems all the more appalling. Honest efforts 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, among them the Bishops' Palace, a picturesque ruin situated on a high hill which commands a fine view of the city. It is here the battle of Monterey was foundst under Gen. Taylor in 1846. Another interesting city 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 fought in 1847.

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 those sold for the holidays at less than any other dealers. The holiday subjects are grand reproduced in Watercolors hand painted, other with glossy pearl finish, silk inlay, silk relief, bronze, trans, snow, gilt and tinsel. These cards are all heautiful subjects and would sell for a quarter apiece at any other dealer. Ferd, Ingold can sell these cards so low as 5c and 10c. He is the largest Manuf. designer, importer and publ. of post cards in the U. High grade fancy cards is his specialty. Among his novelties are many which cannot be secured from any other dealer in this country. Among them are seen flowers made of real silk, raised with silk background giving 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. writing to this firm be sure you mention the Philatelic WEST and Camera News.

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

One of the best features of photo postcard work is that any size camera or kodak may be used to make the negative with, and with the proper shaped mask any one 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 exhibition 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 canyon in Montana this winter. Mrs. Cummings has been offered several tempting sums for the specimen, but refuses to part with it.

The Atchison Globe says that Walter Berry was digging in a sand bank near Sugar lake one day recently 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 years ago. They are in a rare state of preservation.

- E. F. Monahan, instructor in Zoology in Baker university, and W. D. Green, class of 1907, have returned from a trip 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 fine 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 beautifully printed copy of the celebrated Genevan edition of the scriptures, popularly known as the "Geneva Bible." It was printed and published in 1599, and has been in the possession of the Lumb family for 303 years. It is known in history also as the "Breeches Bible" from the fact that the word apron" in the Garden of Eden episode is translated "breeches." The Geneva edition was translated and published in Geneva by English refugees, who fied from England to Switzerland in order to escape the horrible persecutions of "bloody Queen Mary" and the volume referred to owes is existence to the devotion and hereism 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 burned and decayed were exhumed. Henry Eiche has discovered another 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 study of the Indians and early 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 Missouri 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 you want in the WEST, ask the publisher for it. Remember, suggestions for betterment are always gladly received.

The Cow Bird -- by Glen M. Hathorn, A. M.

The English Sparrow, since its 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 upon our mative birds can only be conjectured.

But a greater enemy 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 deposits her egg in the nest of some smaller bird when the owner is absent, and thrusts the duties of hatching it and caring for the young upon the owners of the nest, this being the predominate evil which makes this species a very undesirable summer resident.

Someone has stated that every Cowbird is reared at the expense of at least three song pirds, and anyone familiar with this pird can no doubt testify to 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), eggs of this species, are quite common.

It would be very interesting to note whether or not the female Cowbird deposits more than 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 12th of May I found a nest of a Chewink which contained three eggs, and I decided to leave then in order to secure the set, but upon my next visit to the nest I discovered there were seven eggs, and as only two days had intervened between this and my former visit. I knew that there should have been but five eggs at the most. I further discovered that they were not Chewinks eggs at all, but were Cowbirds eggs, and the three eggs found in the nest on the 12th had been removed, (a well known trait of this species), and seven Cowbirds eggs had been deposited in two days; surely this was quick work. season I found the nest of an American Redstart in a small patch of hazel There were two young Redstarts and one young torush in a deep woods Cowbird in the nest, and as I approached the latter had one of the Redstarts upon its back traing to throw it out of the nest, but the poor motherless creature never succeeded, and has not yet awakened to tell us what it dreamed about.

From the above it will readily be seen that the Cowbird is not a very desirable citizen, and every means to check their increase should be exerted.

Their eggs and young should be destroyed whenever found, and the Audubon Society, through its official organ, should so instruct its members.

Postal Showers. "Postal showers" form the newest method of disturbing the peace of couples on thier honeymoons. The plan was devised by a man fend of a "practical joke" and his suggestion found ready and wide acceptance. Though honeymooners seek to keep secret the itinerary of their wedding trips they naturally tell their nearest relatives where they are going. Of course a member of the family always whispers that secret to another and finally a persistently 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 Publications "Era"

The papers upon geological subjects contributed by Samuel Webster, Samuel Deane, Benjamin Lincoln and Jeremy Belknap in the memoirs of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences for 1785 are probably the first published articles upon the geological subjects which appeared in this country.

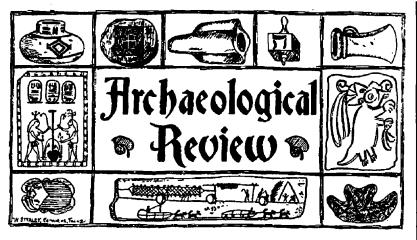
The transactions of various philosophical and scientific society of the latter part of the eighteenth century occasionally contained short articles upon mineralgy, discovery of fossil remains (one paper in 1799 Transactions of the American Philosophical Society being from the pen of no less a personage than the president of the United States—Thos Jefferson) and other subjects which are nearly akin to geological study, but it was not until 1807 that the first volume devoted entirely to the subject appeared in a thick little duo-decimo volume of some five hundred pages by Dr. James Mease which rejoiced in the sonorous title "A Geological Account of the United States, Comprehending a short Description of their Animal, Vegatable, and Mineral Productions. Antiquities and Curiosities." This work was not such that it made much impress on the scientific world and William Maclure's "Observations on the Geolo y of the United States" is usually given the place of honor as the first "standard" American geological work.

Wm. Maclure, who has been styled the father of American Geology was born in Ayr, Scotland in 1763. At the close of the Revolutionry War he visited America, and became so impressed with the country that in 1796 he removed to Philadelphia, in the meantime having accumulated a comfortable fortune in London. He became an American citizen and soon allied himself with the Philadelphia Academy of Science, being in Dec. 1817 elected president, which office he held for twenty-two years, and to which institution he bequeathed his valuable library and \$25,000. He died at San Angel, Mexico, March 23, 1840.

I pin my faith to the view card because as long as people admire beautiful and interesting scenery their nature is so constituted 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. everyone, however, appreciates 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 office But if their eyes are blinded to the beauties of mourin which they work tain and stream, of meadow or seascape, they are 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 prevail to the extent of nine tenths over To reduce these abstract ideas to practical fact, those in a wild state. 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 linen may be interested to learn that a tablecloth which formerly belonged to the Great Duke of Wellington, has just been lost in conveyance between Apsley House and the laundry. The tablecloth has been valued at \$750 and heavy damages have been accorded to the Duke for its loss.

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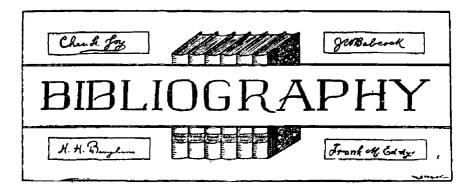
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Notes of Interest to the Book and Manuscript Collector by Verna Weston Hanway

(Continued from last issue.)

I cannot refrain from quoting a few pertinent remarks from an excellent article, "Autograph Talk."

"Everybody wants the star pirces," Washington, Lincoln. Grant, Poe, Hawthorne, Longfellow, and people of that class and passes by the minor names. This competition on a few names drives them up to high prices, and correspondingly depresses the others.

* * It is rather an evidence of a shallow education to have only the best known pieces. It looks as if one did not know of the other good men who failed to attain great notoriety.

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

Collectors stay awas from auction sales fearing that the prices will be too to 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 not be true, and if true they have no bearing on the real values.

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

From the same journal I quote the prices raid for certain documents at recent sales. A signed autograph by Marie Corelli, \$4.00 One by Rudyar Kipling \$3.25, while various papers by Andrew Jackson, Henry Spencer, and Wm. Thackery sold for \$1.40, \$3.00, and \$18.25 respectively.

At a sale Nov. 8th, at Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodges' an A. L. S. (au ograph letter signed) of Charles I realized \$280.00. An autograph letter by Washington relating to the capture of Prince William Fenry sold in November at Dais and Harvey's Philadelphia, for \$250.00. An A. L. S. by Martha Washington for \$15.00, and one by Alexander Hamilton for \$130.00

Autograph Notes by "Era"

At an auction sale in London a year ago, a number of autographic papers originating with parties prominent in French revolutionary days changed hands. Among these papers was a letter dated 1797 signed by Napoleon which sold at \$20. Another one dated 1804 bought \$28 75, an autograph letter of J. J. Guillotin, the inventor of the machine which ended the career of so many of the prominent characters of those stormy days brought \$7 57, a document signed by Marie Antoinette sold at \$23 00, an autograph letter of Josephine, Napoleon's tirst consort went at \$15 00. an autograph letter of Louis XXVI brought \$21.00. autoraph letters of seveal of the marshals were also sold, that of Bernadotte bringing\$ 525, Da Saix \$1575 Oudinot \$4.75, Drougt \$10.50. These documents were from the collection of the late Frederick Baker.

A New York dealer offers a rare autograph letter of William Cowper, the famous English poet written in 1786 in which he says "I am at present occupied in a very long and laborious work, a translation of Homer." The price asked is \$25 00.

The same dealer also offers a signature of Governor Edward Winslow of the Plymouth Colony, dated 1639. The signature is said to be the one taken from his family Bible, under which circumstances the price asked-\$10.00would seem to be exceedingly low,

An autograph verse:

"Let Erin remember the days of old, Ere her faithless sons betrayed her, When Malachi were the collar of gold,

Which he won from the proud 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, poets, and literary 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, and at the same sale portions of two autograph songs went for \$150.

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

A far from perfect copy of The Complete Angler" was sold at Auction in London recently for \$500. At the same sale a Prayer Book of Edward VI., dated 1522, realised \$410 and several autograph letters of Dryden were knocked down to the purchaser at \$915.

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



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- 55. Viola B. Davis, 15 Johnson St., Lynn, Mass.—colored views from place depicted, and foreign.
 - 56. George B. Parker, 1022 N Eye St., Tacoma, Wash-colored cards.
 - 57. A. L. Rickel, Juniata, Neb-For. colored cards. stamp on view side.
 - 58. Frank W. Johnson, 793 South 10th St., Fargo, North Dakota.

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

WINNERS OF CONTEST NO 1.

Walter Schmus, Chicago, Ill., 1st, Honorary Life Membership. Harry C. Wlider, Carthage, N. Y. 2nd: One year paid up membership. Peter B. Carr Belleville Illinois 3rd: one dozen colored views of the Adirondack mountains.

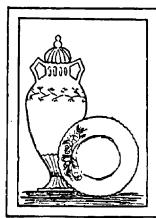
PRIZE CONTEST NO. 2. 1st Prize Honorary Life Membership 2nd Prize Free paid up Membership for One year. 3rd Prize One Dozen Colored View Cards of St. Louis Mo. To obtain first prize get 5 new members for the Club; Second, get three new members; Third prize get 2 new members. Contest began March 1 1908 and ends June 15 1908.

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 receive reply according to the time limit allowed by our own 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 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 reimbursed at the same time. No member can make claim for more than 25c for the one year of his or her membership in the club.

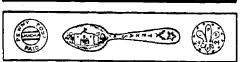
Dear Fellow Members: - Beginning with this issue we will publish a list of honorary life members. This list will be permanent and we will be pleased to add new names from time to time. To have your name on this means that you are worthy of the honor, or it would not be there; and to give you a chance to gain this honor we are going to have new and different contests from time to time as an inducement for you to do some hustling for the club and at the same time a beneat for yourself. In our new contest it will take only five new members to have your name on the Honorary Life Membership Roll. How many of you will take advantage of this proposi-It would be a pleasure to us to see this list grow, but you cannot ex nect to see it do so unless you get busy. How many of you will obtain at least one new member for the club before June 15 1903? Tell your card No doubt they will join the collecting friends what your intentions are club if you will only take the time and trouble to tell them about it. conclusion I will say that if each one of the members will do that much for the club, we will soon be stepping to the 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 YOU can do in the future.

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





ODDS ENDS





The King of Italy, who, it is well known, possesses a splendid collection of upwards of 60,000 coins has just received as a present from President Roosevelt specimens of a new ten and twenty dollar gold coins minted in the United States recently.

It is hoped that none of our readers will become so wedded to their collection of stamps as to commit suicide, like a collector in Belgium who recently sufficiated himself owing to the grief he felt at the accidental loss of his stamp collection, which had been destroyed by fire.

Professor Boyd Dawkins, of Manchester, has just succeeded in uncovering an ancient pitdwelling, found in the boulder clay near Hornsea Holderness. The dwelling is 5 ft. 8 in. Teep, and was found to contain some beautifully formed flint knives and scrapers, as well as stone pounders. A little above the pitdwelling in the ruboish heap that covered it were found bronze implement, which seems to indicate that the pitdwelling was that of neolithic man before the bronze age

The Baths of Diocletian, in Rome, are about to be restored. King Victor Emmanuel has offered \$40000 towards the restoration, which it is hoped will be completed for the celebration of the Festival of Rome in 1911.

Many of our English readers have doubtless been interested in looking at the old railroad engines on view in the patent section of the South Kensington Museum, and they will be glad to learn that the London and NorthWestern Railway Company propose to establish an exhibition near Euston Station, in which it is intended to display various curies connected with railway traveling.

The famous "Ship", of Greenwich has been closed, for a time, at any rate. The "Ship" is interesting to collectors of seventeenth century tokens, inasmuch as one of these traders' pieces was issued from the tavern in 1640. The whitebalt dinners, for which the "Ship Inu" was once famous, have been given up for some time past.

Steps are about to be taken to erect a local Museum in Manchetser. Manchester is certainly not a center in the curio world, but there are many enthusatic antiquarians in the neighborhood who would be glad to see the curiosities and relics of old Manchester safely housed.

An ancient burying place under a large cairn of stones at Aniaghkeen,

county Gawlay, has just been opened. Several funeral urns and an old bronze dagger were found.

One of the most interesting events recently has been the dispersal of the Middlebrook Museum, at which sale, held at Debenham and Storr's aucion 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 oil painting by George Morland went for \$13. One of the features of the sale was the famous bugle with which the trumpeter sounded the fatal charge of Balaclava. This bugle, which originally cost its owner \$1850, was sold for \$1500, and the famous flag of the Chesapeake, hauled down in the famous engagement in Boston Bay on June 1st, 1813 realised \$4250. The readers will be pleased to learn that both the bugle and the flag 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 oz. A mug of Charles II.'s reign, dated 1684, at the same sale fetched \$42 50 per oz.

The collection of old Staffordshire pottery, dispersed in London recently, realised rather disappointing figures. The average price for perfect old Staffordshire ware tigures was about \$5 each.

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

Some of our readers appear to have mistaken ideas as to the value of old needlework pictures. The rug work and wool work pictures of fifty or sixty years ago realise but small prices when brought under the hammer, the fine needlework with long threads, done about a hundred years ago, however realise good prices, when in fair condition.

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

The sale of old Sevres and Dresden china collected by the late Mr. C. J. Dickins will be sold in London. One of the chief attractions of the sale will be the beautiful "Countess de Koessel," a Dresden figure which fetched \$5,000 at Christies' last year.

In the report of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaties, issued recently, almsion was made to excavations which have been made on the sites of the old camps of Apricola and Hadrian, and especially of the wall built by Hadrian. The well of St. Bede at Jarrow is about to be preserved. It is said that this well is much older than the introduction of Christianity by St. Bede, and that it dates from Roman times

A short time ago a man ploughing in Hampshire was rewarded for his careful search when following the plough by finding several small brass coins of Constantine the Great in good preservation. Unfortunately, the majority of old coins turned up by the plough are so corroded by a mesphere and soil that they are scarcely recognisable although an expert can often tell by some familiar feature on the obverse or reverse the period to which they belong. Finders should submit specimens they are in doubt about to an expert, who is willing to give them information in reference to curios.

WENE PALOGY



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

Recently Henry Lesch caught a twelve pound pickeral and wishing to show his children the construction of the bones in the fish's head, had it cooked. While examining it he found what appeared to be perfectly round white pebble in the nose. Mr. Lesch took the stone to a jeweler and was told that it was a pearl which would have been worth at least sixty five dollars if it had not been cooked.—Osige, (lowa) News.

While at work on the Milwaukee roadbed near Helena, Mont., recently, workmen unearthed the teeth and bones of a gigantic mastodon. The largest tooth weighs more than four points. Dr. Chas N. Reinig, who has made many explorations in the wilds of South America, and who has a large collection of mastodonic relies estimates that the animal had been dead for more than 20,000 years. The fossils were found in Jaw Bone canyon, and the theory of Dr. Reinig is that these monstrous animals flourished in these latitudes at a prehistoric period when the tilting of the earth with reference to the sun had made this a tropic region.

A recent dispatch from Elminion. Alberta Canada, says that Inspector A. E. C. MaD innell of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police has returned after superintending the cutting of the military trail fo the Dominion government from Edmonton to Dawson City. This military highway will soon become a big factor in the opening up of an immensely wealthy region which It starts at Eimo iton and from that point a first was hitherto unexplored. class wagon road extends to Fort John on the Peace river, a distance of 500 The first part of the road was uninteresting but as soon as the party reached the Ricky mountains the discovery of mineral deposits commenced. Gold, Iron ore, copper, oil, coal, asphaltum, molybdenum, silver, and many other minerals were discovered in paying quantities, but were valueless ow-The most valuable deposit disng to the great distance from civilization. covered was gold on one of the northern streams, and Inspector McDonnell is of the opinion the discovery will surpass the Klondyke for richness

Free gold was washed out by several of the party which went over \$100 to the pan and in addition several exceptionally rich reefs of goldbearing quartz were discovered. This inportant roadway 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 wilds of Northern Canada. It makes an All Canadian route to the Yukon and will be used for bringing

down prisoners who would otherwise take advantage of crossing American soil Accompanying Inspector McDowell were sixteen members of the Royal 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 this road to Atlin and eventually farther north, opening up a country which at the present time is practically unknown.

Something about C. W. Riggs

Editor West:

In the Febuary issue of THE WEST, Mr. David B. Emert, of Dawson, Ohio, editor of the The "Archaeological Review," makes inquiry concerning the whereabouts of Mr. C. W. Riggs. hunter trapper, and mound explorer. Now I cannot give Mr. Emert the desired information, but like him, I too have lost track of Mr. Riggs 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 1693, where he had a collection of archaeological specimens in the Anthropology building. I conversed with him on several occasions and found him to be a very interesting gentleman.

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

In my archaeological and historical library is a little booklet written by Mr. Riggs and which he presented to me during the World's Fair mentioned above: "How We Find Relics.—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 Voyage; Digging into the Past; Life in on a Rayou; Photography in the Backwoods: A Trappers Tribute to the Press—Chicago; W. B. Conkey Company, Printers; 1893." It is a paper bound book of 108 pages and contains much of interest.

George J. Remsburg, Oak Mills, Kans.

MARKING VALUABLE LETTERS.

One day, several years ago, I was in the book store of G. H. Huntley, an old friend. I wanted a book costing less than one dollar and he had to order it. As I was in a hurry he said he would order it at once and proceeded to put the change in an envelope with the letter after wrapping coins so there was no danger of them wearing through the envelope.

I protested against sending coin saying that it was not safe and advised check. Money Order, or registered or else stamps. He said, "Say young fellow, let me show you a trick which I have tried for 40 years and have never lost a cent tho' I have sent money hundreds of times " A filend in Canada put me on to it and it is just this: After you 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 your money going safely If any mail gets thro' you can depend on that letter being in the lot I usually mark the envelope just above the name with X or (?) Always do this and your money is safe." That struck me as being a good idea and I have tried it a hundred times since and have my first cent to lose -L. C. Gully.

The 50th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, March 6th, President Virgle M. Brand presiding. The following members responded to roll call: Messis. Citey, Holmes, Brand, Sears, Chester Dunhaf, Huber, Tracy Smpon, Excell, Williams, Bludmenschein, McDonald, 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. Esterquist, John A. Lewis, Chas. E. Mueller, Phillip R. Brand and Phillip B. Lusson.

Mr. Chas. K. Warner of Philadelphia presented the Society with a number of bronze and other medals, and cards, to be installed as The Chas. Warner Collection. Five aluminum Lincoln tokens relating to Illinus were recieived from Thos, L. Elder, New York. Copper medals commemorating the 50th monthly meeting were distributed to those present, and one each ordered to be sent to the renaining members. It was ordered that copies struck 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 Society's cabinet.

The Censor reported on the issuance of the Bulletin and a motion was carried authorizing the continuance of same monthly, with a minimum of eight pages to each number. The President was authorized to appoint a committee of four to act with him as an Editorial Committee, which Committee is given full discretion as to matter to be published, the acceptance of advertisements, etc. Mr. Tracy read a paper on Russian Roubies, and showed the various types which have been coined. Dr. Merrill demonstrated the cleaning of gold and silver coins by means of acids. Mr. Williams exhibited a proof of the pattern dollar of the Princess Kaiulani of Hawaii.

A paper on the Pattern Coins of Canada was received from Mr. R. W. McLachlan Magazines received were: Philatelic West and Spink's Numismatic Circular for February, and The Numismatist and Mehl's Monthly for March Auction catalogues were received from Henry Chapman, Elder Green, Adolph, Helss and Mehl.

Mr Tierney was present as a visitor.

Adjourned to meet April 3rd, 1908

Ben G. Green. Secretary.

*The publisher is pleased to have received one of the above and it is as fine a token as we have seen.

COIN NOTES

A 2 kroner piece has recently been struck in Sweden (1907) to commemorate the golden wedding of King Oscar II and Queen Sofia.

A bill has been introduced, and favorably reported upon by a committee in 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.

Some of the small dwarf figures for which the Crown Derby pottery was noted fetch very high price when brought under the hammer. It is said that a complete set consists of thirtysix. The average price per pair is about \$80, but at a recent sale in London twenty seven were put up in one lot, being knocked down to the delighted purchaser for \$2,100



EDITORS NOTE,—Any suggestions, clippings, magazines, etc., will be gratefully received. P. M. CONNER, 447 N. 42nd St., Philadelphia, Penn.

Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, occupies, with Independence Square an entire city block. From Chestnut to Walnut Streets and from Fifth to Sixth 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, that at the time the Hall 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 Provincial officials up until the time of the Revolution. It was here the several Continental Congresses met and here were discussed those questions so momentous to the Colonies. In this hall was arranged the preliminaries of the establishment of the limited states, now the grandest nation on the face of the globe.

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

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

From the time of the removal of the seat of government to Washington it has been used by various societies and public offices and has of a consequence, undergone many minor changes. But in 1897-8 the whole of the main building was renovated and restored as nearly as possible to its original condition. It is henceforth to be a national monument to the birth of our nation and is open freely to the public.

