

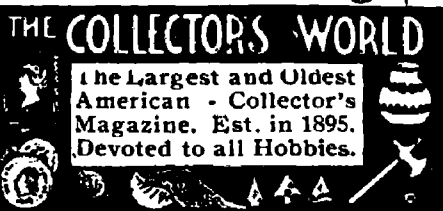
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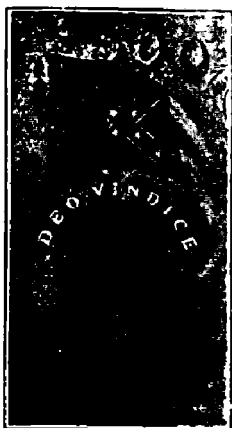
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A MONG our new advertisers this month we welcome the Foreign Post Card Mailing Co., of Denver, whose page ad will be of interest and profit to you. Their ads will appear in the WEST for some time and as they offer good references, we feel that it is perfectly safe for our readers to patronize them.

By the time this magazine reaches its readers, the publisher, Mr. L. T. Brodstone, will have returned from his extended trip to England, France, and Holland. We have received word from him that he landed in New York September 18th, on the Mauretania, the largest passenger vessel afloat. It was delayed 30 hours by encountering a bad storm and the breaking of a propeller. Mr. Brodstone has had a good vacation, and readers may rest assured he will put renewed vim and energy into this publication from now on and make it a much better magazine than it has been during his absence. We have done the best we could with the limited knowledge we had of philately and curics. Business is showing signs of improvement, and the magazine will no doubt go back to its original size of 148 pages soon.

That the WEST meets the approval of stamp collectors and hobbyists generally, is demonstrated by the manner in which new subscriptions have come in the past three months. While the publisher was away no advertising or pushing was done for new subscriptions, yet fully 2500 new names have been booked, and more coming all the time. Collectors recognize in the WEST the best magazine of its kind, and that it devotes more space to their interests than any other. "No matter what your hobby, the WEST keeps you posted."

Attention is directed to the page advertisement in this issue of C. W. Seymour. Proof was sent but did not return in time for the corrections desired by Mr Seymour. In setting the ad the compositor followed the copy as written, and when dollar valuations were reached, instead of dividing the figures into dollars and cents they were allowed to stand as cents, i.e., \$1.00 was printed 100 cents, etc., on through the list up to and including the \$200 00 value. As Mr. Seymour did not write his copy as dollars and cents, we believe the compositor was justified in leaving the figures as they appear. With this explanation we believe our readers will understand the ad.

STICK TO IT

Oh! prim little postage stamp, "holding your own"

In a manner so winning and gentle,
That you're "stuck on" your task—(is that slang?) you will own,

And yet you're not two-cent-imental.
I have noted with pride that through thick and through thin

You cling to a thing till you do it,
And, whatever your aim, you are certain to win,

Because you seem bound to stick to it.
Sometimes when I feel just like shirking a task

Or "chucking" the work I'm pursuing
I recall your stick-to-it-ive-ness and I ask,

"Would a postage stamp do as I'm doing?"

Then I turn to whatever my hands are about

And with fortified purpose renew it,
And the end soon encompass, for which I set out,

If only, like you, I stick to it.

The sages declare that true genius, so called,

Is simply the will to "keep at it."

A "won't-give-up" purpose is never forestalled,

No matter what foes may combat it.
And most of mankind's vaunted progress is made.

Oh stamp! if the world only knew it,
By noting the wisdom which you have displayed

In sticking adhesively to it.

—Nixon Waterman in the Prudential Monthly.



From an Associate Editor's Easy Chair

By Verna Weston Hanway

A remark or two in Mr. Buxton's opening speech at the Junior Society's famous exhibition in London some months ago, struck me as peculiarly pertinent. It has long been a boast among the philatelic folk that our collections are educational:—that they induce us to acquire all manner of useful knowledge, from the distinguishing of varieties of paper to printing and lithographing processes; from the fauna and flora to the money systems, the history, biography and national characteristics of various peoples. We have claimed a knowledge of postal systems, of geography and something of many tongues. We have claimed an artistic sensibility, a connoisseur's taste and judgement—and what not. I wonder how much of this would prove true when balanced in the scales. Naturally, some of us acquire a few facts, a smattering here and there, but nothing very definite—nothing that can prove of much practical use. Were our boasts so true, applicable universally to all philatelists, we would all deserve to be decorated with medals and badges of honor by our respective governments.

It may be that the numismatist acquires useful, at any rate educational facts from his collections, embracing as it does pieces from far back into the shadow of history. Certainly, he must learn some facts of history, most certainly of financial systems. On the other hand the philatelists' field embraces but a comparatively few years in the span of time, his knowledge relates to but a brief period. And,—whisper it low, brothers and sisters,—he could in cold blood dig out of books, at the rate of a quarter of an hour a day for a few weeks, more really useful, more coherent knowledge than in several years collecting.