The museum is in charge of the local Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and is being gradually filled authentic relics of historical 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 suscended from its criginal beam, within an ornamental glass case, the purpose of which is to 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 arrived in America in about 1752. It had been cracked in transport and twice 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 throughout the land" on that momentous day July 8, 1776. In 1777 when the British Army threatened Philadelphia the bell was carefully removed and taken to Bethlehem: where it remained until the British left the city.

Naturally, after the war, the bell was only used on very particular occasions, such as the visit of Gen. De La Fayette. On July 68th, 1835, while being tolled in memory of Chief Justice Marshall, the bell suddenly cracked. It was thought the tone could be restored by drilling the crack but this only resulted in cracking it further and since 1843 it has been silent.

The ownership of the bell has been claimed a several parties on the ground that the belt was given to their father, or grand father, as part payment for a new bell. But I ask you, is it likely that any patriotic citizen would have ever permitted it? And again, if this be true why has the Philadelphia City Councils the right to send away or keep it at home, at their will? Why don't the claimants institute suit for the possession of the Bell?

The East Room is the one in which the Declaration of Independence was made and signed, and is therefore the most interesting. The recent restoration has not replaced the elegant furniture and hangings which it had at this period, but several of the old desks and chairs are there, among which is the table upon which the Declaration was signed. The room is adorned with a fac-simile of that document, which hangs above the speaker's rostrum, and also with portraits of nearly all of the signers.

The West Room was used for a century for the sittings of the high Provincial and State Courts

The Sons of the American Revolution, now occupy the restored upper moor of the building as the National Museum, which is reached by a winding stair case in the tower. A large number of portraits, all of which are plainly labeled, 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 George III—Among other interesting objects are the original charter of Pennsylvania (1701) signed by William Pennia slab of the Penn Treaty Elm, two chairs that once belonged to Penn and the small table upon which George Mason drafted the famous Declaration of Rights of Virginia. Additions are constantly being made.

The central building or old state House whose tower is surmounted by a wooden cupola, built in 1828 and containing a clock is flanked by low open structures on either side. These lead to the old Supreme Courthouse on the east and to Congress Hall on the west.

Independence Square is situated in the heart of the busiest part of the city and is one of its pleasantest spots, a veritable oasis. It was here the first public announcement of the Declaration of Independence was made. It was read to the public July 8th.1776 from a platform which had been erected there in 1769 to observe 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 occupies 4½

acres and its present arrangement dates from 1828, when the present trees, many of which are rarities, 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 Philadelphia was to be the national capital. When the seat of government was removed 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 occupied by the American Philosophical Society, founded by Franklin.

The site of Congress Hall, on the west, was, before the Revolutionary War, occupied by a wooden shelter which was used to house visiting Indians. The present building was not completed until 1790 and from then till 1800 was occupied 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, took the oath as President 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 empty.

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Picture postcards are being sent to pet dogs on the continent. A young woman residing at one of the leading hotels at Ostend introduced the fashion. 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 warlike Sioux, 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 delightful in the summer, and in the winter it would be preferable to the bleak prairies, while the fertile valley would supply abundant soil for tilling purposes.

Large implements such as hoes, spades, Mortars, pestles etc., are very seldom found, while 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 large gulches. At these places one can find large quantities of chipping and broken implements, often many whole and perfect specimens are to be found. The scrapers are the most numerous and are of the stemmed variety generally notched scrapers are very scarce.

There is one peculiarity noticeable in almost every case. The camps are never set up close against a hill or bluff, but well up no the slope ranging from twenty to one hundred feet above the lowest surrounding level and on the summit will be found a 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 may 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 emergency 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 permanent village sites, nor, (with the exception of two), and real larger camp sites. The largest of these two is situated about twelve miles south of Deadwood on the Elc creek and has covered about eighty acres of ground. While the other is about fourteen miles east on the same creek and one and one quarter miles west from Piedmont, where the little Elk flows into Elk creek. This site has probably covered about thirty or forty acres

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

The workmanship on almost all the arrows and spears show greater skill than any the writer has ever seen excepting some of those from the riuns in Arizona and New Mexico, 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 yet in its infancy in America—has come to stay. The Universal Postal Convention, at Rome last year endorsed the picture postcard as an aid to business, and provided special regulations for their universal admission to the mail of the world.

Fossils and What They Are-by L. C. Sparks

Fossils are preserved: First, by entombment or burial; second, by carbonization or low burning; third, by impressions or casts; fourth, by inflitration.

FOSSILIZATION BY ENTOMBMENT: When an organism has been surrounded by a compact, impermeable material before decomposition has set in, it may be preserved without any or with very little change in its original character. For example:—The leaves, twigs and insects found in amber, which are in many instances so well preserved that their specific character may be readily determined.

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

The remains of man and in fact of whole caravans that have been overcome by drifting sands and have remained 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 remains of plant and animal life of recent origin found in rock or sediment now in the process of formation.

It must be explained, nowever, that the organisms so fossilized are not 'petrified' but are of very **nearly** their original composition. Such fossils are usually of recent formation, although Prof. Leo Lesquereaux relates of having found fragments of wood imbedded in stone of the Carboniferous Age, preserving the flexible texture of the wood, the bark and epidermis.

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

It is in this way that the remains of a luxuriant vegetation heaped each pear 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 under the microscope frequently exhibits a fibrous and cellular structure, easily recognized as pertaining to vegetable tissue and giving an insight into the character of the material from which our coal was formed. Occasionally a sort of charcoal bearing leaf scars may be found between layers of compact coal. My coal shed has rendered me some interesting specimens in which the woody fibre is plainly visible to the naked eye. Fossilization by "Infiltrationz" 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 locall'les from which they had been gathered together.

The sale rooms are now crowded with curios, antiques and other treasures which will shortly be dispersed. A collection of violins has just been sold by 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 notified and black sent for renewal. All members of the Kosmoilt exchange are asked to renew as from time to time their memberships 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, Lock 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 16th, 1908.

After our report J completed each month, it is carefully gone over and Il mistakes are corrected before it is transmitted to the printer for publi-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 hose names or addresses, are or will be, sometimes incorrectly printed.

is our desire to have our reports correct in every detail, but we cannot assume the responsibility for typographical errors.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Our Five Leaders.

Points to date: 91. L. W. Dison 21 903. Arraldo Gishla 13 868 Mrs. John Hoffman 7 1135. T. G. Griffin 7 486. Dr. W. P. Taylor.

The following members have secured one or more points. Mrs. O. Illing new points 1. Hardwick, new points, 3, total points 3. 882. total points 1. 974. Mrs. Jennie L. Perkins new points 1, total points 1. Mrs. E. A. Herndon new points 1, total points 1. 1028. Kenneth D. Powell new points 1, total points 1. 1135. T. G. Griffin previous points 6, new points 1, total points 7. 1200. Harold L. Townsend new points 1, total reints 1. 1280 Georges Remboulis previous points 1, new points 1, total A. J. Lins new points 1, total points 1. 1399. points 2. 1332. B Smith, new points 1, total points 1.

OUR CODE.

For the information of those who have recently 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 confirm 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 I am too busy. (b) have stopped collecting. (c) your cards are not suitable for my collection. (d) I have too many cards from your country.

EXTRA-If you 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 white.

JASON-Any kind of views.

IIBEL-Local views

NATURE—I would like to receive: (a) landscapes. (b) sea-scapes. (c) mountains (d) street scenes. (e) parks and gardens. (f) country scenes (s) places of interest. (h) capitols. (i) postoffices. (j) government buildings. (k) public buildings. (l) light houses. (m) types. (n) leather cards. (o) fancy cards. (p) comics. (q) novelty cards. (r) bathing scenes. (s) pen and ink etching. (t) photo cards. (u) commemorative cards (v) portrait. (l) actresses. (2) celebitiess. (3) royalty. (4) beauties. (5) presidents 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

reply from you.

RUFUS-I have replied to yours of They must have been lost in transit.

SHANGHAI-Please don't send cards in duplicates.

ETON-Please send a duplicate card of yours of

ULTRA Kindly note my change of addresss. My new address is.....

VANDAL-Kindly give my name and address to your friends who collect cards (a) in your town.

WALLUP-(1) Very respectfully yours (2) Sincerely yours. (3) Affectionately yours.

XEBEC-Referring to yours 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 onso I cannot repeat.
HOW TO USE THE "POST CARD CODE".

Actina fecet natura (a d * v (1) shanghai vandal (a) wallup (3).

Translation: I desire to exchange post cards with you. Please confirm 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 your friends who collect cards in your town

Affectionately yours,

REPLY:-Akin libel facet adar notice teston 17-2 07 Wallup (2).

Translation:—Exchange accepted I wish to receive local colored cards. Your last cards were insufficiently stamped. Please send a duplicate card of yours of 17 2 1907

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) Banfield. F. C. S., Buenos Aires. Argentine Republic only exchanges cards with members of the various clubs to which he belongs. Therefore, members of the UNION, one of the clubs to which he belongs, who expect a reply to cards sent for exchange, must always place their Union number thereon, to insure reply.

1315. 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

12%. 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 OUTSIDE of the of the United States only. This is another printer's error and we applopize to Mr. Halman and assure him that it is not the Society's fault.

1335. Harison B Strong, R. F. D. No. 2 Box 98. Seeley Creek N. Y. The address of Mr. Strong was published as R. F. D. No. 2, Box 24, Bertrand, Nebr., in the February WEST, which is an error.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

- 1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
- 2.. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all card sent for or in exchange.
- 3 Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
- 4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.

- 5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, a else notify the Society that they wish their name withdawh
- 6. The Society gives as a premium, five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured, and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor
- 7. We close our report on 15th of each month and all notices and ne memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report
- 8 Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive the WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of THE UNION. The publisher has been paid for you subscription and is under obligations to send you the paper.
- 9 Members are forbidden, unless requested by their correspondents, a mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards, which are mailed in violation of this rule, are under no obligations to reply
- 10. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to anwser your cards, by giving dates cards were sent as we as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the Unite States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer: Mexico, We Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, the months; Australia, four months.
- 11 We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do a promise to furnish anyone with new list every month, but we will glad mail lists when published to all sending postage. The next list will be of about May 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.
- 12 We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied will your membership in THE UNION.

FOREIGN PHRASES.

As promised last month we submit herewith a list of the Italian and Portuguese translation of common words and phrases in use by card collectors, which we trust will be of value to our members:

ENGLISH	ITALIAN	PORTUGUESE
Will you	Vi piacerebbe	Qule Vace
exchange	cambiare	trocar
post cards	cartoline postali	bilhetes postales
with me	con mi	commigo
colored	illust ra te	illustrrado•
stamp on view	francobolli a tergo	sellos sob o lado illustra
If possible	se e possibile	si e possivel
I desire to exchange	Vorrei cambiare	Gostaia trroca
street scenes	viste di vie	vistal de ruas
buildings	editici	edificios
types	figure	figuras
views	viste	vitas .
Scenery		scenarios
actresses	attori, attrici	actores, actrices
fancy	caricatture	fantaticas
Send me please	Favorisca mnadarmi	Faz favor mandar-me
Will exchange often	Mi piacerebbe cambiare	Gotaria um troco a muid

spesse voite

I read and write English Non so che do lire e only schrivere l'inglese Yes, exchange accepted Si accetto il cambio no

Nao se mais que ler a escrever o inglez Sim senhor acceito nao

RENEWALS

105. Arthur L. Shaver, 1106 15th Ave., Altoona, Pa.

413. Earle K. Bryan, 225, Cottage Lane, Dallas, Tex.-foreign only.

466. E. Pierson, Box 95. S. Omara. Nebr

973. Miss Harriet A. Perkins, 76 Alverson Ave., Providence, R. I.—
kood colored cards only.

974 Miss Jennie L. Perkins, 76 Alverson Ave., Providence, R. I.—cod colored cards only.

981. Mrs. E. A. Herndon, Zachary, La

983. Percy Allen, 1020 Jefferson Ave, Petoskey, Mich.

984 M. Sabri, Tripoli, Barbary, Africa.

1000. Earl M. Brownson, 310 E. Maple Ave., Denver, Colo.

1001. Frank W. Hawes, 215 S. Emerson St., Denver, Colo

1042. Miss Amanda Gade. 2286 Missouri Ave , St. Louis, Mo.

NEW MEMBERS.

1398. C. W. Palmer, 1615 N. Comal St., San Antonio, Tex.

1399. Stephen B. Smith. Central Fire Dept., Findlay, O.

1400. Mrs. C. P. Saylor, 55 Massachusetts Ave., N. W Washington, D. C.

1401. Everett B Thompson, 1513 N. Prospect St., Tacoma. Wash.

1402. Jno. S. Richardson, R. F. D. 5, Box 19 Bessemer, Ala.

1403. Miss Margarer Nunez, Franco 2 (Carlos III), Havana, Cuba.

1404. Miss Kathereen Manning, 44 Ophelia St., Providence R. I.—good blored cards only.

1405 J. H. Teal, N. Fire Dept., Findlay, O.

1406. George W. Miller. Box 126, Dearborn. Mich

1407. Herbert R. Gregg, Loomis, Wash.—Foreign cards only mailed for foreign countries

1408 Miss Leila White, Warwick West, Bermuda.

1409. Miss Ida M. Paine. 50 Exchange Prace, Providence, R. I.

1410. John M. Pendery 136 W 7th St., Leadville. Colo

1411. Mrs. G. H. Searing, Hartington N-br. – No comics or fancy ards; will send tirst.

1412. Cancelled.

1413. Edward B. Worley, 723 E. Washington St., Lebanon, Ind --View ards only.

1414. Clifford Kineger, 730 2nd St. Milwaukee, Wisc. - Good card only.

1415 Vassili M. Dimitrion, Beni-Souef, Egypt.

1416 Mrs. Joe Haffner, Superior, Nebr.

1417. Miss Olive Clark, 115c Stoke Newington Road, London, England.

1418. N. Yard, Pontymister, Near Newport, Man., England.

1419. F. W. B Guthrie, Hawwood, Renfrewshire, N. B., England.

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, Colo.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. 1059 Claude C. Beals, from 701 Pearl St, p 2531 10th St, Boulder, Colo.

An Interesting Napoleonic Medal By H. Banning

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You have the advantage today—you have an aleady educated, willing-to-be-convinced and anxious to-buy public, that will mean dollars for you, and many of them if you get into this business today, and get in right.

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At Lincoln, Nebraska, representatives of ten state historical societies of the Mississippi Valley states met and will a nation association for historical research. Special attention will be paid to the Mississippi Valley. (Collectors Union Concluded).

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The diocese of Acqui was unable to pay the architect who had drawn the plans of their new church, so it gave 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 coin from the architect and presented it to the pope.

This coin was the only one lacking to make complete the Vatican collection of coins issued under all the popes.



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Editor-F. J. Clute, San Francisco

Postal Photographic Clubs



HOW TO FORM ONE.

Among the various aids to photographic advancement, either in the technical or artistic portion of the work, which are so freely open to every worker in these enlightened days, not the least prominent in the help they render to the aspiring amateur are the institutions known as Postal Photographic Clubs.

Although there are many of these still in existence, there is doubtless room for more, especially those which will admit the very beginner in the art and lead him gently up its technical and early artistic stages, as some of those now in actual working are of such approved quality that their standard is somewhat high, and the beginner joining such a club is apt to find his puny efforts very severly handled by the other advanced members.

The author of this article has been the Hon. Sec. of a Postal Photographic Club for 21 years, and is the original founder (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 like to set up another one purely for the instruction of the very 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 others, perhaps less fortunately situated than himself.

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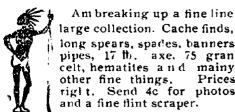
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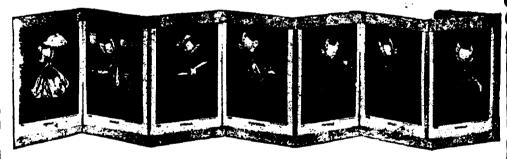
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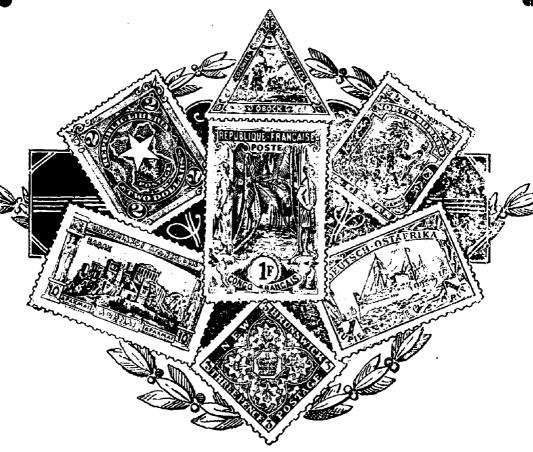


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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

HERMAN W. BOERS. Strange, yet true, it is now years past that we endeavored to have the pleasure of presenting a picture and sketch of his philatelic career, but until now we were unable to have him consent to same. Born in Detriot, in 1866 now for the last 20 years has collected stamps that has shown his love for philately is undying. Commencing like many of us, his first Ablum was that of a scrap book which was arranged by a friend of his then recently from Europe, who also had the fever, but a good knowledge Here were pages arranged in a haphazard way, anything for a It was not very long until his collection outgrew this album and a new one of regular edition was produced. Here was philately for a good start, and with a growing to it possessed a collection numbering some thous-Theu came a lull-got tired of same and sold his collection for a bicycle 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, and he again entered the field of philately during this time he accumulated a collection of over 9000, varieties consisting of three books-one U.S., a collection that's quite complete in general issue, departments and envelopes of the latter, there are about 240 out square envelopes of all denominations. These are all in a natonal ablum together with U.S. Colonies a very good showing. Then one book for foreign which contains many countries practically complete. A recent addition, Match & Medicines containing many choice varieties which includes U. S. Revenues as well as a side line which he terms his collection of "Nonsense" are tax paid stamps for which he had a special album made 10x20 arranged according to the various issues pertaining to this class of chilecting.

As a philatelic scribe many articles have appeared in the WEST on special branches of collecting and Detroit correspondent to many of the stamp magazines no doubt our readers have seen for some years past. It was he who proposed a philatelic button as an emblem to be worn amongst collectors as a matter of identification. The idea was well under way in fact "The WESt was selected as official organ, but the bigger philatelists, did not favor the idea of being placarded altogether with badge and button so it was shelved, the idea died happy, but it is said today 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 scarce, and that are of historical events, interesting and instructive. His philatelic library contains many works on stamps dating back 20 years both American and foreign publication. Any reader if at any time in Detroit would call on him the 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 young man of considerable versatility of genius. Besides being a successful insurance agent, he has been a farmer, archaeologici explorer and collector of Indian relics and coins, barber, member of the Kansas City, Kans., police force and can turn his hand to many other avocations and diversions with success. He is a crack rifle and pistol shot, broncho-buster, and is at present developing into a clever pencil artist.

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 agreeable, and companionable (ellow and extremely popular in Kansas City, Leavenworth and other places where he has lived.

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Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Nc. 445, says that "aur." on the stamps of Iceland is an abbreviation of "aurar," the plural of "eyrir," 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 railway 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 penny surcharged in 2 lines "King Edward VII." "Land." The cancellation is a circular date stamp inscribed "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 curiosities they may become much sought for and valuable. The Australian Philatelist denounces them as an "injustice to philately."



A Few Excerpts from My Note-book

By Verna Weston Hanway

Some time ago I noticed on a stamped two pence half penny wrapper from Great Britain, the stamped portion of a three pence brown envelope 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 noticing the stamped portion of an envelope of the United States, attached to another in this manner. Indeed, if I have not been misinformed, the practice is not permissable here. However, I will not "stand pat" as to this, for the simple reason that I have never been interested enough in envelopes, stamped papers, or wrappers, to remember anything pertaining thereto.

But be this as it may, it is evidently permissable in Eugland. And why not? One can fancy occasions, when, stamps not at hand, it would be a convenience. If there is a law against this here, it is merely but another of those little, inconsequential measures which those gentlemen at Washington are ever prone to inflict 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 waterways, and all the other really important measures of the day. But this is politics, not Philately, and no doubt a characteristic of governments the world over.

All 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 post for years, and just now, at this late day we have a faint glimmer of hope that we'll get it—some day. Then, the government IS MEAN, all philatelists will concede that, about 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 everyone reading this would take the words at a little more than their face value.

(To be continued).

LARGEST STAMP SOCIETY IN AMERICA

Stamp Collector's Protective Association of America

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 selling well not it will pay you to put in some tooks. I supply sales books with space or 60 stamps for 3c each and books with space for 100 stamps for 5c each. If ou are buying stamps it will pay you to write me to put you on circuit as any genuine bargains are being offered.

Fraternally yours, Leon V Cass.

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Philatelic Flashes is the name of a new little paper coming from Gene, Iowa. To judge from its contents, it will 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 certainly wish him
ill, for there is room for another paper, and we would rather see everybody
ccessful than otherwise, but we are afraid that the little new comer has
becomed his own doom by the words quoted above

Fiscal Department

I have attempted to fill the part of Fiscal Editor of the WEST and I will be pleased to receive notes at any time of new issues and of variaties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me will be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa. I,ock Box 7.

There have been at least three very good things come to our taple since last month. The first is 'Mendoza's' catalogue of Mexican Fiscals—Engilsh Edition 50c. My copy was by courtesy of Mr. Heartwell of Long Beach, California. The second is "Philatelic side lines Number Two" from the "Springfield (Mass.) Stamp Club, 15c. The third is "The collectors Handbook 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 field. The fields of the 1st and 3rd are indicated by their titles.—The 2nd lists Encased Postage stamps, Cigar Stamps, Small cigar stamps, Cigarette Stamps, and Export Cigar Stamps.

Philatelic Side Lines Number One, by the "Springfield Stamp Club" lists Hydrometer Loeis, Lock Seals, Beer. Small Cigarettes, Small Snuff, Small Cigar and Customs, Cigarettes, and may be had I believe at 15c. I am informed that they expect to issue other numbers as their funds permit. I am anxious to see them take up special Tax stamps.

Mr. Levicks Haudbook lists over 500 varieties of Foil and paper tobacco wrappers with impressed stamp, up to 1883. He says there are now about 1000 varieties. There are over 50 distinct varieties of the stamps.

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

1. 100 lbs black on white paper. 2. 100 lbs red on white paper. 3. 200 lbs black on white paper. 4. No value green, on white paper. 5. 200 lb 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 4 5 16r23% 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 the 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 Agricultural 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 than 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 Iowa State-Food and Dairy Com.

Last month finished the Foil stamps as far as I 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.

1. ½oz on brown paper Die—(Yvert and Tellier). 2. 2 oz on brown paper Die—(Yvert and Tellier) 3. 2 oz black on yellow paper die B (Lesick). 4. 4 oz black on yellow paper die B (Levick). 5. 4 oz black on brick paper die B (Levick). 6. 8 oz. black on brick paper die paper die C. 7 2 oz rose on white paper die A. C. 8. 4 oz rose on white paper die A. C. 9. 1 oz black on yellow paper die A. 10. 4 oz orange on white paper die B. 11. 4 oz blue on white paper die B. Y. & T. also give Nos. 3 to 11 or the 1878 issue as being Surch 1879 in red.

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bl books in circulation as per last months report, value	\$1611.68
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Members who have not patronized the Sales Department by receiving fircuits are earnestly requested to do so. Though the Department was pened only 13 months ago, the sales to date amount to over \$500, which hows that very desirable stamps can be found in the books circulating in he S. P. A.

To those patronizing the Department in a selling way, I would say that here is a constant demand for good books of U.S. stamps, 20th Century tamps, British Colonials and moderate priced stamps. Very high priced tamp or very cheap atamps do not sell so well. 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 your attention again to the Exchange Department. Not near enough of our members are taking interest in this 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 p books before I can even get things started and I trust you will see that his department becomes a "reason why" to get new members in. ou-with your hearty support it will be a success and no other society has a epartment which compares to our Exchange Department. Let me hear fom you at once. Look up February WEST for full rules and if you cannot nd it I will send you a copy of the rules but I want your co operation. Very truly, Wm. E. Ault, Ecxh. Mgr. lay [have it?

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Samoan Stamps and Robert Louis Stevenson--An Appreciation

By Verna Weston Hanway

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 his good natured smile of tolerance at the subject:—Samoa, Stephenson, and South Seas and stamps. Here is alliteration and assurance enough to please even his refined and sensitive penchant for harmony, which resulted in the most pleasing English we have yet had. Other writers have aimed at harmonious, musical prose, but it remained 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 occasions a responsive thrill to the call of "Great Britain and Colonies." And, following up the same train of theories, I am writing about Samoan stamps because I have long loved the writings of Robert Louis Stephenson.

I was about ten years 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 religiously thumbed over certain of his writings just as I thump over my Browning—just as all of us thumb over the writings of those who strike a responsive chord. I had not intended to digress in this manner, but as a faddy person writing for other faddy persons, I am sure at least of a goodnaturedly amused smile.

Stephenson had a rare appreciation of collectors. We find him telling of his eminent, engineering ancestor's fancy for prints. The sentences about the collections made by the the monks at "Our Lady of The Snows," collectors can read with the knowledge—that they are reading between the lines. Collectors are usually made by those who lead in part cloistered lives, -that is, a life part of which we always keep closed, even to the nearest and dearest. His pleasantries about the collector of warming pans met in "An Inland Voyage" are deliciously pleasing. The scene of the powerful short story "Markheim" was laid in a curio dealer's shop. Then the short stories in the "New Arabian Nights" betray a remarkable insight into the mind of a certain type of infatuated collectors. I fancy Stephenson collected some-He had, at any rate, the true collector's nature -the nature of the collector who can be earnest, a connoisseur, and at the same time has a grain of humor sufficient to laugh at a Mr Fairlie, 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 to draw a charitable silence.

(To be continued).

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



uestions relative to stamps will be answere in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for. I. G. DORPAT, Box 37, Wayside. Wis.

(Continued from last issue).

Banking House of A. L. Kessler, New Bramfels, Texas, check 187-- 1st design Second National Bank, St. Louis 187— 1st

This latter stamp is inscribed on face of stamp "Good only for" (in left disk) and "Bank Check" (in right disk).

Second Nat. Bank, St. Louis, Mo., check 187— 1st design Office of Miss. Val. Transportat'n Co, New Orleans, La. check 1871 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. Mfg. & Lith. Co., 56 Park Place, N. Y.-T. Fitzwillim & Co, Stationers, 76 Camp St., N. O.

Here we have, I think, the first New Orleans firm recorded as having printed such stamped checks, and the first checks used in New Orleans, La., and New Bramfels, Texas. Yet we have no new design, and it is not likely that we shall find any beyond those described and listed by Mr. Sterling.

- Whose portrait is that on the current stamp of Germany? is not as you suppose, the portrait of the Dutch Queen. It is an allegorical figure, Germania, representing Germany personified. The Dutch Queen. Wilhelmina of Holland, 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 niggets or the negroes gypsies. The cause of this mistake in identity, which is so often made, is probably the similarity of the terms "Dutch" and "Deutsch" (pronounced doitch). Dutch is Hollandish, Deutsch is German. and Pennsylvania dutch are misnomers sprung from gross ignorance.
- What is the meaning of F. M. on French stamps of 1902? letters stand for "Franchise Militaire," denoting as much as military frank or soldier's stamp, army official, etc.
- 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 Take the one penny Great Britain well worth looking for and keeping. 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 for 1 to 4 cents aplece. plate-numbers 108 and 222 are catalogued at 132 cents. Nos. 12 and 219 at 25

cents, No. 223 at 36 cents, 224 at 62 cents, 225 at \$3.75 and 77 of which but one copy is now known (Tappling collection) is priceless.

- Mr. Stone of Springfield, Mass., was so kind as to direct my attention to a list of U. S. stamped papers including, stamped bankchecks, by Mr. J. Delano Bartlett in Vol. 30, No. 2 and 3 of THE WEST, which I had overlooked entirely. I wish hereby to apologize to Mr. Bartlett and to direct every body's attention to his list. It is in many points superior to my 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. I do not regret having taken up the subject of stamped bank checks. 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 fortenate 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 office? Yes, at least it was so a few weeks ago, if you ordered them in full sheets of 100 and your post master would be kind enough to write out and send the necessary special request for you. My experience is that few postmasters like to do that, and it seems they are not obliged to do it. The Department, however, will still send these stamps by hundreds to postmasters if so requested.

\$250 FOR 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 York. Despite 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 margins and on a piece of the original cover, sold for \$61.

A ten centime of Geneva, issue of 1843, yellow green, lightly canceled and on a piece of the original cover, fetched \$106; a Zurich four rappen of the same year, lightly canceled, \$46, and a four centime, red and black, used, Federal Administration issue of 1849, \$93; these three scarce Swiss stamps went to a collector in Switzerland.

A tworeals of Spain, issue of 1852, unused, sold for \$43.

Three rare St. Vincents, the one penny on half of sixpence, red surcharge, issue of 1880, and the fourpence on one shiling vermillion, unused, same issue, paying for them respectively \$68 and \$67. The 27-parale and the 54-parale of Moldavia issue of 1854 used copies were also knocked down for respectively \$12 and \$25

Three very rare Ponce. Porto Rico, provisional stamps sold for \$250 each to a wealthy Paris, France, collector. They were the five 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 from last issue.

The 10c is known only in brown, but the 50c occurs in yellow and in blue and the 100c in blue and green. Used stamps with pen stripe cancellations 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. R. C. Eberhardt of Valparaiso had to say about the reprints of the 50 and 100c stamps considered by some authorities at that time as photographic transfers. He says: The idea that the Bolivian 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 America 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 horrible 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 government direct?

Before the first issue in 1855 essays are said to have been prepared of 3 values, ½, 1, and 2 reals, in two types, and besides in black they were printed 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 catalogues under the head 'Issue for the Interior." They are mentioned in Vol. VIII, and again in Vol. IX of the "Philatelic Journal of America." In Vol. X. the same stamps, it seems, are mentioned again by J. W. Bull, Lieutenant U. S. N., U. S. Alliance" as used in the Rollvian 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 are 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 local issue was produced by lithography: it was made by the Lithograda Boliviana, an establishment at La Paz. If I am correctly informed, it was also on sheets of 100. As to the 1894 issue I have no information at hand. The 1897 issue was again a local production; it came from the lithographic establishment 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 Banco of Buenos Aires These are Scott's Nos 62—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 style 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 from those of 1887-1890. Between 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 500c of 1869 and 1871. 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" in-Some of these revenues are of exquisitely fine work, especially the 5c 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. V "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. Louis, Mo., in 1889 for \$20.00 at auc-According to a note in Senf's catalogue there must be several other such "provisionals," if that name may be given them. What they should be called depends upon their history That they were used can not be But how? Were they sold to the public or merely applied to the letters in the post office after the postage was paid in cash? These 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 obtained from the plates (or dies) made by the American Bank Note Co. for the previous issue. I should like to know whether this company delivered plates and dies to the Bolivian government when the contract expired or not.

The issue of 1894 was engraved on steel by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. There are two distinct sets: the first is a clear print in clear colors on a thin snappy paper showing in parts the factory watermark 10 or 11, perf. 14-14½; the second (called by Kohl "Paris Print") is a poorer print in dull colors on a thicker and softer paper without watermark and perforated 13-13½. The latter was, when it first appeared, considered as a forgery, but upon acknowledgment by Bolivia it was accepted by stamp collectors; yet there is some mystery about it, and some collectors think it was not made for postal use, but merely for sale to collectors. There was a time too, when some collectors held that it was lithographed.

On the issue of 1897 the Bolivians certainly exerted themselves, trying to produce something line. It contains 7 portraits of celebrated Bolivians, their names appearing under the portraits: the 20c is printed in two colors, the border rose and the center black and the bolivianos in grey black on a red, yellow and green background, 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 healthy. The many little items it contains are well selected, the editor seems full of confidence, and the National Philatelic Association forms a good backing. All this promises stability.

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The 32nd regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver, was held March 20th at 8:15 at 602 Nassau Bidg. With eleven members and one visitor present the meeting was called to order with James Jackson presiding. minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Neil Kimball Box 'A' Golden, 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 payment of dues.

The old matter concerning 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 fines on same.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p. m. to meet again Apr. 3rd.

Yours fraternally, V. N. Garretson, Secy.

MINUTES.

The 33rd regular meeting of the J.S.C. of Denver was held Apr. 3rd at 1033 17th St with 11 members and one visitor present the meeting was called to order with President Nell Presiding.

Bill received from L. C. Nelson, former Exch. Ngr. for \$43. to come from insurance fund account of stamps taken from circuit lost by Maderis and later found which he 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 bill for the above amount plus the flues 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 17th of this month.

Yours fraternally, V. N. Garretson, Sec'y.

MINUTES.

The 34th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held April 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 correction, namely that instead of reading 'Bill received from J.C. Skinner' should read 'Bill received 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 cataloguing \$30.00 which was in his wife's collection. Same was first 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 that a lady has been present at a J. S. C. meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p. m. to meet again on the 1st of May.

Yours fraternally, V. N. Garretson.

Duplicates -- by Rev. J. W. H. Heslop

A great many stamp collectors have a deal of trouble in arranging their duplicates in a really satisfactory way. For some years I kept them in envelopes, one or more for each country; but, as time went on, and the envelopes became larger and more numerous, I found the time taken in nunting through hundreds 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 any country at a glance, but after a few months, as I am constantly exchanging or otherwise disposing of my duplicates, the books got very soiled. Besides, the time taken in mounting and remounting was altogether out of proportion to their value, either from a philatelic or monetary point of view.

My present plan, and the one I now follow, consists of having all my duplicates alphabetically and chronologically arranged in some half a dozen dealer's stock books. These books cost from half a guinea upwards, but probably a small advertisement in this paper would bring forward an offer of one or more second hand, at about half usual prices. Personally, these books are so satisfactory in every way that the outlay is practically refunded, in time and trouble saved, in less than a year.

These stock books are too well known to need describing—most dealers use them. I find the ones containing about fifty leaves, and holding about 15,000 stamps, the most handy for use. My deak and "den" shelves, once 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 stock books, an innovation I can confidently recommend to every troubled collector whose trouble is DUBLICATES.—Eng Collectors Journal.

Fuller's 20th Century Philatelic Directory is to appear shortly. It was to go to press on the 31st 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 Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and other seaports, (no inland offices existed) dealt in ship letters and operated under municipal authority, the customary fee for a letter delivered or sent out of the country being one penny. 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 received more than the delivery fee before mentioned. Correspondence between the American 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 coastwise 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 receipts be paid to the Duke of York. 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 profits for the Duke. In 1693 Andrew Hamilton got a patent in London for an American postoffice and was appointed the first American Postmaster General. Hauliton 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 mail carriers he had to buy 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. 1692 he returned from London to America, where he traveled from colony to colony, getting from each what he could in the way of subsidies and law, and then starting his mail service. He overcame all obstacles; actually induced all colonies to pass substantially the same postal laws prescribing the same postage rates, and in 1693 the mail was carried from Portsmouth, N. H., then known as Piscataqua, to Philadelphia and beyond. The route was as fol-Portsmouth to Boston, Saybrook, New Haven, New York, Perth Amboy, Burlington and Philadelphia, the chief point beyond Philadelphia being Newcastle

It was not until 1847, that the U. S. postoffice department brought out its first regular issue of postage stamps. Previus to this time, postmasters in the large cities, in order to simplify the prepayment of postage, received 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 profit out of the carrying of letters, before the reduction of postage took place

The first provisional used was issued in 1845 by the N. Y. postoffice. The design consisted of a full face portrait of Washington on crossed lines in oval, lettered "postoffice" and "five cents" in curved labels, and "New 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 times, making that number of varieties. There were 500 impression taken 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 signant are "Fr. P.", denomination 5c, buil.

One of the most famous and valuable stamps in the world, is the stamp issued at Millbury, Mass., (there are but six of these known to exist and consists of a hideous representation of the head of Washington in a circle, with "Postoffice, paid 5 cents," in the border, color bluish. St. Louis stamp consisted of the state seal in center, 'Saint Louis' and figures of value above, and "Postoffice" below, they were: 5c, 10c, and 20c, greenish, there being also a number of minor varieties of these values. ordinary wood cut was used for the New Haven stamps, the design being a simple rectangle with large figure 5 and "Paid" in center, "Postoffice" 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: Providence, R. I., used two stamps, of "Post-In 1846. 5c red; 5c blue. office" "Providence R. I.", with letters of value, in oval, color black: there are many minor varieties of these and they have also been reprinted in In 1845 Alexandria, Va, issued a stamp of very simple design, namely: "Paid 5" in center, encircled by "Alexandria Postoffice" with circle of stars, color 5c, buff. All these stamps are extremely rare and have been much counterfeited.

The introduction of the adhesive stamp did away in in a great measure with these provisionals, and nine years later, when a law was passed making the prepayment of postage compulsory, they were entirely abandoned. The first adhesives (regular issue) were 5c and 10c values; 5c, $\frac{1}{2}$ face to left of Franklin red brown and 10c $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 first introduced. This was changed a short time afterward and a stamp was impressed in one of the corners. It was not until 1853 that stamped envelopes were put in use in United States. Two values were at first issued: 3c and 6c red head of Washington in oval value above "cents" below: in October following a large "Official envelope was issued of six cent value same as regular value but printed in red, and in April 1865 an additional value of 10c was issued same size a "regulars" color green. These different envelopes remained in use untl 1860 and during that time were subject to many changes both of the stamp and the sizes and shapes of the en-There were supposed to be two dies of the 3c 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 official reason, and most likely the correct one. These slight alterations have produced five distinct varieties of the dies.

The first 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 its stamps and envelopes up to that time and rendered them worthless for postal use. A great many of them must

have been destroyed but a diligent search among old papers and in dark corners or deep pigeonholes may 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 foreign collector at once bought it for \$175.00 and today it is worth probably \$1,500.00. About the same time there were discovered in Virginia, several Buchanan "locals." This stamp is a slip of paper 2 inches long by ¼ in broad inscribed "James M. Buchanan, 5 cents." It is one of the earliest "American locals." 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 government restricted the issuance of stamps exclusively to itself.

The first company of this kind was that of Hale, who carried mail between Boston and New York, but who soon failed. 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 license had been annuled by the City of New York. He resisted all attempts to stop him in his profitable business, until 1885, when the government finally deprived him of the right to issue stamps.

Hussey's Special Company was established in New York in 1854. All mail matter 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 more common.

Blood & Co, were the only local letter and express carriers of Philadelphia. 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 Boston and Portland, Me. Edw. Allen had a local dispatch office 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 fined 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 York was especially prolific in 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 cities follow close on New York in the extent of their business of this kind. Besides this, there were many private post routes doing a regular business between the larger cities, or between the larger cities and the small towns round about New York, Boston and Philadelphia, were thus connected, and there was a regular service from New York up the Hudson River 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 Express Co., for many years did a large

business of this kind.

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. these stamps were a simple mark bearing the name of the concern, while others were more elaborately engraved, some of them being quite as interesting as any of the government stamps have ever been. Among these might be cited the stamp of Adams & Co's. express, with a portrait of the founder of the company: Boyd's N.Y. Dispatch stamp, with a figure of a flying Mercury on its face; Hussey's N. Y. stamp, showing on a black hackground a white Mercury, standing upright in circus fashion on the back of a racing Many of these stamps bore the picture of the American 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 prevailing in 1814 were as follows: For every single letter by land. 40 miles, 8c; 90 miles, 10c; 150 miles, 12½c; 300 miles, 17c; 500 miles, 25c; and for more than 500 miles, 25c 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 received at an office for delivery. 6c. Magazines and pamphlets, not over fifty miles, 1c per sheet, over 100 miles, 2c per sheet.

Newspaper stamps, which run from 1c to \$60.00 face, were never sold, nor permitted to go out of the Post office. They were merely fixed to the stubs of receipts for money paid by newspapers, and the books of stubs were afterwards destroyed.

TRADE NOTES by A. C. Roessler.

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 agitating the matter. Even the sedate Scott's catalogue devotes an entire page to these badly treated stamps. 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, 401-440, 501-679; Nicaragua, 20-120, 551-577, 601-702. For the same reason Chinese locals such as Amoy, Chefoo, Kewkiang, Wuhu, etc., are also stamps the dealer is selling out at bargain prices. It is believed they will not be included in the next edition of the catalogue.

Denver has two stamp stores and several mail order dealers in office building. All report a brisk business for the past month.

The DeRuyter 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 office in Holland. American dealers paid an average of \$8 per set for the stamps and sold them at from \$15 to \$20. That was two months ago. Now that all the dealers are stocked up (at \$8 a set) the government has reprinted the stamps and they may 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, because the word "Philately" itself had not been coined then. Mr C fl. Mekeel of St. Louis, Mo., who, upon the request of Prof. Whitney, of Yale, wrote the definitions of "philatelic," "philatelist" and philately" for the Century Dictionary, gives these definitions in Mekeel's Drummer of Dec. 5th, 1900, as follows:

PHILATELIC (fil a te-lik) a (philately ic). Of or relating to philately.

PHILATELIST (fi lat-e-list) n. (philatel y-ist) A collector of postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curlosity or interest.

PHILA FELY (fi-late 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. Herpin, a stamp collector, in "Le Collectionneur" in 1865) of Greek 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 collecting and classifying postage stamps and revenue stamps as objects of curiosity; also the occupation of making such collections.

The French use also the term Timbrophile instead of philatelist, and the Germans have two terms practically used for the same thing but slightly differing in their meaning, Briefmarken-Sammler (collector of letter stamps) and Pestwertzeichen-Sammler (Postal-value mark-collector). Instead of philately (though also with a slightly different meaning) they use the words Briefmarkenkunde and PostwertzeichenKunde; "Kunde" is only very nearly an equivalent to "science."

Quite a dispute arose some time ago about whether philately may properly be called a science, or not. Some would rather call it a hobby, a pastime, or even an art. It is all of that, according to the individual who pursues philately: with some it is a business, a speculation, 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 page with the above definitions, is always proper: "If you cannot 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 many cheap and common stamps that one may form a very nice collection without going to much expense. Intelligence of the collector will do more to his credit than large sums of money expended for rarities. Order and cleanly ness are also of higher importance.

As every pursuit will in time develop its own terminology or nomenclature, so philately too has its own or technic 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 are so plain in themselves to anyone who but understands the language that it is not necessary to explain them. While recommending the study of the whole list to everybody, 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 paperduring the process of its manufacture, a certain figure has been formed by making the paper, on which the stamp is subsequently printed, thinner in some parts than in others. The figure called the water "mark", consisting of the thinness of paper, is wove more translucent than the rest of the paper and consequently, as a rule, appears lighter than the rest when held against the light. Sometimes the difference in thickness is so slight that the figure of the watermark cannot be seen except by immersion of the stamp in benzine or 95 per cent alcohol. Water usually helps to make it more visible too, but some stamps are printed in fugivtive colors, or on chalked paper that can not stand the immersion in water.

We say a stamp is "perforated 10, or 12, or $12\frac{1}{2}$ etc. and mean that the holes punched between the stamps to facilitate their separation are so arranged that 10, or 12, or $12\frac{1}{2}$ 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 arranged holes, and provided with figures that tell how many such holes, dots 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 every little slit bears some color, we speak of 'colored roulette'. According to the shapes the slits may have we apply different 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 stamps and to distinguish them from others that are quite similar and from counterfeits.

We speak of designs, types, dies and minor varieties. The "design" is the general form or picture of a stamp. "Types" and "dies" are modifications 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, differences of paper, minute variations of perforation and the like.

The names of colors used in catalogues, albums, etc., cause a great difficulty to collectors, and in some instances it is utterly impossible to convey a correct idea of a special color by describing it in common language. For such cases special color-charts and color dictionaries have been prepared, but none of them have given full satisfaction. It requires the study of chromatics to master the color difficulties, and even then some of the terms occasionally employed will and must remain puzzling. A whole book might be written about colors and color names of stamps alone without exhausting or doing justice to this one subject.

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 accurately alone requires a good deal of study and practice, and like any other art, it forms an excellent exercise to the one who practices it. Thus the study and the correct use of philatelic terms is by no means a trifle. It is necessary to the philatelist, and it may be a pleasure to him as the acquisition of any knowledge or art may be a pleasure or at least a source of profit which creates pleasure.

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The eightieth regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday. March 31st, at the usual place and time. The Secretary's prophesy on the announcement card of "The Biggest Yet" was fulfilled 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, Chase, Cornwall, Delafield, 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 this very democratic Society's meeting from a standing up Chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read 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 Committee reported the following donations of stamps to the Prize Fund, Mr. Strauss \$8.00, Mr. Bain \$4.00.

The main feature of the meeting was the "France" contest, five collections being entered, being those of Messrs. Chase, Delafield, Low, Myers and Wood. The President appointed Messrs, Diamant, Humes and Strauss as Judges and they awarded the two prizes as follows: Chase, 1st, Delafield 2nd. The prize winners are to be congratulated upon their collections of this country. Mr. Chase is certainly one of the best we have seen at our meetings for a long time. The President sprang on us a little contest of his own. He asked the members to make a list of words which could be found in the word "Philately". After fifteen minutes of brain storms Mr. Schoeman was adjudged the winner with fiftyone words, Millheuse fifty, Chase forty nine.