The small boy does not peer through the fence at a masterly base ball game because he appreciates the fine physical training,—the wonderful human machine: the strategy, swift brain-work, self control and skilled play which makes possible the magnificent "team work." He watches it because he enjoys it, because it is sport, fun, if you please, madam or sir. Isaac Walton did not a-fishing go because he had in mind a scientific treatise on the fish's place in the scheme of nature. The naturalist, perhaps most of all of us, learns the most from his collections. Yet I do not believe the collector-naturalist collects because he is learning something. To tell the nor-

mal small boy or girl that the source of pleasure results in knowledge is sufficient to kill all desire for occupations which before seemed so desirable, and what are we but larger children! In charity's name I entreat that you leave to me my playthings!

Why not be honest? Why not say frankly that by reason of a certain cast of temperament our natures find pleasure in the collecting of those little bits of paper, of service in the intricacies of modern life, called postage stamps? Why not say simply that they occasion us as much pleasure as motor-ing or other sports does someone else; that it causes us as much pleasure as the theatre does the matinee girl; as the mystery and fascination of the desert and remote places does the traveler? Why seek for reasons that are but secondary?—why not say frankly that our reason is a purely individual and selfish one—that we collect “for fun”?

Of course something might easily be said for the other side. Some of us might never resort to books for reference on certain subjects without the stimulus of stamps. There are doubtless many individuals who have followed up the suggestions of the stamp album with pleasure and profit. But I see no reason to believe that this type of collector is a usual one; or that the researches of such an one would result in as much benefit as would one month of systematic reading in modern history under the direction of a competent teacher or librarian. Certainly, the educational value is not a correlative or an accessory to the enjoyment of the stamp collecting aforesaid.

Perhaps, properly directed, stamps might be made a valuable correlation to a course of study. The postal systems are truly wonderful institutions, and the fact that penny postage has done more towards the brotherhood of man than scarcely anything we can mention of modern times, should be understood and appreciated by every school going boy or girl. I have yet to hear of the subject being treated interestingly by a teacher in even one single lecture during the whole school going period, or of a single composition being required on the subject. And yet the subject is a vital one, and interesting by sheer merit of the wonderful mechanism and system that makes possible its accuracy. The romance of what cheap and easy intercourse of thought has meant in the evolution of mankind in less than one hundred years has never yet been written. Some day it will, and it will be a soul stirring epic that we shall read upon that day.

It is very true indeed that stamps could be used to point the way to scores of useful topics; topics that would not only prove of educational value, but would add interest to collecting itself. Would it not be interesting to have some exponents of the educational phases plan such courses of study? Why not?—collectors have done more foolish things. If thought necessary let some topic be planned of a school-going character. But let there also be plenty of references to stamps themselves; the designs and those who designed them; instructions on how to get at the mass of official data relating to stamps: references for reading etc., etc. Much of this little article is written in but a half serious view, but after all, why not? I humbly present the proposition to your notice, ladies and gentlemen, members of societies learned in philately, and move that a committee be set to work at once; that the fruits of their labors be printed in pamphlet form, and distributed among collectors and the schools. Hail, Philately the Science!

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 varieties 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.

The Fiscal scribe is off for a vacation this month, so the notes will be short.

"Yvert & Telliers" Fiscal Catalog (in French) for 1909 is out. In one respect they did not come up to the 1905 edition as it leaves out all Canada Tobacco stamps and all U. S. Tax Paid Special Tax, etc., except the beer stamps.

A little pamphlet just came to the Fiscal man recently. It is "Richardson's Stamp Chat"—No. 1 of a series of pamphlets on the dark side of Philately. It contains the beginning of a reference list of the Private Prop Tobacco Stamps taken from Sterling's list of 1883 with additions—a list also of the American Consular Fee Stamps as follows:

They are type set on white paper, about the size of our postage stamps—printed vertical instead of horizontal—that is the long sides are top and bottom. At the top is "American Consular Service" below is Fee Stamps—value in center.

The values are 25c green, 50c carmine, \$1.00 violet, \$2.50 blue, \$5.00 lake, \$10.00 yellow. They are perforate 12. Issued June 30, 1906

The pamphlet also has a chronicle listing everything except postal adhesive. I notice in the list as following: Brown Seate with red numbers, Series A, B, C, D, F.

Mr. Clarence Eagle now owns the following rare J. C. Ayer Prop. Med. Stamps: 1c blue—old paper, 1c red, 4c lilac, 4c green.

I just recently received a Dog Tax License Stamp of the town of Gilford, N. H. from Mr. Longee. Lets hear from others of anything in this line.

TROUSSEAU FROM A STAMP.

A little touch of sentiment was injected into the ordinary prosaic stamp sale at the Freeman building, in Philadelphia, the other day, when an old Philadelphia "provisional stamp of the early fifties was sold for \$3,000, providing money for the future trousseau of a little twelve year old girl of Alexandria, Va. The stamp was taken from one of the love letters written by her grandfather to her grandmother. The Fawcetts of Alexandria are one of the oldest families in Virginia and were well to do before the war. They have become so poor of late years that Mrs. Janette Fawcett, seventy-six years old, has been in despair of keeping her promise of providing the wedding outfit of her little granddaughter, Janette says the New York Times. In going through some things in an old trunk, she came across a bundle of letters. On one of the envelopes was the old "provisional" stamp. She realized that it was valuable, and it was taken to Philadelphia by a friend and placed in Mr. Parrish's hands. He put it up at the recent sale, and to the surprise of everyone, a collector from Cleveland paid \$3,000 for it. Very few of the "provisional" stamps were issued, and this particular stamp is different from any others that have come to light. It was issued by the postmaster of Alexandria in 1847 and is printed in black ink on light blue paper. The stamp is circular in shape and the size of a half dollar. In the center is the word "paid", with a "5" underneath. Around this are the words "Post Office, Alexandria," and around the whole is a circle of stars. —Atchison Globe.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORFAT, Box 37, Wayside, Wis.