The Secretary gave a report for he first Quarter. Total attendance for seven meetings 100, average a little over 14 per meeting. Eight new members elected, one resignation, one application on hand, showing a membership of fifty-two. Five members had not missed one meeting, being Messrs Anschuetz, Baer, Diamant, Millhouse and Myers. The Society 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. Louis members Hubert and Slack.

Application received, W. A. Ritchie, 7225 Pennsylvania 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 Box 81.

Next meeting will be held Tuesady, April 14th, room 803-805 Wright Building, on 8th and Pine 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 first regular meeting of this Society was held Tuesday April 14th at the usual time and place with President Myers in the chair. St.

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

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

The chairman of the Entertainment committee reported three more donations of stamps to the prize fund, Dr. Paul Baer, a packet of stamps: F. Millhouse, \$3.50; Wood, \$1.50.

The chairman of the emblem committee reported progress.

The Secretary brought to the notice of the members present the fact that in the three contests held this year only six members had participated, three having entered at each contest and the other three twice each. The President stated that in order to give the younger and smaller collectors a chance Messrs. Chase, Delafield, Myers and Wood had decided to withdraw from competitions but might enter their collection for exhibition only. 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 \$5.00 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 fangled style of auctioning on us which netted quite a nice little sum, and we have no doubt the Treasurer will strongly

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 Patzschke, 27 Kunz, 49 Malin. Change of address:—F. Millhouse, 4466 Fairfax Ave., to 1224 N. Taylor Ave.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 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. 1903 it has a fine view 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"

Another "Cousin Jack and the Child" Farce

By Verna Weston Hanway

. DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

Cousin Jack. The Child. Mamma. Dr. Stampology. Dr. Stoneology.

Mrs. Dowager Diamonds. Various men and women.

SCENF I.

"Ccusin Jack's" study. "Cousin Jack" strolling around the room hands in pockets. Hears a step at the door and hastily seats himself at the writing table looking very grave and sedate.

'The Child' enters.

Cousin Jack: "This is an unexpected honor," he rises and bowing

pulls an arm chair forward.

The Child: "Your manners have improved very much since 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 evening, just as you were leaving for a meeting of that "Society for Psychological Research, but no doubt the trifle has escaped your memory because of more momentous matters. These psychological researches, I don't doubt, are most 'engaging'."

Cousin Jack: (presses his lips together, and starts to speak angrily;

changes his mind and replies), "O. I remember perfectly.-well?"

The Child: "I merely thought you might have forgotten and would have on your Tuxedo. Mrs. Dowager Diamonds is coming and Dr. Stampology."

· County Jack: "Dr Stampology? I don't recognize the name."

The Child: "Haven't you heard of him? How surprising! He's a duck!—a very dear friend of mine. As you would say an eminent confrere,"—you don't object to my borrowing one of your effective phrases, I hope."

Cousin Jack: "A duck? If I tried very hard do you suppose that I might in time arise to such a dizzy eminence in your virgin favor?" smilling

satirically.

The Child: 'Applying the full measure of my analytical and freseing perception to your question, I do not, indeed. You couldn't be sour

if you tired, -you'd make a fair gander."

Cousin Jack: "By an 'eminent confrere', you mean I take it, a post tage stamp collector. In other words the gentleman with whom I cannot hope to compete, collects waste basket material, and probably writes erudin treatises on printers' errors."

The Child: (with narrowed eyes) "Ju-s-t so! Dr. Stoneology the

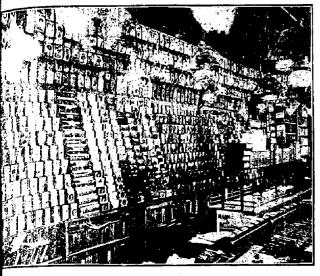
archaeologist, will also be here."

Cousin Jack: "Well, that's encouraging. 1'll have some one congenial to converse with."

The Child: ''O you will. I told Mamma to give you Mrs. Dowager Diamonds for a neighbor''

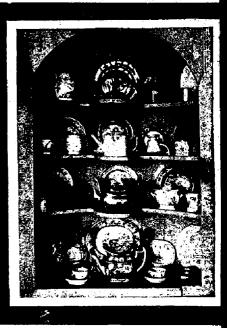
Cousin Jack: "I say, Child, this is too bad. Don't be a cat. A woman should have a sweet, lovable temperament,—not a malicfous one."

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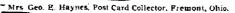






China Collection of Mrs. Geo. Baum, Patterson, New Jersey





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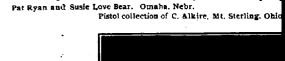
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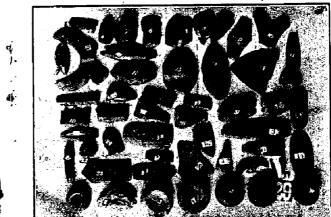
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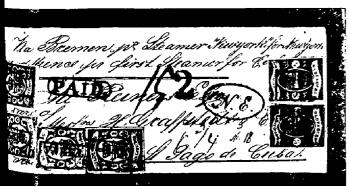




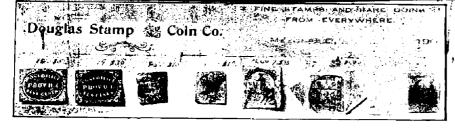


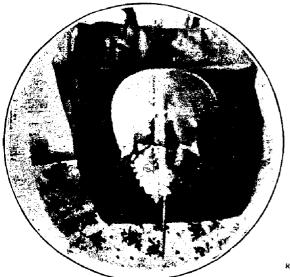




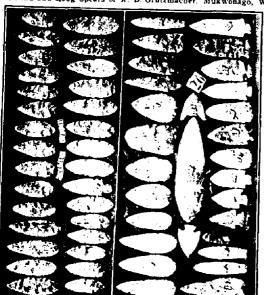






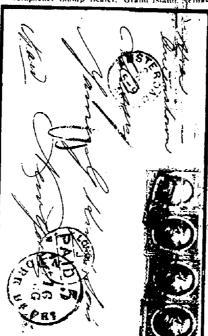


Horse Shoe or King Crab in collection of C. J. Hanford, Jacksonville, Fla. Cache Find and Long Spears of A. D. Grutzmacher, Mukwonago, Wis-





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By Verna Weston Hantway

The published by a Great British firm have an essentially English look. One midden that begand, "Printed in Germany" thereou; indeed, the "Valentine Series" have done much to make the "Printed in Great Britain" almost as familiar. I have never been able to understand, or appreciate, this "Printed in Germany." That one, at any rate, of the two great Engilsh speaking countries, has a card publishing company capable of printing and coloring pretty, artistic and distinctive cards. Messis. Valentine series attest.

The Mail Trade Co., Stanford, Conn., have imported a charming line The "Mezzograph" and 'Artotype" series, especially, are beautiful and distinctive. "Evangeline" and "The Harbor at Quebec," are two of their North Amelean cards in the former series that are most worthy. I cannot praise too much, the design and coloring of "Evangeline". Picture a curving road, beautiful busies on one side, on the other a limpid stream, gliding placidly along underneath the bending trees. At the curve of the road stands "Evangeline," a sweet and pretty maiden, quaintly dressed in the old costume of the Arcadian. Around her neck hang the beads and cross, in her hands as prayer book,—the symbols of her faith. This figure of "Evanceline" is as plain and has all the charm of a photograph is no attempt at startling color effects here, only deep and varying shades of green, brown, blue, in the west a crimson sunset. Over the whole broods a Sunday evening calmy and with that natural, lifelike illustration of "Evangeline" in the foregroup, we find out we involuntarity and quite as a matter of course listening for the low per of the bell in Rather Le Blanc's little mission.

All the words of praise I have written concerning "grangeline" apply to the other cards produced by this method. The "Desited" is an artistic creation a deserted homestead, an overgrown road, a trong fence, with roc

ting "bars" are the details of this scene. Some wise hand has prevented any "artistic" elaboration and the gaunt simplicity of the scene carries adirect appeal. Another card in this process which we will mention here, is one with these descriptive lines:

"Nature, the peerless artist lingers by To mark the placid water imitate the sky."

The "Artotype" series are cards of rich and brilliant coloring, but never approaching a gaudy effect. Like the "Mezzograph" cards, a heavy very smooth, stock of cardboard is used. Space permits but the mentioning of one card or so from the large line this finish, and the "Cameron Highlander" is elected, not because it is more worthy than othes, but for peculiarly sentimental reasons. A large and brawny Cameron is this, fair, and.—"hoot mon!"—he's arrayed in bonnet and plaid for gathering of the clan

The American branch of the Valentine house brings out some charming "Artotype" views of "American Camp Life," "Sporting Series" and of the Adirondacks. They publish too, another especially worthy set, resembling in finish and coloring the "Artotype" 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 kind I've seen for Lany a day.

Valentine's are noted for humerous cards. The term humorous 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 has seen much of life and knows how to laugh indulgently at its twists and foibles, is humerous. Quite a different thing from the ridiculous "comic" card, masquerading as "funny".

There are three sets in particular that are quite delicious, and yet there are one or two cards that have a simple human interest 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 placing this set in his or her collection. There are six cards in each of these three sets "Tommy Atkin's Courtship", is a quaint blending of human, burlesque and pathos: No. 6. seems quite serious, with the clinging hand clasp and the "Good bye, sweetheart, good bye!" Humor and burlesque is rrepresented by the "Quiet Corner in the Park", "A Rival in the Field," "A rival on the Field" and "Peace Proclaimed". 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 girl!"

Another humerous set has a familiar title, "The Harvest Girl." In one card entitled "A Cruel Monopoly" we find a characteristic "Johnny" "from the city," cosily ensconsed against a pile of straw, 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 slip, twixt the cheek and the lip". In this "Johnny finds his osculatory advances quite suddenly interrupted by a pitch fork in the hands of one of the above mentioned brawny countrymen.

Among other humerous cards are "Cupids 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 Weston, Mo., recently and found much of historical and archaeological interest. Weston was settled immediately after the Platte Purchase-more than 70 years ago-and was at one time the largest and most important town in the U. S. west of St. Louis. It was the great outfitting point for overland expeditions in the early days. In the immediate vicinity of Weston, is a settlement known as Rialto which is more than 100 years old. It was settled by French and American traders before Major Long's expedition came up the Missouri river in 1819. We heard of many Indian relies having been found near Weston. Peter Suger, the sexton of the cemetery informed us that if 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 Science. We have several interesting Indian relics found at Weston.

The banks of the Smoky Hill river in Western Kansas, not a great distance from the Colorado line, have yielded to the University of Chicago the most perfect specimen of the fossil remains of the platecarpus abruptus on exhibition anywhere in the world. The discoverer of the carpus was S. W. Williston, now of the University of 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 valuable possessions of the school. Mr. Williston, formerly a Manhattan man, found the specimen in the chalk beds of the Smoky Hill last summer and quietly communicated his find to the university and waited for a chance to dig the monster bones from their ancient grave. According to Mr. liston, this rare animal was the terror of the great and small dwellers of the seas in the Cretaceous age. It was covered with stripes and bars of many brilliant colors.

The skeleton of a three toed horse, one of the rarest fossils known to paleontologists, is being mounted by H. T. Martin in the museum of the University of Kansas. This fossil is the connecting link in the evolution of the horse from a five toed animal to the present singletoed or single hoofed form. The skeleton is only three feet in height and has the form of a modern Shetland pony except that it has a smaller hoof on each side 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 years ago.

J. P. Denton of Anthony, has a number of very interesting heirlooms. Among them are four instruments of writing executed by his grandfather, Captain James Craig, and the marriage record of his great grandfather, Robert Craig, made March 1, 1793. The latter is taken from a family Bible considerably more than 100 years old. Another document is a deed executed in 1800 wherein the great grandparents transferred a parcel of land in Washington county, Virginia, to their son. The instrument is written with a quill in a fine steel plate hand and is still in an excellent state of preservation.

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 collecting world.

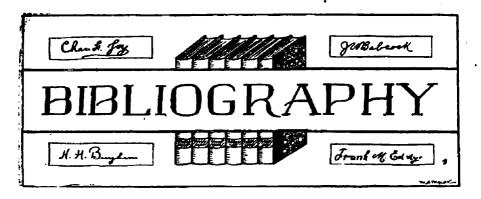


Table Talk of a Book Collector--Catalogitis By a Biblomaniac

The above term is not the name of a new and fashionable disease like appendictis, but a word newly coined by that prince of good fellows and bibliophili. Eugene Field to denote that pleasing pastime and diversion of conning over book dealers' lists. How these do swarm in upon a collector from the ends of the earth.—English, Dutch. French, Itailan, Spanish, in their variegated color lines of green, red, pink, white, crammed full of literary dainties some of them—others barren of tempting items as the gizzard of a cipter. What oceans of valueless junk and vapid inautites many of them contains and what deserts of weary printed pages must be gone over before the eye rests on some bright little oasis of literary nugget, almost hidden in this wilderness of printed page.

The attention thus arrested by some tempting item, the mental struggle and calculation then begins. Shall I order this item—is it strictly in the line of my collecting—is the price such that at any time I 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 matter what their worldly means are, but do not have such thoughts in forming collections of rare books, and in some measure look at this pleasant diversion from a purely speculative standpoint. They reason thus, rare books cost a great deal of money, they represent vast sums of money of practically unproductive capital tied up unless they are sure of their appreciation in value in the meantime and as such they constitute a valuable asset which in a reversal of fortune is easily convertible into cash.

Having fully decided that the item 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 when 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 finding he has quoted it too low politely informs the customer that "it is sold" and lists it at a higher price in his next ilst. Yes! They 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 listlessly my eye was arrested by an item so startling that I almost jumped out of my chair in amazement. "S—'s Indian Wars"—20 shillings!! "Great Caesar's Ghost!" said I, "the item is worth from fifty to one hundred dollars!" Instinctive y I reached for my hat and coat to make a break for the cable office and wire for it, but my agitation soon subsided when I reflected that their list reached me two weeks later than the London 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 ere this been gobbled up by those keen London Americana scavengers, and so it proved. I did tho write to the dealers immediately, offered them \$25.00 for it if they could buy it back from their customer, but they advised that had been sold on the day of the issue of the list to a neighboring dealer, that they had no less than 7 orders for it and even one cablegram from America. LAUS DEI, it wasn't my money anyway.

Now its just this way in the matter of buying old books from dealer's There are a lot of old fogy-back number dealers, who are too lazy to keep abreast of the times, do not study the price Current Sales Lists, are indifferent to the fluctuations and variations of book values. A book that ten years ago they priced at \$2.50 is again priced at \$2.50 tho' in the mean time owing either to the scarcity or active demand by collectors it may have advanced to \$7 50 or even \$17.50. Its right here where the live uptodate book collector with his expert technical knowledge of values gets in his innings, that enables him to buy to advantage and adds a charm and exhibaration to the collection of rare books. Why, its just like picking up dollars in your pathway when you happen on a choice item in an unknowing dealers' list for a few dollars that you know positively you can sell to some collector friend for four times what you paid for it. I noted recently in a Western dealers list a certain work on travels in 3 Vol., quoted at \$6 00-the price was simply absurd. The work sells anywhere from \$15.00 to \$25.00. I wired for it but as usual my luck failed me. Some wide awake collector or dealer who received the list a mail or so sooner than I, secured it.

This is the collector's meed of reward that by patient study and research his technical knowledge in certain lines outwits ordinary professional business knowledge, and it is as it should be, for it is only by the most unremiting study of days, months, years of bibliological helps, aids and manuels and book auction values that enables him to buy to advantage, 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 price and demand.

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 profitless task for the wirter on an average receives fifty 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, Archaeology, and are viciously clipped to pieces and used for bibliographical 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 overlooking to note defects and imperfections. In this case the buyer thinking he is getting a perfect copy at a low price finds to his chagrin that the example is but a poor, soiled or indifferent one. The English are more at fault in this respect than American 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 description. 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.

Fossils and What They Are By L. C. Sparks

Fossilization by Cast and Impressions and by Intiltration.

The majority of fossils to be seen in geological collections are the casts or forms of some animal or vegetable organisms. As the inhabitants of the prehistoric sea were overcome by death or catastrophe they sank to the ocean floor and became covered by deposits of clay, sand etc. Such deposits prevented the access of the oxygen of the air 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 decay 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, sandstone, limestone or other rock formation.

Should mineral laden 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 find silicious fossils in a limestone matrix or a fossil composed largely of iron 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 microscopic and delicate 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 inditration" are the "petrified 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 by mineral matter, the structure remaining unimpaired. Such specimens can be polished and are a valuable addition to a geoligical collection.



ACROSS THE POND



By P. Hardwick

THE JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION at London of British Colonials was opened by Rt. Hon Sydney Buxton Postmastic General at Caxton Hall Westminster on Thursday, March 12th for three days. There was more than a quarter of a million stamps on view, valued at Mr. Melville told me that the display was limited to stamps issued by British Colonies no fewer than 140 Colonies Stamps of all sorts and sizes were there. collection from A New South Wales was valued at \$25,000 and includes what are known as Sidney views showing Botany Bay with the convicts a diving, The Triangular Cape of Good Hope collection is valued at \$10,000 00. One of the most interesting exhibits is the famous New Brunswick 5 cents which cost Mr. Connell the Postmaster his position and \$3000 a year because he defaced the portrait of the late Queen with one of himself. Dr F. W. Abbott's almost complete collection 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 \$300 also sheet of small crown ope penny imperforated Die 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 printed in error in blue instead of black. Mr. L. L. R. Hansburg's magnificent collection contained mostly unused specimens of the one penny black 1854 with a block of 4, also the inverted Swan four penny blue of Western Australia valued at \$2,000.00. H. H. Harland's had practically a complete collection of St. Helena. B. Kirby also had a complete collection of Newfoundland. New Brunswick was shown by Mr E. Welton with some very nice copies of the first threepence and sixpence mint also the 5 cent, brown (Connell). The Gold and silver medal went to Charles W Cave, London and A. R. C. Westlake London, It is estimated that 20,000 to 30,000 visited for the best Junior collection. the Exhibition in the three days.

Dr Rommel of Leipsig Germany, issues a unique paper "Der philatelistische-Litteratur Sannuler", printed in fac simile hand writing; it contains principally wants and offers of Dr. Rommel especially in philatelic literature. No. 7 contains a list of 116 philatelic papers that were being issued at the beginning of 1908. Dr. Rommel desires to hear from all new papers that may be issued.

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

Thomas Cook and George Henry of Bartelesville I T., who recently established a pearl fishing station a few miles south of that city, have found one of the largest pearls ever discovered in this country. It is about the size of a pigeon's egg. Robt Henry president of the Henry Oil Company, has offered \$1 500 for it, but the owners have been informed by local jeweless that it is worth \$3,000. Many oil drillers 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 Monument within 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 extinct geyser channel. The National 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 layer 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 entirely 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 scientific 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 fail to see the above described cave.

TOURING THE WORLD.

Helen is in Scotland; Juila'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 picture post card route.



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 - 77. Walter Kruger, 923 Summer St., Cincinnati. Ohio.
 - 78. S. Kuzuhara, Japan.

RESIGNATIONS.

Members will please take notice that No. 24, Miss Edith E. Page, Phenix, Rhode Island, 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. Arends from c-o Packard & Niece, 1603 Ashland Block to 1981 Fillmore St. Chicago, Illinois.

CORRECTION.

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

INFORMATION WANTED

Any information refering to the complete address of member No. 78, S. Kuzuhara, of Japan, will be thankfully received by the Secretary. This member failed 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. Louis, Mo. To obtain first prize get 5 new members for the Club; second get three new members; third prize, get two new 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 failing to receive reply according to the time limit allowed by our rules, can make application to the secretary of the club for reimbursement for cost of card, plus postage on same under the following conditions: No member will be reimbursed 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 reimbursed at the same time. No member can make claim for more than 25c 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 sending 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 among your card collecting friends. We have one member who has obtained 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 one 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 hustling.

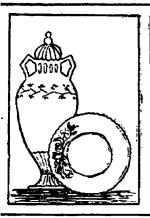
James A. Carr. Jr., Sec'y-Treas.

Coin and Stamp Societies

The Numismtic Society, there are several in the country, but there are dozens of Philatelic Societies. And so with coin and stamp collections. There are perhaps 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 lifty to one hundred thousand dollars.

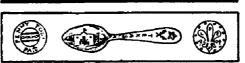
The Numismatic Society is just about holding its fiftieth anniversary in a superb building costing fifty thousand dollars on a plot of ground worth as much more.

They have tifteen thousand dollars invested in good interesting securities and a small debt which will soon be paid off by the generosities of their Excepting the bonds which are the accomulation of Life Membership fees, this splendid showing is made up by donations in the spast few years. Of course, many of its members are rich men, but the roll of the Collectors' Club and the Philatelic Society contains the names of many, mil-During the past ten years many efforts have been made by a few members to interest their fellows in a building enterprise but the work fell flat and the societies are no better off than when they started. It is strange that there should be such a difference in the disposition of collecting men of the same country simply because one is interested in coins and the other in Why don't the stamp men get together and do something for the of the cause and worthy of themselves? Coin men seem to work to accumulate tine collections of some particular line to present to their society. Stamp collectors will not ever busy themselves to give their counterfeits to form a reference book. During the past three months Mr. Charles. Gregory has donated a two thousand dollar collection of Oriental coins and Mr. Daniel 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 only be remembered with the tuilp mania nd other pastimes of a day. - Metropolitan Philatelist.





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A curious hobby is the collection of steel 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 pronged forks. A century or more ago these knives were handled extensively. Some of the old silver pistol handles are beautifully engraved, and many of the ivory handles are richly carved. Mother-of pearl was freely used, and so was china. The pretty decorated handles made at Bow are now valuable and difficult to obtain.

An interesting catalogue of the collection of autograph letters and manuscripts brought together and mounted in a large album by the late Mr. Frederick Locker Lamson, of Rowfant, Sussex, has been issued in New York It will be remembered that the Rowfant Library was sold on block for several tens of thousands of dollars.some of the Shakespeare quartos and other books going to Mr. Dwight Church, of Brocklyn, others to Mr. Van Antwerp. whose library was dispersed in London last March. The autograph album contains in chrouological order letters and documents by Rembrandt, Sir Philip Sidney, Martin Luther, Defoe, Goldsmith Scott and many other conspicuous men. One of the most valuable items is the earliest version and possibly the very first draft of Burns' "Scots wha hae wi" Wallace 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 belonging to the late Mr. A. Hamilton having fetched \$1775 at auction last year when it was bought for the Burns Cottage Museum at Alloway.

Bells are sometimes used for other purposes than that for which they were originally designed. Little bells have frequently been made for decorative purposes as well as articles of utility. A curious ornament was sold for \$4570 dollars in London the other day. It consisted of a drinking cup formed as a Dutchleather boot, mounted with silver gilt neck repousse with flowers, and a small silver bell of 17th 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 curious relies 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 Roman ditch once was, were extremely numerous and interesting.

Collectors of Sheffield plate should beware of buying specimens which have an undoubted new appearance, for many Sheffield candlesticks and other objects, owing to the ignorance of their owners, have been electroplated during recent years. This, of course, can be detected 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 that implements together with tusks of wild boars, have been found in digging on the Brighton Downs.

Another Nelson relic has been discovered. It is a watch, 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 being 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 coremony 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 mixed auction sale held in L on don some very interesting curio changed hands at reasonable prices, three old Worchester vases fetching only 600 and a Rockingham tea service of fortyfive pieces only \$45. At the same sale however a selection of old pewter fetched good prices and several 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 think we can help them for we have had several inquiries recently from collectors wishful to buy.

According to the Dundee Advertisor 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 double handled porringers especially of he Queen Anne and early Georgian periods.

There is some inquiry among collectors for old hand painted fans. If any readers of WEST have any of these old time curios slowed away, they would do well to look them up for there is money in such relics.

During the sale of the late Lord Brampton'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' contained a rare specimen of seventeenth century work, the hot water jug being considered an exceptional specimen of that period. The lot, which started at \$2.10 was after some keen bidding, knocked down to the buyer at \$2000.

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

At a sale of war medals in Edinburg a Victoria Cross, formerly awarded to Private Kennedy of the Highland Light Infantry, changed hards at auction.

ON COLLECTING

Life in this world is a collecting and all the men and women merry collectors. The question is, what will you collect? Most men are intent on collecting dollars. Their waking hours are taken up with inventing plans, methods, schemes, whereby they may secure money from other men. To gather as many dollars as possible and give out as few, is the desidera-But when you collect one thing you incidentally collect others fisherman who casts his net for shad, usually secures a few other fish, and once in a while a turtle, which enlarges the mesh to suit and gives sweet To focus exclusively on dollars is to secure jealousy, liberty to the shad. 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, regrets, 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 others as possible. My heart goes out to the collector-of old books, swords, stamps, coins, pistols, prints, clocks an bock plates, there is 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 beholding, your eye shall glow and your heart warm within you. Inasmuch as we live in an age of specialism one man often collects only books on one subject, Dante for instance, another nothing but volumes printed in Venice, another postage stamps of the British colonies or the German empire; while still another devotes his spare time to securing tobacco pipes, and I am well aware that the man 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 refined 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 collects many things, with easy, natural leanings towards, say, spoons, is pure in heart and free from guile, 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 peculiar spoons than any man on earth. stirs up wrath and rivalry, and is the butt of all others who collect spoons, and a by word. Prosperous, practical, busy people sometimes wonder why other folks build cabinets with glass fronts and strong locks, and therein store postage stamps, autographs, and books that are very precious only when their leaves are uncut; and so I will endeavor to here explain. At the same time I despair of making my words intelligible to any but those who are collectors, or may hap to those who are in the varioloid stage you say I had better not waste good paper by recording the information, since collectors know already, and those who are without the pale have nelther eves to see, nor hearts to incline. Men collect things because these things stir imagination and link them with the people who once used or possessed these things. Thus, through imagination, is the dead past made to live 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 responsibility, 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 This bittle is prepared by covering several crystals of poa cvanide bottle. tassium cyanide with plaster of Paris, dampening the plaster and allowing The fumes of the cyanide fill the bottle and are very poison-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. insects are dead they 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 Moths and butterflies are prepared for mounting by spreading the wings out smooth on a ''stretching board.' This board is made by placing two soft wood pieces on blocks, parallel with each other, leaving a space between them to receive 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. sects after being dried, are placed in shallow boxes, such as cigar boxes, the bottoms of which have been covered with some soft substance, such as sheets of cork, or pieces of cornstalk pith, into which the pins may be easily insert-Moth balls, or some such insect preventative, should be always present in the boxes to prevent the specimens being eaten by other insects.

In one thing we are both agreed—postcards are great money makers—probably the best moneymakers in the world at the present time.

And we have yet to become cognizant of the failure of any postcard dealer who went into the business intelligently, 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 yearly. The same opportunity is before you, and we cannot conceive of a better method of making a start.

Uncle Sam burns quantities of silk, linen, cloth and leather cards every month because a one cent stamp is used and the sender's address is lacking.

The government is encouraging the use of the picture post 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 profits are correspondingly greater.



The 51st monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms 11622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, April 3rd, president V. M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Verkler, Carey, W. F. Dunham, McDonald, V. M. Brand, Brenner, Simp. son, Excell, Blumenschein, Merrill, Chester Dunham, Holmes, Baker, Ripstra, Lewis and Green. 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. Kelly, M. J. Cooney, Wm. Poilin and E. W. Jeffrey. 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. H. Noble & Co. for the cabinet of the Society. Mr. W. F. Dunhaam exhibited a number of United States half dollars, and Mr. V. M. Brand some very fine aurel.

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

Adjourned to meet May 1st, 1908.

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Ben G. Green, Secretry.

A WAY TO COLLECT POST CARDS.

A Danish girl, living in her father's home in Denmark, having probably heard something about Sydney, and anxious to add to her collection of post 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 rural scene of the home in which she lived, the little maiden addressed the card in English: "To the cleverest girl in the biggest school in Sydney, and would she please send a card in return"

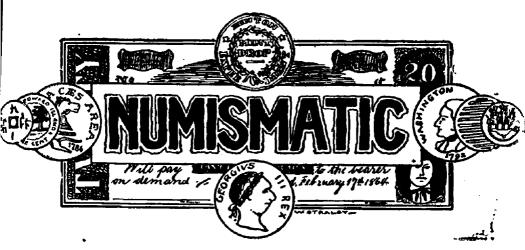
The card was delivered by the postman to the Girl's high school in Elizabeth street. The pupils numbering some 500, are going to forward each a card to their unknown Danish friend

She will therefore receive 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, including Esquimaux scenes, Indian Types and the like.

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

The old headgear which Geronimo, the Indian chief, wore in his last battle with General Miles has been bought by Robert W. Wells of Washington, 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 proceedings to supply its wants, and had ordered the coinage of silver as early as 1661. Lord Baltimore issued coins bearing on the obverse the legend "Caecilis, Dns. Terrae: Marylae: & ct, around a bust of Lord Baltimore, 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 England in the year 1860 for \$362.

The French Government was the first to issue a copper c image for its American possessions. In 1721 the Mint sent over a small copper coin for use in Louisiana having for its obverse a Double "L" the initial of the Monarch's name, crowned, with the legend Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum. The same legend is found on a large portion of the coins of the monarch. Louis XV. The reverse was simply the legend Colonies Francoises, 1721. The second issue of this coin was in 1722, after which it did not appear again until 1767, when it was enlarged and the metal reduced in quality, so that we have a larger coin at that period, of nearly 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 coining various copper pieces for use in Ireland The grant was made for a period of fourteen years, and the quantity limited to 360 tons of copper The money issued by Wood was certainly more beautiful than had before appeared in English dominions, but its small 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 money failed in Ireland, and large quantities of it were sent on speculation to America, where it no doubt, probably failed also. Some of them were in circulation in the U. S. as late as 1860.

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address all communications to the Secretary. Application blanks and particulars furnished free upon request by any of the officers or representatives:

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

Members are required to answer all cards promptly. 2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.

3. Always enclose return postage when sending carde or letters to the Translation Department,

Always encisse return postage when writing for information of any kind Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn. The society gives as a premium, five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured,

and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.

7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new membeships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

8. Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive The WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of The UNION. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under

obligations to send you the paper.

9. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.

10. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to answer your the invited that cards under no obligations to reply.

cards by giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinqueuts. Members in the Uhited States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico

dies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three months;

11. We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish any one with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail fists when published to all sending postage. [The last list was published May 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.]

12. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The UNION.

NOTICE.

April 15th, 1908.

After our report is completed each month, it is carefully gone over and all mistakes are corrected before it is transmitted to the printer for publication. 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 printed It is our desire to have our report rect in every detail, but we cannot assume the responsibility for typograph. ical errors 43+i

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The following members have secured one or more new counts during the month just ended: 546 Pierson Hardwick, new points 1. total points 1. 931. W. Kay Fetter, new points 1, total points 4. 550. H. Wilder new points 1, total points 1. 1291. Walter Krueger, new points 2, total points A. J. Lins, new points 1, total points 2. 4 1362 2 Charles S. Atta jides, new points 4, total points 4. 1400. Mrs O. P. Skyfor, new points W. L. McMillen, new points 1, total points 1. total points 1. 1462. AMONG OUR MEMBERSON A PT38 TEGET

Pierson Fardwick, 34 Chesham Bidgs. Grosvenor Square, London, England, is now a representative of Koh & Company's Post Card Exchange, of Singapore, Straits Settlements, and will be pleased to send garticulars that club to those sending a 1 cent stamp for postage basis !!

629. Miss Edena May Carroll, Hox 847 San Marcost Texas, is making a specialty of views of churches.

Fred Hauselt, Olaa, Hawaif, desires to Ifmit his texchange to members outside of the United States only ward with what were

Carlo Zeimet, P. O. Box 1613, New York, N. Y., Calls to our attention a large number of printer's mistakes in the Foreign Code which has been published in the last two numbers of the WEST We are certainly sorry that such an occurrence has taken place, and hi order that no reflection may be cast upon Mr Zeimet's ability; we assure our members that the code was grammatically correct in every detail when it was sent to the print? shop. Mr. Zeimet is alvery accurate and competent translator, and the society regrets exceedingly, the moorrect way in which the code he so kindly compiled, appeared before the eyes of our members.

Mrs. C. P. Saylor, 415 Shipley Street, Wirmington, Delawate, would like to exchange with foreign members only in future:

RENEWALS.

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2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange,

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that you wish your name withdrawn. 6. The society gives as a premium, five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured,

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7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new membeships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

8. Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive The WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of The UNION. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under

obligations to send you the paper.

9. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.

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

11. We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish any one with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage; [The last list was published May 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.]

12. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The UNION.

NOTICE.

April 15th, 1908.

After our report is completed each month, it is carefully gone over and all mistakes are corrected before it is transmitted to the printer for publication. 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, of will be, sometimes incorrectly printed. It is our desire to have our report correct in every detail, but we cannot assume the responsibility for typograph. ical errors. A. M. M.

ROLL OF HONOR. Our Five Leaders.

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Points to date: -916. L. W. Dison, 21. 903. Amaido Ghisla. 13 5 868. Mrs. John Hoffman, 7. 1135. G. T. Griffin, 7. 486. Dr. W. P. Taylor, 6.

The following members have secured one or more new points during the month just ended: 548 Pierson Hardwick; new points I, total points 4. 931. W. Kay Fetter, new points 1, total points 4. 990. H. C. Wilder, new points 1, total points 1. 1291. Walter Krueger, new points 2, 10tal boints A. J. Lins. new points 1, total points 2 1 1362 Charles S. Apa 62 jides, new points 4, total points 4. 1400 Mrs C. P. Saylor, new points 1 total points 1. 1462. W. L. McMillen, new points 1, total points 1. AMONG OUR MEMBERSON & PTRE TROOP!

Pierson Pardwick, 34 Chesham Bildgs. "Grosvenor Square, Long." 546 England, is now a representative of Koh & Company's Post Card Exchange. of Singapore, Straits Settlements, and will be pleased to send particulars that club to those sending a 1 cent stamp for postage based of the

629. Miss Edena May Carroll, Hor 84, San Marcos Peras, is making a specialty of views of churches.

Fred Hauselt, Olaa, Hawaii, desires to Think his "exchange to members outside of the United States only more than the color

Carlo Zeimet, P. O. Box 1613, New York, N. Y. Cails to our attention a large number of printer's mistakes in the Foreign Code which has been published in the last two numbers of the WEST. It We are certainly sorry that such an occurrence has taken place, and in order that no reflection may be cast upon Mr Zeimet's ability, we assure our members that the code was grammatically correct in every detail when it was sent to the printities Mr. Zeimet is a very accurate and competent translator, and the society regrets exceedingly, the moorrect way in which the code he so kindly compiled, appeared before the eyes of our members.

Mrs. C. P. Saylor, 415 Ship'ey Street, Wilmfrigton, Delaware, would like to exchange with foreign members only in future:

RENEWALS.

- 447. J. A. Blair, Box 818, Edmouton, Alta, Canada.
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 - M. M. Graborch, Esbon, Kanass. Christian church buildings only. 1019, Arthur W. Odell. 9 Pokiok Road, St. John, N. B. Canada.
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1426 Guy Flaig, 416 Walnut St., Danville, Ky. 1427, Q. Deane Eppley, La Boca, Canal Zone, Panama.—No comics.

1428 Ulmont Stewart, L. B. 118, Westport, Ind. - Scenery and monuments, colored.

1429. Miss Alice McDevitt, 18 Oakwood Ave., Orange, N. J.

1430. P. D. Pavlides, Anatolia College, Marsovan, Turkey in-Asia. Mrs. Robert Hocket, 11 North Main St., Janesville, Wisc.

, 1432. Jrod. Repanides, Anatolia College, Marsovan, Turkey-in-Asia.

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Miss Nell Yeager, 420 Fairmont Ave., Sunbury, Pa.

1435 S. Waltersdorph Jacobsen, Marstrandsgade 21-I, Aarhus, mark. - Will always send first. ιΛ , h

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Chr. S. Josephides, Kerassunde, Black Sea, Turkey-in-Asia. 1438 . С. П. M. Partridge, Millers Falls, Mass. 1439.

16 1440. John H. Allen, Redland, La. - Upright colored views preferred.

L. C. Menendez, 1413 15th, Ave. Ybor City, Tampa, Fia. 1441.

£ 1442. G. C. Menendez, 1413, 15th Ave. Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.

Mrs. L. Caine, Victoria St., Bunbury, West Austraila. 1443. John O. Hagen, Hendrum, Minn.

o. 1444. Geo. Falk, 1616 Humboldt St., Bellingham, Wash. 1445.

_{1.}1446. Clifford M. Gillies. 332 6th Ave. W., Calgary, Alta., Canada.

a. 1447. Walter Rowe, 415 Mill St., Greensburg, Pa. - Foreign only.

1448. L. C. Steinbring, 60 Caselli Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

1449. Miss Alice Long, 209 N., Fourth St., Sunbury. Pa.

W. A. Brushoff, 1272 Selby Ave., St. Paul., Minn.-Foreign pre-1450. ferred.

Geo. E. Walker, Box 353, Holdenville, Okla. 1451.

Jos. W. Coby, Carlisle & Randall Sts., Latonia, Ky. 1452.

C. C. Casteel, 503 Walnut St., Elmwood Place, Cincinnati, O. 1453.

1454. E. B. Beans, Fallsington, Paule and the control E. J. Runner, Stapley, Kans, Will always send first. 1455.

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- Loren M. Goddard, McKinney, Texas. No comics. ___ 1456.
- R. J. Urbanus, 876 Osgood St., Chicago, III. 1457.
- 1458. W. V. Cromwel, R. F. D. 4, Box 48, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Theo. Heyl, 336 E. 66th St., New York, N. Y. 1459.
- William Huxel, 315 E 65th St., New York, N. Y. 1460.
- 1461. John N. Mugler, Fremont, O.-No comics.
- W. L. McMillen, Osborne, Kans. 1462.
- 1463 Jno. H. Kaiser, Box 166, Ada, Okla.
- Fred B. Lloyd, Emporium, Pa. 1464
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- 1470. Drury DeMoss, Osborne. Kans.
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 - James D. Emery, 1801 Main St., Little Rock, Argenta Sta., Ark. .472. CHANGE OF ADDRESS.
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- 1283. Miss Rose Hohenstein, from 596 E. Walnut Park, to 1097 South Main Street, Meadville, Pa.
 - 1303. Miss Elsle Fox, from Miller St., to 116 10th St., Sunbury, Pa.
- 1400. Mrs. C. P. Saylor, from 55 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C., to 415 Shipley St., Wilmington, Del.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

The following memberships will expire during the month of May. We hall greatly appreciate a prompt renewal in each case. The membership e after the first year is but 50 cents, including The WEST: 450, 491, 507, \$2, 1135, 1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158, 1159, 1160, 1161, 1163. 1164, 1165, 168, 1167, 1168, 1169, 1170, 1171 and 1172.

TO HIDE RELICS OF VANISHED GREATNESS.

The Pantheon of the Spanish colonies, a pavilion in the Retiro of Mahid, 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 contains are to be scatered 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 people he ocular evidence of the empire dissipated by Spanish misrule. nteresting part of the exhibit related to the Phillipines.

It is said that the Sevres vases with applegreen grounds fetch the high-We wonder whether any of our readers have any of these choice pecimens stowed away answhere?



..Camera News..

Editor-F. J. Clute, San Francisco





HOW TO FORM ONE—Taken from an English paper.
(Continued from last issue)

To such people the Postal Photographic Club is a veritable boon, placing as it does, the assistance of other workers 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 convey the portfolio and all that it brings with it to their very doors

And the help rendered by a really good 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 nearly 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 to consider the details of the scheme required for the establishment of such a Club.

In the first place the general plan may be outlined. A Postal Photographic Club consists of a certain number of members who pay a small subscription, in return for which they are banded together for mutual interest and aid. This mutual help is carried out by means of a circulating portfolio, which goes the rounds of all the members, being forwarded from one to another by Parcel 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 perhaps sending it on carriage free, while another leaves the cost to be defrayed by the recipient. If all are compelled to use the Parcel Post no difficulties as to cost of carriage can occur.

The subscription is a matter of personal opinion on the part of the Secretary, the author has found 50c entrance fee, and 75c annual sufficient to cover all expenses. There are Clubs which only levy a subscription of 60c on their members, but it is far better, 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 expensive than others.

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).

Nebraska Camera Club Founded January 1898

830. xx Scybert C. Miles, Auburn, Nebr. 831. x M. M. Rishel, Mc-Cook. 832 xCarl Bergman, R. F. D. 3, Sutton. 833 x John Balz, Omaha, Nebr., 3806 Burt. 834. J Kelly, Omaha, 2554 St. Mary's Ave. 835. Dent Holcomb, Clay Cinter. 836. xxR F. Riddell, Dorchester. 837. R. Mc-Millan, Omaha, 4320 Grant.

Stripping Films .- by E. F. Lange

The controversy regarding the relative merits of plates and films has requently waxes warm, but is a question which perhaps will always be settled according to individual needs, as has been done in the past.

The serious difficulty with plates is their weight and liability to break-Amateur photographers who follow a vocation like teaching. meps them on the move, soon discover this difficulty. Negatives accumuate, which are too good to throw away, and too troublesome to move is tilms, but some prefer the plates despite this disadvantage. ulty may be remedied Prepare two per cent solutions each of formaldehyde, sodium fluoride, and sulphuric acid. Soak the negative, dry or wet, a the formaldehyde solution to toughen the gelatine film. The negative hould remain in the solution about ten minutes and then dipped into water to rinse the formaldehyde from it. Then soak about ten minutes in the soflum fluoride solution and place it directly, without rinsing, into the sul-The film almost immediately leaves the glass. After five binutes rinsing in fresh water the film may be squeezed on to a clean ferro-When it is dry, it readily peels off and you have a perfect negaive in a very thin film of gelatine, which is almost weightless, very tough, ind which can be filed away between the leaves of a book. It also possesses dvautages in single transfer carbon printing and in double printing. not best however, to use the process on negatives larger than 4x5, as the elatine of the larger sizes buckles slightly and becomes troublesome op , the errotype plate.

An Index of Magazine Articles. Another good friend writes to say that he has a plan which he considers better than the one unally recommended by which to note such articles in the magazines as one may desire to refer to ater. He secures an index book or eard system from the stationer, and when reading a magazine, the titles of such articles are marked into the intex, together with the name of the publication, date and page. Such a clan makes the articles more accessible than does reference to magazine intexes, and makes it easy for one to go to the closet and pick out the required number.

Making faces is the photographer's occupation, some pleasant, some wry, ome grouts, some idiotic.—A. Bozardus.

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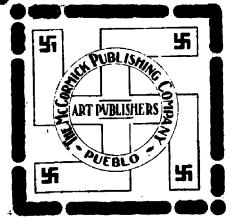
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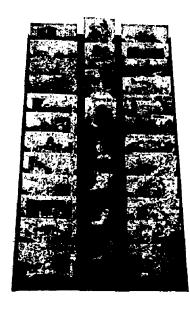
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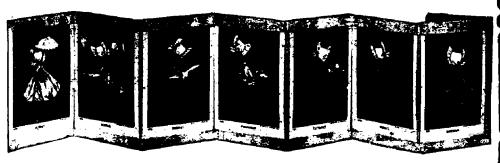
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his is the first issue of the WEST for a good many years that was not under the strict observance of the owner and manager, Mr. L. T. Brodstone. There will be two more issues before he will return, as he is now in London and expects to be absent about three months. Part of this issue has been under his supervision, and coming as we did in the middle of it we have not come quite up to the standard, and there are some errors of which we wish to speak.

The important one is that of the division of the ad of Messrs. Gilbert & Koeler of Paris, France in which the list of prices of Fiscals at the bottom of the ad was cut off and placed in the next column, in one page of this issue. We discovered the error in time to get the ad together and reprint it in another page. In order to close up the magazine on time we are compelled to print a few back page ads in the front with stamp ads, notably the half page ad of Robert Rhone, advertising Lumierre Plates, Papers and Chemicals, and we ask the indulgence of Mr. Rhone and our readers for this discrepancy. Also we wish to call attention to the center pages of the magazine, where it was necessary for us to use the report of the Union Souvenir Card Exchange as it came in after all the available space had been used and printed. We will try to avoid mixing things in next issue.

We will be glad to have our readers and advertising patrons send in their copy as early in the month as possible for the July issue, as we must get out on time. We will give all correspondence careful attention, and take care of the advertisers and friends of the magazine as carefully as we can, and give the best service possible. We shall use our best endeavors to bring the next issues of the WEST fully up to the standard, and if the friends of the magazine can help us out. we will be glad to hear from them.

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(Continued from last issue).

The topic of stamped bank checks is not yet exhausted 352.Walter Bain of St. Louis, was so kind as to write the following: "One of the stockholders and a director in the American Phototype Co., N. Y., and the first man to use stamp printed checks gave me the following history of The American Phg. Co. secured a contract with the Government to print stamps on checks, drafts, etc., under the supervision of a representative of the Treasury Dept. and they made up a design of their current 2c bank check orange (adhesive) and placed it in a black frame to correspond with the regular blanks then used, which generally had a heavy 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 delivered 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 having this exclusive 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 officials 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 imprifit 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 es-After the expiration of the first contract the Government authorized various firms as stamp printers in various sections of the country under supervision 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 Mr. Bain thinks that possibly some more facts can be learned from Mr. Birch's sons. The dates of the Photo. Co's, two contracts and their expiration, for instance, are such facts which it would be very desirable to know.

Mr. J. D. Bartlett, of Springfield, Mass, kindly wrote the following: "The American Phototype Co. of N. Y., first held the contract of printing stamped paper, and you will find in the Report 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, receipts and other instruments furnished them by parties who desired such, at a cost of 12½c per thousand to the government, all additional cost not to exceed it per impression containing 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 the stamps. I might mention here that Sterling's design "C" is wrongly placed in his catalogue. This design was the first used by Carpenter and Butler of Philadelphia and should be included under the Philadelphia design (not N. Y.)"

From these and other statements we might draw the conclusion that possibly there are two designs copied from the 2c 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 1868. I have seen neither 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 catalogue to spare, or a copy of the check with the St. Louis design, Sterling's Series "O."

- 412. Why are some 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 varieties, as no two establishments will ever produce quite identical outputs. Another 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 U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which turns out products of the highest quality small variations in shades, in the texture of paper and other slight differences can be noted from time to time. In Colombia 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 account 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 Switzerland are to be withdrawn and other designs are to be issued in their place? There is a rumor to that effect, but I have not heard of anything definite.
- 415. Are the Austrian Jubilee stamps lithographed or engraved? I think they are both, but I am not informed as to the exact process 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.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT. April 27, 1908.

The sixth regular meeting of the K. C. S. C. so far this year was called to order at 8:45 p. m., Friday, March 27,1908 with the following attendance: Messrs. Nelson, Brocesky, Poindexter, Luther, Rouse, Franke, Davis, Woodward, D. Malcolmson, Foulk, Hayum and Louffe. Mr. Leon Crowl was present as a visitor. Minutes of meeting held Friday March 13, 1908 were read and approved. Mr. Luther reported that progress was being made in regard to the sign for our new location. Promissory notes to the value of twelve dollars due July 1, 1908 and bearing six per cent interest were issued The issue was subscribed for by the members present. by the treasurer. The sales superintendent urged the members to place books of their duplicates in the sales department for circulation. A cross country walk to Merriam, Kansas (14 miles) was proposed. The idea met with favor and after considerable discussion it was decided to make the trip on the third 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 payment 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 onl, one prize costing fifteen cents will be awarded to the lucky drawer at each meeting. 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 value and the stamp issues of the various states would become more interesting after the political events often giving rise to them were explained. 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 various country's stamps. A motion by Mr. Hayum limiting the business 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 City Stamp Club of the present season was called to order by President Rouse at 8:21 p. m., Friday, April 10, 1908. Roll call revealed the following thirteen members present: Messrs. Sutorius, Nelson, Brocesky, Poindexter. Luther. Rouse, Franke' Gavis, Woodward, D. Malcolmson, J. Malcolmson, Loufier and Crowl. The

minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with. Mr. Luther reported that the sign for our new location was being made. Committee on perma nent club room in the new Y. M. C. A. building reported progress. cussion of the proposed cross country walk to Merriam, Kansas, was post poned until the next meeting. Upon motion by Mr. Nelson it was voted unanimously to make the following changes in the society's meetings: first meeting 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 collection, exchanging duplicates and enjoying such entertainment as our host may have prepared for the evening. The first meeting under the new regime will be held at the home of Messrs D and J. Malcolmson, Friday evening April 24, 1908 in response to their invitation and future social meetings at the homes of other members 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 treasurer rendered his report for March, which was referred to the executive committee for auditing. Other business of less 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 select his own stamps. As no appropriation from the treasury will be made for the stamp drawing held at the second (social) meeting of the month owing to the new ruling the old plan of two prizes was reverted tothe first prize to cost twenty cents and the second ten cents net. (the club's fifth) was then held amid considerable uproar. The last ticket from the hat No. 24 was held by Mr. Sutorius who received the prize, a two dollar Columbian 1893 in mint condition It was the opinion of Mr. Sutorius that this feature of our meetings was a fine thing. They will be con-The meeting then adjourned to meet again Friday April 24, 1908.

The eighth regular meeting of the Kansas City Stamp Club of this year was called to order at 8:56 p. m., Friday April 24. 1908 at the home of Messrs D. and J. Malcolmson, president Rouse presiding and the following eleven members being present: Messrs. Sutorius, Nelson, Poindetxer, Luther, Rouse, Davis, Woodward, D. Malcolmson, J. Malcolmson, Hayum and Crowl. Minutes of meeting held April 10, 1908 were read by the secretary and accepted without change. The proposed cross county walk was abandoned. secretary was instructed to make a written application to the secretary 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. Communications from Mr. Edward Hoffman and Mr. Henry Smith in which they tendered their resignations were read by the secretary but action upon same was suspended until the It was the opinion of the secretay that members next regular meeting. when resigning should surrender their membership card, but some opposition being made, no action toward making this a rule was carried. Next meeting in the Dillenbeck school of oratory, Friday May 8, 1908. The remainder of the evenng was spent very enjoyably, piano, graphophone and refreshments all helping to make and keep everyone merry until a late hour. A contest arranged by the younger Malcolmson called for the naming of the country and denomination of thirteen stamps, the portraits making up the central part of the design of each being all that was shown. The prize, the one peso value of the 1899 issue of Mexico was won by the secretary, who correctly named twelve. Messrs. Poindexter and Growl closely followed with eleven to their credit. Respectfully submitted,

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 amount, 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 periodicals being received as issued will be posted on the wails at future meetings also. Respectfully,

Arthur L. Nelson, Librarian.

Carl S. Davis, Treas. K. C. S. C. No. 34.

Arthur L Nelson, Secretary.

The Kansas City Stamp Club Financial Statement from Jan 1, to May 1, 1908:

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

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Charles Roemer, San Antonio Tex

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 I think a few words in regard to this event, will be As previously mentioned, the Southern Philatelic Association will convene at Columbus, 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 flies with one lick, so to speak. The change of the month 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 officers that there is not the least doubt in regard to the success.

Members in doubt about anything appertaining 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 whom it may concern, I wish to call the attention to the follow-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, providing no objection will be filed. during that period.

Before closing 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. firm which bid freely at the last sale, to remit the amount due this Dept., I have been unable to meet 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 firm, which bid on lots and crowded out other bidders, but failed 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 Secretary the names of those, whom they wish, should serve for the ensuing year as the officers of the S. P. A., this is very important, and the duty of every member to attend to this at their earliest possible convenience.

A RECRUITING 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 you? 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 recruiting committee or the Secretary and get some blanks and get that collector you have been exchanging with.

Tell him that we need him and he needs the association and he will come when you enumerate a few of the advantages

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. Chairman.

INSURANCE FUND.

Are you a participant in the Sales Department? If not, you should be. You are missing a snap by not doing so. Do not hesitate to write me any matter concerning the Department.

Respectfully 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. Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 6. H. A. Diamant, 208 210 N. Main St., St. Louis, Mo.
- 7. Wm. S. F. Pierce, 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. H. Hollenbach, 325 Elm St., Reading, Pa.

APPLICATIONS.

- 1. K. B. Squires, Greenport, Long Island, N. Y., 26, Oyster grower, L. Brodstone, Joseph Ogle.
 - 2. W. E. Goodell, 828 Cumberland 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, lumber dealer, Charles Roemer, R. L. Doak.
- 5. E O. Allen, Shreveport, Box 481, La, chief of police, L. Brodstone, H. S. Powell.
- 6. Benjamin H. Datyon, 6 Irving St., Albany, N.Y., 24, clerk, W. H. Stephenson, R. L. Doak.
- 7. Atwood A. Hyde, c o Washington Iron Works, Sherman, Texas,25, bookkeeper, Charles Roemer, F. Z. Edwards.

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Dear Members:—I am pleased to note the active work that has been existing 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 officers 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 you desire to become a member of one of America's up to date associatious, send 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 and send in their nominations AT ONCE in order that ballots and proxies can be mailed at an early date.

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

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

Hoping to hear from all,

Fraternally,

R. L. Doak, Sec'y.

GEORGIA STAMP CLUB. Branch No 1., S. P. A, Fitzgerald, Ga.

President, S. C. Davis; Vice-president, Van Martin; Sec'y-treas, W. F. Osborne; Exchange Manager. L. L. Dickerson; Librarian, L. C. Glover.

The forty-fifth regular meeting of the Georgia Stamp Club was called to order at 8:00 p. m.. April 17th with President Davis in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Librarians report received and filed. Exchange Manager made his report for the past month as follows: Books received since March 15th, \$37.18. 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 every member would place books in the exchange Application of James M. Saunders for membership was received 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.

W. F. Osborne, Sec'y.

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 Department of Ordro:

Sir:—Considering that the issue of 5 and 10 centavos stamps is totally exhausted in the P. O of your city, the chief executive of the nation, with the purpose of preventing any inconvenience or delay in the public service, has authorized you to order the Director of the Public Treasury to provide the P. O. with the sum of 300 to 400 bolivianos in revenue (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, transmitting the respective notice to each one of the other 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 many 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 1899 5 values of the issue 1894(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. stands for Estado Fedral. The 50 and 100c are said to have been so treated and used too, but the latter, the use, is doubted.

About the later issues little need be said. The stamps of 1899 with portrait of General Sucre do credit to the Argentine stamp factory. The issue of 1901 has the following portraits: 1c. Ad. Ballivian; 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. Pando. His portrait has not yet appeared on any of the Bolivian stamps.

The story of the Bulivian "Impresos" stamps is too good to withhold, and so will give it as told by the often quoted P L. of A. Vol J X. p. 21. "Stanlev Gibbons Monthly Journal" is there quotted thus:

"The stamps represented by the above illustration have turned out to be absolute forgeries; or rather, as one cannot say there is a forgery of a stamp that has never existed, they are bogus labels altogether. we can gather, the history of the stamps are as follows: The first intimation of them, we believe was at the Paris Philatelic Exhibitions of last year. A frame was exhibited 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 yond a doubt, by the aid of Monsieur J. B Moans and Messrs. T. Buhl & Co., that they are absolutely bogus The Bolivian Legation in Paris deny any knowledge of such stamps, and there is no doubt that the man who sold them, namely Mr R Moens, of Paris, entirely originated and out this bold swindle One fact that led us to have some additional faith in these stamps was, that on April 5th last we received from Bolivia a parcel of them supposed to be sent us in the ordinary way to be exchanged for other, set or packet. These copies had various postmarks; 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 Bollivia to be posted to us. Moens must have dated it at the time he wrote it without thinking. esteemed confrere. Monsieur 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, and trust we shall be able to obtain the greater part of the £80 paid for the stamps we bought from R. Possibly by next month we shall be able to give our readers more information on this subject. In the mean time, however, 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 series 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 to show to what extent we have been swindled. containing these stamps should be marked in the bottom left-hand corner with the word "Rolivia," 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 care should have been taken by the Committee of the Paris Exhibition to ascertain that the stamps were a bona fide Government exhibit. - We consider that this is the cleverest swindle that has been perpetrated on the philatelic public since that archswindler Van Dyck palmed off on many dealers and collectors the reprints of New South Wales."-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 10c 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: Autofagasta 10 20, 30 and 50c, all blue, Climba black (no value) and blue (no value). Coripata red (no value) and Corococo blue (no value). The latter four are all of the year 1873, the first four of 1878. Their types are not described. The prices are rather high for these locals (\$7.50 to \$18.75); the regular issues are cheap.

Yvert and Teiller list only 38 revenue stamps for Bolivia in their "Catalogue de Timbres Fiscanx" and they 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 get them and so start a fiscal stamp collection. By doing so they will find that in 1891 postage stamps (issues 1887 1893) were used as revenues, making it clear that in all those stamps which were used for both purposes it is important to pay 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, 2c,5c 1887, 1c,5c,10c 1891 and the 20c 1893—It would be more than foolish, if we wanted to blame the Bolivians for such a double use of their stamps, after the United States have done the very same thing, surcharging the 1 and 2c postage 1895 with the letter "I R" and thereby changing them into revenues, which

were used until a temporary scarcity of the regular revenues could be oversome.

BRAZIL.

Hardly had the Spanish discoverers announced their find 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 Dutch, 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 Portuguese and the official language of the country is the Portuguese language. Whilst the Spaniards were primarily concerned in finding the precious metals, the Portuguese devoted themselves to settlement and agriculture. They entered into treaties with the natives, in which Caramaru (man of tire), a singular character, was of particular ser-This Caramaru was a Portuguese nobleman. He was shipwrecked and succeeded in gaining the coast, 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 influence, as well as to the pursuit of peaceful enterprises of the Portuguese settlers, is due the peaceful settlement of Brazil as compared with the bloody conquests of the Spaniards in Peru. Equador and Bolivia. Had it not been for criminals and fugitives from justice the settlement might have been more peaceful still, but Portugal as other countries in those times emptied part of its penitentiaries to populate its colonies. There was some friction between the colonists, and several times (even recently) there were riots and rebellions, nevertheless Portuguese America compares favorably with Spanish America, and it remained a monarchy long after Spanish America had dissolved into the many turbulent republics, a few of which we have already considered in these columns.

Brazil is a vast country, measuring some 2600 miles in length and 2500 in breadth with about 4000 miles of sea coast, and its population approaches is million of various and mixed nationalities. The natural resources are rich and varied, and though their utilization is yet far from being fully developed Brazil is a rich country, which is capable of producing not only what it needs for domestic use, but also a good surplus for export. Education in many parts is yet inadequate and the indolence of the people, especially in the northern 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 rivers afford abundant means for cheap transportation, and railroads are being built at a fair rate carrying other modern improvements with them.

Originally the settlement consisted of many separate colonies on private grants. In 1549 they were united under one general governor, Thome de Sousa being the first appointed. In November 1807 the Prince Regent, who later became King Don Joao VI fled from Portugal and with the royal family took refuge in Brazil against the invasion of Portugal 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. ascended the throne.

(To be continued).

Foreign Revenues -- by Oscar G. Hartmann

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

Mexico has furnished in its days good sized stamps as large as the shin plasters of the U. S. Civil war. The dimensions are varied, for instance 63x47, 46x60 etc. On the other hand Brazil 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 occupying 75 pages in the revenue catalog. Of course Argentine is no small country and it's states have all their own issues. Outside the federal issues the province and capital Buenos Ayres have done their share. The symbol 2 hands clasped with a stick on which is a cap resting, you find often. On the guia de campana you see the head of a horse sheep, cattle depicted. The high pesos of 1869 Buenos Ayres are said to be very, very scarce. The isuing of so many documentary, nearly every year a set of 34 ranging from 5 cent to 500 pesos has done a great deal to add to the great number of revenue stamps. Tobacco, testaments, fishing, food supply, soap, spirits, etc need 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, opium, spirits, tobaco, lockseal, meat industry are special branches of the U.S. revenue line.

Spain and its Colonies (Cuba, Philippines, Porto Rico which are now since 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 distinguished 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 piata—1 peso, and 1000 milesimas de peso—1 peso. Takes a financier to figure out the cash. The war stamp (impueta de guerra) are really only revenue stamps and not postage. Spain is the only country where the National Philatelic Society 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 only occupies twenty three pages which is not bad for all the different states are included. All straight issues and designs varied enough to make an attractve collection.

Austria Hungarv with its 12 pages can make no big claim, but for variety you can find lithographed, typographed and wood cut all in one early series. Hungary made up in various watermarks. The Austrian revenues have a tendency to curl up which can only be overcome by scraping that gum off. or you will find a nice copy later on with a corner broken off, or not to seak 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 variety of taxes 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 only 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 with the first, second, third and fourth quarter respectively. The people must be used down there to use revenues or they must be afraid of crookedness. The study of revenues gives you the inside of the various ways, how people on the other side of the world progress or are tax ridden. A pastime or study well worth taking up.

Boost Stamp Collecting--by G. R Sharp

Of late years, 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 1908-1909 be a campaign for the advancment of Philately. Let this campaign start with the American Collectors Associations convention, which is to be held in the latter part of July, 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 appointed from the principal philatelic societies to make arrangements for the event. A good sized pamphlet could be published for this occasion only, which would outline the benefits of stamp collecting, which would contain a list of the majority of the important philatelic societies and the members. In the back pages could be given over 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 broadcast throughout the country and with it could go a good sized packet of stamps. The leading stamp periodicals could be invited to print special issues to be distributed and to give certain low rate subscription offers for a certain length of time. Dealers would be asked to bring forth their best offers. Different stamp societies could give offers to severe new members.

The expense of carryng out this plan, would no doubt assume large proportions but societies and collectors in all probability be glad to send in small subscriptions, for the benefits derived would be many. The three most important 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 year. Catalogues may be had free on application to the United Stamp Company, 1149 Marquette Bldg, Chicago; Toledo Stamp Co, Toledo, Ohio; B. L. Voor hees 1319 Lawrence Ave. Chicago, Ilis; and others.



Jamoan Stamps and Robert Louis Jtevenson--An Appreciation

By Verna Weston Hanway

(Continued from last issue).

The local conditions stirred Stephenson strongly. As an Englishman he wanted Great Britain to reform them; and as an Englishman, perhaps it would be more correct to say Scotsman, he had the natural longing to dwell under his own flag. No country is ever quite like one's own; he regretted to see the British Empire, 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 (1890 94), political conditions have undergone a marked but no sur prising change. The Samoan group of Islands were, in 1900 portioned between Germany and the 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 philatelically edifying; with surcharges and yet more surcharges they do not form a particularly pleasing field. They admirably record the political travail through which she passed. The design and coloring are not such as will combine to make up stamps which can be termed genes of art but this is a detail of small moment as philatelists are not amateur or connoissuers. The stamps are simply characteristic and viewed as such they are appropriate philatelic emanations from the South Seas.

The first stamp of the series "Samoa Express" is quaint; the second depicting the bread fruit tree(at least we will term it so, information to the contrary being lacking), is one which we classify as appropriate; the next is also appropriate as a stamp representing a polite fiction, i. e., a county ruled by a king. A shadow of royal authority this!—the vainness of regal vestments, and the old, old sadness of princely blood. The last design is significant.—immensely so! Then the equally significant trail of surcharges, everprints, the whole vexing and wretched botch, and we have an impressionistic 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 King of Samoa" transacting the postal business. As usual stamps were prepared for use and used, and mail was forwarded to its destination. But Mr. Davis united the business of stamp peddler with his somewhat more high sounding one. He sold any stamps he chose, used or unused. The proceeds went directly into his pockets. Later, when by the trend of event he was superseded, a new order of things of course prevailed, but the mischief had been done. After his death a few years ago a large number of remainders were sold to a dealer at Sydney, New South Wales, for a sum a very great deal below face value.

There are other scandals as well, to which the quotations on Samoan

stamps eloquently attest. When used stamps of comparatively recent years command higher prices than unused the incident is significant. enough letter writers in Samoa, 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 fruitless efforts of Stevenson, and an ache 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 pa-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 received complaint from several new members that some dealers have made a practice of sending unsolicited selections of stamps This system should be discouraged in the best interests of all concerned and names of dealers practicing such tactics should be reported to the Secretary who will take steps to put an end to it if possible. The best method-of treating these dealers is to require them to forward sufficient stamps for return registration.

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

NEW MEMBERS.

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The Ivalage Stamp No 22, edited by Mr. E. J. Nankivell, F.R. P.S.L. asks the glazition "Are Stamp Dealers necessary?" and answers the question affirmatively-for the "would be successful philatelic weekly"-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 ahead. The whole paper is so spicily written and so full of suggestions that it cannot fail to interest and benefit the feader.

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

"I don't like Lucy Sanford, mother."

"Why not, Julia?"

"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." said Mrs. Meldon, drily, "perhaps she is a good as you are."

"Oh, I mean that she thinks she ought to move in the same society that I move in and be talked to and admired as much as myself. Which is presumptuous don't you think?"

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 Alexandria."

"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, Julla, my advice to you is that if you want to win Mr. Morse you will be friendly to Lucy. Invite her here, and be her chum Being Lucy's friend will recommend you to him."

"I guess you are right, mother," said Julia after a moment's thought, "I'll do as you say"

After that Julia was with Lucy Sanford quite a good deal and had her at her home frequently. She was a good actress and Lucy did not suspect that Julia did not really like her. Lucy was a frank, unsuspecting girl and she learned to like Julia first rate although her instinct told her that Julia was rather selfish.

One afternoon, when Lucy was at the Meldon home, Julia said: "Let's go upstairs. I have a lot of old dresses 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 many of them were almost new, Julia having worn them only once or twice. Julia happened to see Lucy looking at a little trunk in one corner, and said: "That is grandwother's Her wedding dress is in there. I'll show it to you."

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?" said Lucy, her eyes shining with excitement.

Julia glanced at the letter, and saw that it bore a stamp circular in shape, with the words. "Alexandria Post Office, Paid 5." on it, is it did not excite her, she simply saying listlessly: "It's a queer lookedy stamp, isn't it."

"Yes." said Lucy; "and do you know, it is worth a lot of money!"

"What, that old stamp?" queried Julia.

"Yes."

^{&#}x27;I can't believe it, Lucy," she said: "and you are welcome to it, if

you want it."

"Oh, I would like to have it," said Lucy, her eyes shining. "I'm a stamp collector, you know; I have a nice collection, not valuable particularly, 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 worth?" 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 believe 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 you 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 fairness and unselfishness that you have taught me is worth it. Keep the two thousand dollars, 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 Lucy's rival for the love of Mr. Morse, she was fair in it, and when Lucy and Mr. Morse were married, Julia was bridesmaid.

PHILOLOGICAL LETTERS.

A splendid opportunity is offered by E Haberland of Lipzig, to all those who know German and wish to learn Latin, old Greek, new Greek, Danish, Dutch, Italian, Portugese, Russian, Swedish, Spanish, Hungarian Herr Haberland has published a series of letters for French or English. each of these languages by eminent scholars, calculated to make the private study of these languages not only pleasurable but profitable as well. 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 philological letters are expressly written for private study, they have been 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 glady order them a set from Herr Haberland for the regular price, and shall also offer them my personal assistance during the time of their study. All I ask is that they pay the postage, the pleasure I derive from the study being sufficient remuneration for any exertions. Address L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wisconsin.

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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 circus had come to town we had a good average turnout of members, fifteen being present, namely:—Anschuetz, Baer, Bain, Bollman, Chase, Delatield, Humes, Fennedy, Low, Millhouse, Ritchie, Ruedi, Schoeman, Voelker, Wood.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The application of W. A. Ritchie was reported upon favorably by the membership Committee and he was duly declared elected.

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

The Chairman of the Entertainment Committee reported the following donations of stamps to the Prize Fund, Bain \$1.40; Delatield .41. Dr. Baer's packet of stamps had been examined and was found to catalogue \$13.13.

• The "Sweden" contest, strange to say, only brought out three collections, Messis. Delafield 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 anathy over the "Denmark" contest which takes place in May.

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

Delafield and Millhouse tied for first with 18 points and split the prize between them. Voelker had 16, Chase and Schoeman 14 each

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at 8 p. m. Rooms 803-805, Wright Bld, 8th and Pine Str.

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, Milihouse, Pokorny, Ritchie, Ruedi, 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 \$5.12, Mr. Humes \$5.00.

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 Recruiting 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 contain twentythree minor varieties or thirty 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 Myers 93½; Wood 80; Schoeman 79; Millhouse 71; Anschuetz 56.

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

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 26th at 8 p. m. Rooms 803 805 Wright Building 8th and Pine Contest of "Denmark" collections will be the big feature.

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We would like to receive 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 Detroit case writes that he heard from the party after a year by our help and that he would like to hear how the other members do.

Congressman Kustermann of Wisconsin is making a fight against the rental of cancelling machines and postal mail cars for prices that equal about one third to one half of the original cost of these conveniences. He says the postal administration should buy or build 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 Few Excerpts from My Note-book

By Verna Weston Hanway

Mr. Brodstone received a while ago an envelope addressed, "Mr. P. West, Superior. Nebr." Herein rests the rewards of fame,—it was correctly delivered. I wonder how many journals in the country could have a Mr. and an initial prefixed and still retain their identities.

A gentleman who removed from Los Angelos to an eastern city, has just undergone an unique experience. A short time ago he received a notification from a postal authority that an envelope upon which there was due two cents was held subject to the payment of postage. He forwarded the stamp, and is now awaiting the letter's arrival with interest.

It is seldom that a letter attains the importance of having two trips made across this continent on its behalf. But the gentleman 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 blocks o' four hold sway. Used or unused, it makes no difference, but if they are on covers, or from the edge of the sheet, then philatelic glee holds high carnival. 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 have a glimpse of the office cat, or its shadow fitting acoss these pages. Then too, the mail leaves in fifteen minutes.

THE BURDEN OF MINOR VARIETIES.

The increasing burden of microcsopical minor varieties is beginning to tell so seriously that I hear of a decided movement to get rid of it somehow. Dealers declare that it is injuring trade, and that a good general catalogue that will confine itself to leading and definite varieties 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 few of the finest countries are being literally choked with Philatelic weeds.—Ex.

There are about 60,000 postoffices of the fourth class within the $U_{\rm s}$ (S₁₁ and 6000 of the first, second and third class together.

WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE

By Verna Weston Hantway

(Continued from last issue)

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 Diamonds at Stone-ology's left. The Child at his left.

Cousin Jack, so to voce looking 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. Stampology. What a wizenedup little 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 you on the important additions you have made in the cause of science,—additions of great immense importance."

The Child stifles a laugh and smiles at Dr. Stampology. Fe looks bewildered, but smiles back.

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

Mrs. Dowager Daimonds, turning a wide expanse of white shoulder to Cousin Jack, "I noticed you in your box at the Majestic last night, Mr. Doone. The vaudeville was wretched, don'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 exceedingly bored! Pan Pan danced wretchedly, don't you think so? I suppose you'll write one of those charmingly satirical criticisms about her. I should think a cultured and learned critic would find her too really ridiculous."

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 file 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 consider 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 pauses near them.

Cousin Jack, earnestly: "Pardon me sir! His poor and trifling efforts are completely overshadowed by yours. 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. I could wish that she would give up her childish

whims and interest herself in vital, important things. 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, your remarks are flattering, but scarcely lucid. Will you be so kind as to inform me wherein my researches merit them?".

Mamma, Mrs. Dowager Diamonds, and The Child, join them.

Mamma, "I really haven't had time to introduce you. Jack, this is the eminent Dr. Stoneology. Dr Stoneology, my cousin, Mr. Doone. You may have heard of him; he is the dramatic critic, and is much interested in scientific matters, you will have much in common," she turns to Dr. Stampology "I noticed you 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-er thought the gentleman was Dr. Stampology." Both gentlemen smile.

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

Mis. Dowager Diamonds, 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 flushed face.

The Postmasters' 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 official report. We repeat some of them here.

At the close of the fiscal 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 daily. The expenditures were \$26,755,524.00 approximately. 723 countries are The standard route is 24 miles with at least 100 patrons. commended that rural carriers should wear uniforms. A local parcels' post is to be established and possibly a general parcels' post. Receipts from the sale of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers and postal cards in 1907 were \$165,742,093 88. The railroads received \$44,495,000 00 for There were 805,568,700 postal cards of the various kinds carrying the mails. issued to postmasters and \$173,006,476 27 in stamps of the various denominations, while 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 amounted only to \$2,722,446 32. 37,572 money order offices were in operation, and these issued 62,069,783 domestic and 3,640,136 foreign money orders amounting to 479,650,342 64 and 84,080,711.06 respectively, or 563,731,053.70 together. (Dorpat).

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

Secret Marks On V. S. Stamps By A Collector

Secret marks long undiscovered and other peculiarities give exceptional value to many of the United States stamps issued from 1870 to 1875.

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

In 1873 the Continental Bank Note Company of New York got the contract for printing the stamps and while it used the identical plates of the former company, its engravers added to each denomination a secret mark almost undiscoverable by the layman, that the two issues might be distinguished. The stamps were of the same general colors as the 1870 issue.

The secret marks remained unknown until 1895 when stamp collectors 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 distinguished by other peculiarities.

CLASSES OF THE ISSUE.

The stamps of the 1870-75 period can be divided 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 sale to collectors in 1875, and lastly, the regular issue of 1875 on which two denominations were especially printed.

The rarest 1 cent 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 regular 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 figure "1." This stamp 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 also the rarest 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 diagonal line under the scroll at left of "U. S." This variety in unused condition is valued at \$40. The stamp on the regular paper with the same mark at \$150 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., specialist of stamps on orginal covers was so kind as to send us a picture of his Canada 12 pence black on the original valued £120. It is a beauty. Mr. Seybold'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.

Stamp Items

By C. E. Jenney

I have lately been shown a U. S. stamped envelope seldor met with. It is the lc 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 \$20.00 cut square.

A rather unique case is that of the Uruguay 5c blue of 1904—and the 5c blue of 1906. The latter is apparently an exact reproduction of the former, but enlarged. This is the only case of the kind that I 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. Welker in the October 1907 number of the Ladies' Home Journa! Speaking of unused stamps as sold at the postoffice, she says, "The gummed side of a postage stamp is reeking with germs. Never use the tongue for licking either stamp or envelope." "Reeking" is good, especially with the expense and trouble the government has been to get a perfectly harmless and pure adhesive substance. If it was a private firm of which this statement had been made a libel suit would certainly have been justifiable. It is a wonder that some people dare to open their mouths for fear of inhaling poison.

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

Two scarce types of the 1903 issue of stamped envelopes are No. 124 on amber and on buff. These are only found on the size 3 envelope. It is the last type discovered of the 140 type of this issue and only just recently reported by Barrett, though this issue is supposed to be retired for some time.

The Postmasters' Advocate No. 10, Vol. XIII is particularly 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 litickey and his Trinidad 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 confine himself strictly to the relating of facts and that collectors and dealers of postage stamps are in his mind a pretty poor set of reasoners. He might have added reports about still other fakes 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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1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.

Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or 2. in exchange.

 Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department,
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 Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society you wish your name withdrawn.

6. The society gives as a premium, five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured,

and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.

7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

8. Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive The WEST regularly and not the Secretary of The UNION. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under

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9. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards for or exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such card which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.

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11. We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish an one with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage [The last list was published May 181, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.]

12. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The UNION.

NOTICE May 20, 1908.

After our report is completed each month it is carefully gone over and all mistakes are corrected before it is transmitted to the printer for publica-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 printed. It is our desire to have our reports correct in every detail, 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. Griffin, 7.

The following members have secured one or more new points during the month just ended:-329. Edena May Carroll, New points, 1; Total points l. Frank Schmidt New points 1, Total points 1. 931. W. Kay Fetter, New points 3. Total points 7. Jas. A. Carr Jr., New points 2, Total 1208. 1290. Geo. G. Dimick, New points 1, Total points 3. ter Kruger, New points 1, Total points 5. 1409. Miss Ida Paine, New 1423 Edw. W. Banks, New points 1, Total points points 1. Total points 1. 1462. W. L. McMillen, New points 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, desires to here after exchange with foreign members only.

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 1 will answer all." have sent cards before

1385. F. Gonzalez Sioco, wishes no further exchange until further no tice.

Frank W. Johnson, Fargo, N. D, will be in Peoria, Ill., during the week of June 15, in camp with the Forrester Team of Fargo, N.D., and would be pleased to meet any member at that time.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Arthur Schneider, 295 High St., to 7 Burndt St., Newark, N J. 1038.

E. F. Bullard, 912 Market St., to 603 Crockett, Shrevesport, La

J. Leahy, Box 21, Station B, Montreal, Quebec, Canada., to 405 Hulett St., Schenectady, N. Y.

1385. F. Gonzalez Sioco, P. O. Box 104, Manila, P. I. to Candaba, Pampango, P. I.

EXPIRED.

The following memberships expire during the month of June: 358, 482, 514, 524, 546, 548, 1176, 1177, 1178, 1179, 1181, 1182, 1138, 1184, 1185, 1186,1187, 1189, 1191, 1192, 1194, 1195, 1196, 1197.

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- 619. Erhard Rapprich, Lorettogasse 108, Bohemia, Austria. RENEWALS.
- 447. J. A. Blair, Box 818, Edmonton, Alberta, 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., 164 Locust Ave., New Rochell, N. Y. (Views of Baptist churches and Y. M. C. A. buildings preferred).
 - 1110 Clarence C. Robinson, 1410 E. Winchester Ave, Ashland, N.Y.
 - 1125. J. Leahy, 405 Hulett St., Schenectady, N. Y.
 - 1184. Emerson A. Stoner, Greenwood Park Station, Des Moines, Ia.
 - 1333. Francisca Goven, Bacolor, Pampanga, P. I.
 - 1378. Joseph M. Agerino, Sindolm, Calulut, Pampanga, P. I.

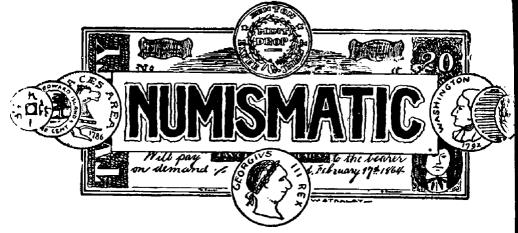
Our Secretary, J. Park Graybeil, has on account of his business been compelled to resign his place as Secretary, thus leaving, myself to take charge of that office, he will remain among us as General Manager, however.

F. W. Hawes.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 1473. George Petit Jr, Lyndonville, N. Y. (Foreign only).
- 1474. S. W. Dodd, Latrobe, Ohio.
- 1475. Annie E. Dewey, 56 Center St., Pittsfield, 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. Osborne, Youngstown, Ohio, General Delivery. (Colored views only)
 - 1479. Ambrose Poorman, 411 Lyconnig St., Williamsport, Pa.
 - 1480. Ed Gutierrez, David Pacolor, Pampanga, Luzon, Philippine 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. 6th 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. J 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 contract 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).

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But other pieces were coined by Wood under a special patent for America 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 can, with any degree of certainty be affirmed, was struck in America, was a private coinage 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 pieces 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 1860.

In 1773 a copper coin was struck in England for use in Virginia, which was a very fine piece. It has been said that the issue of this coin had some reference to an interesting historical fact, namely, the invitation of Chas. If by Virginia, to come over and establish his throne in the Dominion—an invitation 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 America.

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 certainly no reason for imagining that this coin was designed by 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.)



The very oddest and latest seen in novelty Post Cards is one sent to me from Cuba. A hand 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 designs are original and comic even. One shows a Cuban babe sitting under a Royal Palm tree with the inscription, "Alone in Cuba". Such cards as these can also be made of the tender birch 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 series of post cards issued have made their appearance, and they certainly will equal, if not surpass any seen as yet in sales. One set shows Colorado scenes as seen on Colorado 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, Clyde Park." "St. Peter's Dome," "Rounding Devil's Slide," "Silver Cascade Falls," "Rock Creek Loop," "Bird's eye view of Cripple Creek. Colo.," "Cathedral Park," "Three Elevations of Track as looped about the mountains," "A Loop Around 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 twelve cards 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 Canal, 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 shovel 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 Workmen on the P. C.; A Panama Household and their home; Wash Day in the Canal Zone. These cards are simply grand, perfect Still another series from the same publishers is the Valenin very way. tine's "Mezzograph" series showing beautiful art studies in colors. Sky and water effects of granduer as produced from celebrated painting, "When the Shades of Evening Close" showing a sunset scene on the waters: "The Dar Dying Glory" "An eastern gale plays thro the shrouds and swells in every sail." "From wave, from wind and fortune's tempest safe ashore." "The Sweet Approach of Even!" "From the deep they gather in their harvests." These cards surpass anything in rich coloring seen yet The glossy effects or mezzograph finish give them a natural hue. Very fine Easter cards were issued by the same firm also in the mezzograph finish. The little chick series or comic series were very humorous, "The Seesaw," "Steady Boys, Steady!" etc. The Easter lily series with biblical quotations are very fine.

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

In spirit, and at heart I have always been a philatelist; for years I was actively one. At some future time, it is my greatest desire to again 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 age, at which time I became active in post card collecting, thinking that philocarty would require less time and energy. 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 six or eight months—I have observed a decided tendency for philocartic literature to be The current journals all seem to incline that way, while philately, and other hobbies too, consistently hold their place 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 articles inspired from business 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 articles could be read month after month, the philocartist would be benefited, card exchanging would assume a higher plane, and casual readers of philocartic literature might have a higher opinion of the hobby of p. c collecting. such articles would be doing for this hobby what the philatelic societies are doing for philately along the line 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 they are on the decilne as I know every philocartist who reads at all extensively will admit. 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 inspiration of pessimism, but rather a danger that is prope to be overlooked.

I believe that a contribution or two to the current hobby journals would at least awaken a feeling that such a danger is possible if not probable, and incidentally call forth more articles of the right kind. If you will

have the kindness to print such a contribution in an early number of the WEST, I will endeavor to take time to contribute an article embodying 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 Society 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. Bran⁴, Simpson, Leon, Blumenschien, Merrill, Chester Dunham, Holmes, Baker, Lewis, Mayer, Tierney, Kelly and Green.

Communications were read from Messrs. Cooney, Poilion and de Lagerberg. Albert F. 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, Hawaii pattern silver dollar and gold \$20 of Liliuokalani, 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 Maillet, 4 volumes; and Danish Medals by Bergsoe. Magazines received were: The Numismatist, Mehl's Numismatic Monthly, Philatelic West, Spink's Numismatic Circular and the Numismatischer Verlehr 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 50th auniversary of the American Numismatic Society 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.

Washington, 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 office 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 office 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 stamping" have been defaced by ink from the roller in the machine.

An Ancient Book. A descendant of the ancient Babylonians, 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 years before the Christian 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.

By F. E. Halbert

A RELIC OF REVOLUTIONARY DAYS.

The walls of the parlor in our local hotel are papered in a very curious manner. It is on small sheets about 16x20 inches and each sheet is a small section of a vast picture 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 views give a rather peculiar effect to the room.

What an ideal paper to cover the walls of a curio collector's den. This room may have been used for some such purpose in years gone by, and although this paper is now where it was placed over 100 years ago, it shows but little signs of its age. The present proprietor had the paper recently varnished to preserve it.

What a task it must have been for the paper hanger who did the work. It seems that it must have been worse than putting together a large childrens' puzzle picture. The work was well done, and one has to look sharp to see where the sheets join. History does not mention it, but the writer was informed by one of our reliable local collectors that this paper was secured as a French privateer during the revolutionary war. Our great and only, P. T. Barnum is credited with being the first to conceive the idea of a picture that should be larger than one sheet of paper, or rather, one that required more than one sheet of paper on which to print it. He had considerable difficulty in finding anyone to undertake 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 said 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 made 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 coins for Canada are row in general circulation, and are the first to be minted in the Dominion. The new Ottawa branch of the Royal Mint was opened by Earl Grey on Jan. 2nd, and the machinery set in motion, the first coin to be turned out being a silver 50 cent piece. The dies of the copper one cent piece were then started. The denominations 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 intended shortly to issue a 10 dollar gold piece. According to the "Numismatist," gold coins of the same denominations, designs, weight, and fineness as gold coins 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 England as if coined there.

Suggestions and ideas are always welcome.

QVEER OLD POTTERY

Grotesque Vessels Unearthed in South America

By Ray Murray

Author of "Crown Jewels of Russia," "Tales of the First Empire," "Heroes and History of the American Navy," etc., etc.

Beneath the soil of the great South American Republic of Columbia, there has just been brought to light some remarkable buried treasures in the line of curious animal shaped pottery, each incised and made of black clay. These specimensa are perhaps the the only vestiges left of the vanished empire of the Chinewas, which flourished in this region in pro-Spanish times. The American Museum of Natural History has acquired these discoveries, and curator Charles Mead is arranging them for exhibition. The find consists of nearly 200 black pottery vessels, with deep incisions fantasticlly molded to represent animals common to that region and some mythologocal ones, with a few human portrait pieces. This unique collection of black ware, the first to be seen in this country, is said to be the finest extant.

These grotesque pottery vessels, many of which contained fine 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 one hundred and fifty miles from the Pacific 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 business 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 valley, in pre Spanish times, was the domain of the Chibcha nation, which for hundreds of miles along both banks had established fairly advanced and flourising civilization. A retinue of chiefs with one leader, administered the government. Next to the Aztecs and ancient Peruvians, or Incas, they are classed third in the list of aboriginal races as to culture. The rest of Columbia was inhabited by other independent tribes living in lower stages of enlightenment. The Chibchas and their neighboring tribes have disappeared entirely. Between 1536 and 1540 the Spaniards conquered the Chibchas and took possession of their territory.

The Chibcha left no written language, and the Spanish manuscripts which have been preserved, give only fragmenarty information, so that nearly all the knowledge of this people is due to their handicraftsmen. The great abundance of gold and the lavishness of display which flourished among the people and their skill in fashioning this metal into striking shapes is clearly shown by the numerous personal ornaments, statuette and ceremonial object rescued from their burial places. Instead of sacrificing the living animals, on some occasions figures of soild gold representing them were buried as offerings to the God of War. Most of the gold specimens are handsome and massive and were used largely as ear, lip, nose and breast ornaments.

One of the highest prices realised recently for Greek and silver coins was a medal of Syracuse bearing the head of Persephone, which was sold at London a few days ago for \$180.



EDITOR S NOTE The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appred ate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper crediwill be given. Address. W. Straley. Comanche, Texas.

Bulletin 35, Bureau of American Ethnology, "Antiquities of the Upper Gila and Selt River Valleys in Arizona and New Mexico," by Walter Hough, has been received. It is an exhaustive treatise of 89 pages. 11 plates and 51 figures by this well known member of the Bureau and will be of much interest and value to the student and collectors.

Volume XV. of the Proceedings and Collections of the Nebraska State Pistorical Society is to hand, and is a nice book of some 422, cloth. The contents are as follows: Officers and office staff; Letter of Transmittal; Twenty-one historical addresses by members of the Society; Unveiling of the Thayer Monument, Wynka Cemetery: Proceedings of the Society-24th to 31st annual meetings; Museum catalogue; Newspapers received by the Society; Legislative acts affecting the Society; Constitution and by laws; Publications of the Society. The report of the Archieologist for the years 1906 and 1907 is of especial interest to the collector of relics in Neoraska.

The following article on "Hunting Indian Relics in Connecticut" is from 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 few Indian 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 day, and I accepted an invitation to spend a day hunting them. He spoke to me not knowing that I was interested and was a collector. He said he was spending his vacation that way, for a few days.

We don't find arrows and other relics in the eastern states so plentiful as in the west, nor in such quantities in a place, because there are so few known burial places and they cannot be dug into and destroyed. 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 previously found and where there were lots of chips from arrows, we found about 25 to 30 apiece 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 fine pestle. We probably covered a territory of 30 acres daily. Imperfect arrows we did not save.

The arrows were mostly of white quartz, not large, but we found many

lack and gray ffints, nicely chipped.

The scene of our operations was a mile or more back from the Housapoic river, in fact several miles in certain places. Along the Housatonic
ter are still to be found traces of Indians and their works. It is a wonder
that the chips and arrows are scattered over such a large area.

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

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

Although I have changed and collected minerals and Indian relies for reral years, it was the first real collecting trip for arrows I ever had taken and I was very much pleased and interested. A few days later, a few miles of the from there, I found two fine gouges and several arrows, part of a pesseand some fine red jasper chips, but in another town.

Later I will write something of the history of this locality, the names Indian tribes, etc. I would like to hear more about locatiles in New lighted and the eastern states.''

The 'Bank of Selma' was established in 1857 under a special act of the tate Legislature, with a Capital of \$300,000 based upon Gold and Silver ith Washintgon M. Smith its first president, and Charles Lewis, cashier his 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 all banks in the south its capital a surplus was invested in Confederate Bonds, and upon the fall of the onfederate Government he bank became insolvent.

I have been told that the Confederate officers learning there was gold the Bank of Selma and the Commercial Bank of Selma sent soldiers to sima and forced the officers of the Bank to exchange the gold for Confedate money and bonds.

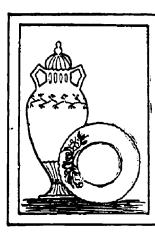
Hardy's history which I have before me says that all bills were remed, but this I know is not the case as I hvae seen some of them.

Washington M. Smith, the first president was the father in law of H. Herbert, who was Sec'y of the Navy under Cleveland.

Charles Lewis, the first Cashier and afterwards its president was the harles Lewis and Company, Bankers who in 1862 issued bills. I have two these bills at the present time in my collection. This bank also broke. Ima. Ala., is what is known as the Black Belt of Alabama, named originly for the color of its soil, but on account of the richness of the soil, soon came a large slave owning section and since the war is called the Black lit on account of the large Negro population, over five negroes in this Dallounty to one white person.

Selma was the home of Vice president William R. King, who named town and was one of the first incorporators.

R. L. Dietrick, dealer in Paper Money, Lorraine, Va.







The celebrated Rubens' ceiling in Whitehall Palace, now the Museu of the Royal United Service Institution, has been restored, and inspected the King, who has taken a great interest in the work of restoratoin. In Museum is now opened to the public.

At the sale of Mr. Rome's London co lection of antiquities dispersed a cently, a fine half suit of fluted armour of early sixteenth ceutory workman ship, stamped with the Guild mark of Nuremberg, realized \$1225.

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

Sporting prints seem to be selling well, and there is quite a demand to both sporting colour prints and books. Old coaching prints are also must in demand; several line examples have recently been offered in the London salerooms, and among them several bargains have been picked up.

Old silver continues to fetch good prices, but some of the large specimens go relatively cheap. By the way of illustrating the difference in value between large and small pieces, we may mention that a Queen Anne two handled porringer was sold last week for \$175; at the same sale a massivantique candelabra of the same period, weighing 144 ozs, was sold at \$240.

Tea caddies always sell well. Three small silver specimens in a leave case were sold recently for \$330 the total weight of the three being only 2 ounces. At the same sale a seal topped spoon realized \$20, and a rat tail of the Queen Anne period \$23.

Antique leather black jacks are not often offered for sale but a smi specimen with a silver band round it was sold last week in London at a silver for \$6,—a very moderate price as these things go.

As an instance of the present day value of old color prints, at the tria of Tobias Bernard, for the theft of a color print from the Green Mana Hotel, Whitechapel, it was stated that the print was worth \$75. The picture

ad been disposed of for \$30 to an antique dealer, who doubtless knew somehing of its value.

A second brass coin of the Roman Emperor Hadrian, who died A. D. 35, has just been found in splendid preservation near Winchester. On the stresse is a twelve cared galley filled with soldiers while standing on the grow of the vessel, one of the soldiers holds a standard. In the same locality several interesting finds of Roman pottery have been found showing that the 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 to 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 on the increase, and according to the Dailles, women dealers make capital curio sellers. Already several ladies 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 eyes and eyebrows being inlaid with obsidian.

At Edinburg, a short time ago, a rare old Queen Anne double handled cup.of plain design, with Loudon Hall Mark, dated 1708, was sold for \$1378 50.

In a recent sale at London a collection of cream jugs by the late Henry Laxson was an interesting feature. They ranged in dates from 1730 to 1803, and were sold at prices varying from \$150 to \$5.

A rare group of naval medals sold recently in London for \$350. It consisted of the V. C., the Legion of Honour, and live Grimean medals. At the same sale one of the most costly lots was a New Zealand Cross awarded for gallantry at the siege of Ngatapa.

At an important sale of old china in England, some fine specimens of Crown Derby. Chel-ea, Worcester and Spode, forming the property of the late Mr. Charles Skidmore of Bradford, was dispersed.

An autograph letter signed by Lord Nelson, in his usual form, "Nelson and Bronte," was sold recently for \$400 to a private buyer. The document contained instructions in reference to one of the sups of the rear squadron in the battle of Trafalgar.

An important collection of relics from the Highlands and also from the Islands of Scotland will be on view at the forthcoming Edinburgh Exhibition. Highland relics and curios always interest collectors, many of them being curious and almost barbaric in their decoration.

One of the treasures recently found in the Valley of the Tombs of the Rings at Thebes is an exquisite ring of open gold work, forming the names and titles of Rameses II. Many gold rosettes, also found in the same tomb, were probably attached to the dress. A number of small figures of Seli, Apis, llons and other animals were also found. The collection of Egyptian curies is an interesting hobby, and one which is coming into fashion, for quite a number of these interesting relics can be purchased for a trifling sum.

'A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

The head of this column spent a day of archaeological fieldwork in the valley of Owl creek, about seven miles southeast of Atchison, recently Owl creek is a pretty little stream flowing into the Missouri river to was once the scene of an Indian village. During the past seventeen rem we have gathered a large amount of archaeologic material along this stream and while the suppply has greatly diminished, we found on the occasion aforementioned (April 24), a number of flint arrow and spear heads, senpers, knives. hammer stones, pot shards, and other specimens. perfect object found was a small flint arrowpoint, or what is common! called a "bird point." It is one of the finest specimens of the kind we have ever found in this region. Most of the objects were found on a small track of freshly plowed ground which had never been under cultivation below On a high hill overlooking this village site are two ancient Indian mounds which we explored in 1891 and which were described in the WEST seven! 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 taken from the famous Gilde mound' on Long's Hill, near Omaha. This mound has become world famed because of the discovery therein of the remains of a pre glacial ram. or what is termed the "Nebraska Loess Man." This great discovery was made by Prof. Robt. F. Gilder, of Omaha, in October 1906 has kindly furnished us a copy of his very excellent paper, "Recent excavations at Long's Hill, Nebraska," from the American Anthropologist, for January-March 1908. Messrs. Gilder, Hughes and Gallatin are doing a great anthropological work in this important Nebraska field. Besides de veloping the "Long's Hill" mound, they are on the trail of the Mandan Indians and are bringing to light a vast amount of ancient Mandan material along the Missouri river. Mr. Hughes has also donated to our collections some samples of Mandan and Quoe 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 mentioned in our last "Kolumn," says that Western 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 its 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 animals were in brief swimming lizards of great size, often reaching a length of thirtyfive feet, with fin like 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 twentyfive years."

The editor of this department will be pleased to have Kansas Collectors inform him of any finds, of interest along archaeologic, geologic, paleontologic, philatelic, numismatic, bibliographic, and any of the other lines of collecting that they have made anywhere in the state, for publication in this

column. We want to make it one of the interesting features of the Magatine, 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 first folio 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. van Antwer, 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.

Possessing only a few trifling defects and encased in a superb red morocco binding by Redford, there was little surprise when Mr Quaritch opened the bidding with an offer of \$5000 for the precious volume. This bid was not to go unchallenged, the representative of Messrs. Pickering and Chatto raising the price to \$5,250 which, however, his opponent immediately increased to \$7,500.

Then ensued a spirited contest, the price leaping up until the previous record had been reached and passed.

"Eleven thousand five hundred," cried the auctioneer in response to Mr. Quaritch's nod.

There was no response, and all thought the battle was at an end.

A voice at the end of the room cried 'Two hundred and fifty,' and then it was seen that another Richmond had entered the field in the person of Mr. B. F. Stevens the Amer can agent, who in the past has secured so many rare editions of the Bard.

AMERICAN AGENT OUTBID.

With a seatle Mr. Quaritch resumed the contest, making \$250 bids with determined persistency. Another pause ensued when \$17,500 was reached.

"Come, Mr. Stevens," cried Mr. Hodge, "you can't let it go."

"Two hundred and tifty," was the reply.

It was of no avail. Mr. Quaritch was there, evidently with the firm determination of securing one of the inest copies of one of the rarest books in the English language, and Mr Stevens gave in.

Altogether this wonderful sale. though containing only 243 items, produced the remarkble total of \$81,755.

Almost the last lot to be sold was a copy of the first edition of Walton's "Compleat Angler." 1653 described by the auctioneer as immaculate. An extremely scarce book, copies have realized \$100 and \$2000, one in 1895 making \$2075. The copy at Saturday's sale brought \$6 450. The book was originally published for 37 cents.

Many other notable lots appeared in this sale, a set of the Waverly Nevels practically as issued going for \$1590, a copy of the third folio edition of Shakespeare's "Plays" making \$3250, and a tine copy of Shakespeare's "Rape of Lucrece" 1624, realising \$1750.

This last item, at one time, in the possession of Narcissus Luttrell, has his initials and the price which the book cost him (8 cents) on the fly leaf.



The Trenton Philatelic Society was organized January, 8th, 1903, with the following Charged members present: Wallace Buckman, W. B. Housel, Edward Semon, E. A. Andrews and Alvah G. Clark.

The following officers were elected for the first year: President Wallace Buckman; Vice President, Alvah G. Clark; Treasurer, Edward Semon; Financial Secretary, Wm. B Housel; Secretary & Sales Mgr., E. A. Andrew.

The Society meets on the 2d and 4th Thurs-

days of each month except July and August

The following members have connected themselves with the Society since is organization: Theo. Meyer, H.V. Swallow, E. B. Sterling, George E. Poole, Mortimer H. Potts and Lewis C. Overton.

The drawing of the seal which heads this article was made and donated to the Society by the Vice President.

The Society has had two very energetic Committees, viz: By-Laws and Ways & Means. The former 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 meeting 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 evening held at the home of the President, the members were treated to an illustrated lecture on France and Spain, with several moving pictures particularly one of a Spanish Bull 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 tifteen prospective members 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 or 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 likely to develop his latent power than the boy who spends his time in "pottering," and playing 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 employed with your hobby, strive after perfection. That is the way opportunities come; and that is the way to reach your goal.



Indian Blankets

By Frank Hammond

Navajo blankets are more generally known and in greater demand than any other Indian blanket. Fine specimens of the genuine article, hand

woven from pure hand spun wool by good Navajo weavers are among the very best blankets in the world, being truly artistic in coloring and design, perviceable and very durable.

The weaving of the Pueblo Indians, however, on the average is more uniformly good than that of the Navajos. The Pueblo blankets are woven by men, the Navajos by women, both of them using a very primitive loom.

No Navajo woman ever makes two blankets exactly alike, nor, as a matter of superstition, will she make a blanket perfect in design. regularity 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 design. These blankets- the fine grade genuine ones, at Yet in the earliest stages of Indian blanketry no least—are all pure wool. wool was used, the blankets being made of hand spun cotton, as blankets were made by the Hopi (also called Moki) Indians long before the coming of the Spanish early in the sixteenth century, and it was the Spanish who first intruduced sheep. The Navajos were not the first weavers among the Indians, although now the most famous It was, however, many generations ago that they learned the art of their neighbors.

A staple, but of late years rather a scarce color used by the Navajos is a peculiar and very beautiful shade of brown, secured by using the wool of their brown sheep, used wihout being colored in any way. Black white and a rich, bright but not glaring red are however, the three colors most frequently used. Indeed some weavers confine themselves entirely to these three colors. Grey, however, is also quite frequently used, as blue is, also. What we may call fancy colors, purple, pink, green 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 so well known and popular, has been a favorite design with the Navajos for many generations. Another somewhat similar figure that is also a favorite is the ordinary cross with four straight arms, which represents the four cardinal point of the composs. Each detail of the design of a blanket has some meaning; each figure represents something, as for instance lightning, mountains, the evil spirit or the like. Each color also has its special significance. 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 coin is one that has not been accepted by the authorities at the Mint, and has in consequence never been struck for circulation. When a coinage was contemplated it was usual for the artist to submit several pieces of different designs, but of the same denomination for selection: those not chosen then became patterns, and only a few were struck. Often Medalists have made designs for coins unofficially. These are termed patterns and being rare are much sought after. A farthing of 1865 was sold recently for \$35.



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EXTRA.

We are very sorry that our report did not get in the last issue. Our report was or time but the publisher was forced to go to press earlier on at count of his leaving for England. By the way the Publisher is President of the Collectors Union as you perhaps know, and during his extended the through Europe I feel safe in saying that he will be glad to help the members 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 expect 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 want encouragement, well this ought to help a little. As a special inducement I am going to effer fifty fine post cards to the one securing the most members before Aug. 18. The one condition being the winner must secure at less five members. Is there not others who will give something to make the

contest worth working for. Show me that you 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 joining of the foremost collectors. We are proud 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. joins the Union and wishes 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. McGill. W. Bailey, J. F. Lawson, V. A. Hurd, P. P. McKeel, U. S. Moore, J. A. Beck, A. Iwan, E. Aspland, E. Jackson, F. Bernd, Miss Bays, F. Britton, Walter Speeter, H. Maple, C. Koch, W. H. Sedwick, L. A. Running, Henry Dieder, Lizzie Smith, Clare Snyder. Bessie Cline.

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New Mexico Mound Graves

By J. W. Mullens

There are many burial mounds in all parts of this territory. Mr. Dun. nahoo and myself opened several in a search for pottery and Indian relia: In one we found 4 "metates" or corn grinders, with several pesties stone tomahawks, some of them fine specimens, others that had been badly Some were of a stone that is not found in this section, and one in particular, of a black lava formation, must have come from old Mexico. We found a fint lance head 8 inches long and some arrowheads, two potters cups, half pint size, a small square dish 21/4x4 inches of antique Aztec design. two large executioners stone hammers, many pieces of broken pottery and corn bread that had been burned to a cinder, and the cakes still solid and Also some ears of corn also badly burned but ears yet intact. About three feet below the surface we found adobe walls showing corners of three rooms, and in one angle parts of human bones and one skull. 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 indicates 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 mounds, and have added many specimens to my collection by pickups on the surface—mostly arrowheads, 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 executioners hammers have been used or their gruesome purpose and show great blotches of what looks like bloud stains on them. There have been no Indians in this section for 40 years except a few stragglers passing through.

In a future article will be given a description of the burial of an Apache chief 50 or 60 years ago, told by an eye-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 relics are being exhibited. The chief officials are appearing in ancient costumes. Beverages are drunk from old pewter pots, and the fare offered at the cafees is that in vogue in the fifteenth century.

Occasionally orders accompanied by remittance are sent to The WEST, without any name and address being given. At the present time we have half-a dozen such prepaid orders which cannot be dispatched owing to this cause. If this note is seen by any who have been remiss in this way %6 shall be glad to hear from them.

The Post Card Business is like buying the latest edition of the paper-you must have the latest edition out. New cards coming in every day.

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

Reports from the vicinity of Marshfield. Wis., indicate that rich iron ore deposits have been located near the towns of Sherry, Milladore, and Hansen, in that state. Mr. E. J. Longgear, a mining expert of Minneapolis, has recently taken options on several hundred acres of land in the latter towns. The options are taken in Mr. Longgear's name, and he will have full charge of the prospecting, but it is understood that wealthy and experienced mine owners of the Mesaba range are behind the deal. Undoubtedly, if the indications are promising, there will be no lack of capital for development purposes. One diamond drill is already in operation and several more will be installed at different points, where surface indications are most promising.

These deposits were known to exist, as far back as twenty years, and at that time, local capitalists organized, a company to do prospecting. Several shafts were sunk, thirty or forty feet, but it was finally decided that ore did not exist in sufficient quantities to pay for mining, consequently the operations were dropped for the time.

A new discovery in California promises to be worth millions to that state. Reports from San Diego County give the news, that phosphate rock has been picked up as float, near the town of Escondido. Samples have been forwarded to the state mining bureau of examination.

Heretofore, phosphate rock has never been known to California as a native product. North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida have afforded the greater supply of mineral fertilizers for the United States.

The surface indications in San Diego county seem to indicate large deposits. We have a valued correspondent, Mr. Albert Everitt at Escondido, and we hope to hear from him soon concerning these reports. If so, we will give something further concerning these deposits. San Diego county is quite rich in minerals of various kinds. Some of the finest rubellites we have ever seen have come from there.

There is a great variety of curious 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, concerning

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 only clump of living trees within the border of the forest. Each end of the log is firmly fixed in shale and sandstone leaving about one hundred feet of it, either wholly or partly exposed to the elements.

Throughout the dim past, the tree has been spared as a relic of the geological past. In recent years, however the elements seem to have done their worst, and in several places in the huge petrifaction transverse cracks have appeared. The Government, fearing that this great natural curiosity would tumble to its destruction in the ravine, has recently had two stone abut ments erected under 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 Norfolk 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 members on the subject.

REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

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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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- 79. J. Geo. Reid, Jr., 30 Madame St., Port Louis, Mauritius — Exchange good view cards, two at a time, sent once a month. Also wishes to eichange stamps with the members.
 - Name withheld by request.
 - O. N. Elkie, Route 2, Box 1, Walcott, North Dakota. 81
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- 85. Rcy Hall, P. O. Box 446, Ada, Oka.
- 86. Miss Julia Henriquez, P. O. Box 55, Barranquilla, Colombia, g. A.—Colored views.
 - 87. H. A Ganfelt, Kuopio, Finland.
 - 88. F. C. Eigabroadt, 53 Park St., Somerville, Mass.
- 89. Mrs Geo S. Phillips, 6 Cedar St., Brattleboro, Vermont.—Scanery, monuments and park scenes.

NOTICE.

The full address of member No. 78 is S. Kuzuhara, Tondabayashi, Japan. The full address was received through the kind efforts of the San Francisco and Belleville postmasters.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

- 35. Magnus Hansen from Thuresensgade 33 K to Thuresens, ade 24 K. Copenhagen, Denmark.
 - 12. Miss Ella Borgen from Littleton to Snyder, Colorado.
 - 10. Wesley Fales from Hamilton Montana to Sand Point, Idaho.

CORRECTION IN NAME.

- 69. Should be Clarence Webb instead of Clarence H. Webb, Perry, 0. PUBLISHERS MISTAKES IN ADDRESSES.
- 76 William Huxel should be 315 East 65th St. instead of 31 East 65th 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., announce that he will be in attendance at the Modern Woodmen of America Tri-Annual Convention to be held in Peoria, III., during the week of June 15, 1908 and will be pleased to meet any of the P. A. S. C. C. members who may 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. Clarence Webb, Perry, Ohio, will hereafter send first cards
- 65. John A. Parker, Jr., 1022 N. Eye St, Tacoma, Wash., will not be able to answer cards promptly until after Sept. 1st, 1908.
- 32. Geo. J. Rhein, Manchester, Wis., will exchange with foreign members only.

PRIZE CONTEST NO. 2.

1st Prize, Honorary Life Membership: 2nd prize, free paid up membership for one year; 3d prize one dozen colored view cards of St. Louis, Mo. To obtain first prize get five new members for the club, second get three new members, third get two new members. Contest began March 1st, 1908 and 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 old 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 members advantage. Announcement will be made as soon as plans have been completed and in the meantime we will thank our membres for any suggestions that they wish to give that will enable the P. A. S. C. C. to be-

Respectully,

Arthur Soderstrum, Pres.

Dear Fellow Members: - It is with pleasure that I announce to you that we are preparing to publish our Membership List No. 2. We wish to have at least 100 names for this list. Cannot you help us to bring the total membership to that amount? I also wish to state that those members who have changed their address and have not notified me should do so at once. wish this list to be correct and without your new address we cannot make We are a little late in publishing this list but we thought it a benefit to the members to wait and get a more complete list before we " Respectfully, ... published same.

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 says 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 postage 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 until 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 re-

The medal is a handsome plate of bronze, and will be prized by the limited number of distinguished men'who will receive replicas.



.Camera News..

Editor-F. J. Clute, San Francisco

Postal Photographic Clubs



HOW TO FORM ONE—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 piece of broad webbing which may go right round the top of the portfolio and fasten behind the back. It is important that it should 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 which 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 such as detaining the portfolio over its alloted time, not entering dates of receipt 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 photographic subjects may be carried on in this notebook, being commenced by the Secretary and contributed to by subsequent 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 ioin.

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 omit this duty, for thereby not only did they assist the member whose photo is criticised, but also the mere fact of writing a criticism of someone else's picture 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 portfolio. This 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. Secretary, but they are usually more or less of the following import.

Name of member inserting print. Title of picture. Date. Time of Day. Exposure. Plate. Light. Developer of plate. Method of printing. Developer of paper (if required). Toning bath. Remarks.

There are other items that may be substituted for the above or added &

them as the will of the Hon. Secretary may dictate.

The remainder of the sheet is left blank, and on the back of it are written the criticisms of members as the case travels round. If there is not room on the back they may be continued inside, but when using ink care should be taken not to get it on the photograph, or it may entirely spoil a valuable one which cannot be replaced

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 insert a picture and remove the previous one, as the portfolio reaches him or her on its journey round the circle Both have been tried on the Club of which the author is Secretary, and he prefers the first method, as in practice it was found that many members were unfortunately short of prints suitable for insertion whenever the portfolio reached them, and they frequently failed to remove old prints. The system of sending prints beforehand to the Secretary has the advantage of enabling him to "drop on" any member whose contributions are too scanty in number, and a fine can be levied for defective energy in this respect, and for other defaults, as e.g., keeping the folio too long. The rules may be left to the founder of the Club. One should be that members must send on the portfolios 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 If this is not done the portfolio may be kept for a month or longer while the following member is anxiously awaiting its arrival.

A date should be fixed after which no photograph will be received for the ensuing portfolio and a date after which no subscriptions can be received for the current year, any member exceeding this date to cease to be a member of the Club. Every member should be required to send a post card to the Hon. Secretary when forwarding the portfolio, 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 receipt and dispatch, to be filled in by members, can be placed in the folio, if the Secretary cares to go to the expense of printing 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 which is printed a request that in the event of absence from home for more than three or four days the folio may be sent on at once to the member's present address.

Nebraska Camera Club Founded January 1898

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We hope to hear from members in regard to the convention at Omaha during the Aksarben this fall. Let all members send ideas regarding same.

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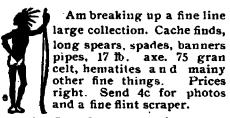
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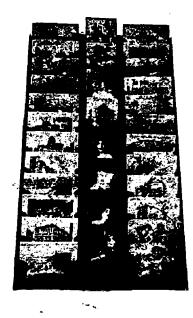
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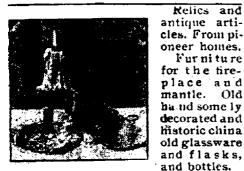
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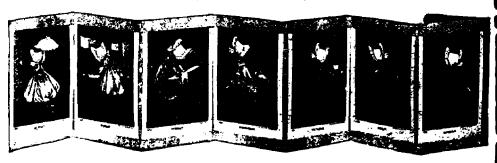
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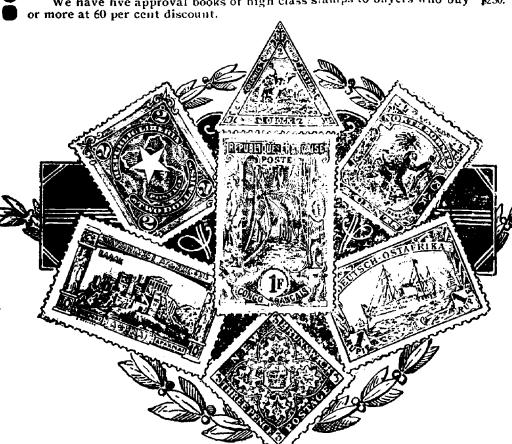
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