433 Where can I obtain a copy of the *Globe Trotter*? Write to Mr. A. Schultz Jr., Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club, Pabst Bldg., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Back numbers are 50 cents each. The membership dues are \$2.00 a year. Members receive the *Gl. Tr.* free.

434 Is it advisable to collect reprints? As reprints always differ some from the originals, and since the price of reprints is usually much less than that of the originals, it seems advisable to collect reprints in those cases only where originals cannot be obtained. Strictly speaking the reprints do not belong into a stamp collection, but they may serve as space fillers until originals can be obtained, in which case they should be marked (perhaps by an "R") to designate them clearly as what they are. One might also form a Reprint Collection, and in that case none but reprints should be included. In this connection it may be well to give a few definitions: A reprint is a stamp printed after it has become obsolete, but reprinted from the original plates; it is not available for postage. A reissue is a stamp printed after the cessation of its regular use, but still available for postage. A Facsimile is a picture of a stamp, more or less like an original, printed from new plates. A counterfeit is the same as a facsimile, but the term counterfeit, is usually employed, when it is intended or used for fraudulent purposes. There are government reissues, gov. reprints and gov. facsimiles and private reprints, private facsimiles and private counterfeits.

435 How should I form a Philatelic library with Philatelic papers, etc., in it? Supposing you have nothing at all yet of philatelic books or papers, you would do well first to get several of the current catalogs. Scott's, Gibbon's, Smith's, Semis', Kohli's, Yvert & Telliers', Gelli & Tanis', and Redfield's Weeklies, Stamp Journal of Denver, Chicago Collectors' Monthly, Gibbon's Weekly, London Philatelist, Stamp Coll. Fortnightly, etc.—and try to get complete files of these papers from No. 1 up to date. Study as much as you can every catalogue and paper that you get, and whenever you find the ad of any book or paper, get a copy if you can. If you do this for a few years you will need pretty much room for your accumulations and a pretty full pocket book for paying for all you get. You will then also know how to proceed without much questioning. You might also save price lists, circulars and auction catalogues. Much depends upon what kind of a library you wish to form and over what means you have command. If the plan outlined above seems too broad and expensive, get one or two catalogs and one or two papers (The West and Mekeel's for instance), and then one or two hand books such as Luff's U. S. Stamps, Westoby's Adhesive stamps of Europe and add gradually anything you like and can. Your own individuality must decide a good deal, and unless you study what you acquire, or your money bag is nearly inexhaustive, you will hardly make a success of it. Rather study what you have than try to get more without studying.

436. Can you give me a formula for making Blueprint paper, that needs

only some frequently used chemicals? This is not a philatelic query, and I cannot answer it. Perhaps Editor Chute or some of our photographic friends will give the desired information in the Camera News.

437. Are there any collectors of street car tickets and street car transfers among the readers of The West? Mr. Alfred Bruehler, 1917. W 52d Str. N. W., Cleveland, Ohio desires to hear from them.

438. What is the value of U. S. Envelopes, present issue, stamp impressed without color? Albinos, as we call these, and other freaks of which the present issue on account of rush-work is rather prolific, have no fixed value. They may be considered as worth about the same as the normal envelope. There is a possibility though, that they may become more valuable in the future like the adhesives with inverted centers.

439. Are Precanceled stamps still used? Yes. In Chicago for instance. But it seems they are much less used than formerly before the "cash permits" were introduced. Both are, of course, collectible.

440. Where can Precanceled stamps from foreign countries be obtained? I know of no particular place, but I think that most any of the larger dealers should be able and willing to supply some of them.

441. Are the Charity or Hospital stamps collectible? Why, of course. They do, however not belong into a postage stamp collection unless they were authorized to prepay postage, which is the case with some of them, as the Russian soldier's orphan stamps. They make a pretty nice collection by themselves.

442. What is the best way to keep a Philatelic library? I presume that your library is not yet very large, and my answer therefore applies to a moderate sized library which is rather in the process of forming. Catalogs and other bound books are best kept on shelves as is the custom in libraries generally. Files of papers and pamphlets may be kept lying flat in boxes or on shelves, as long as there are but few of them. When the numbers become larger, it is better to keep them also upright on shelves like books, but in this case they should be assorted and each volume, complete or incomplete, should be kept between two pieces of paste-board of about the same size as the pamphlets they hold together. The pasteboards may be marked on the outside with what is between them and the whole may be tied together with a string; thus the papers are protected and the string can not so easily cut the papers. The larger the size, the thicker should the paste-board be. Still better: Take a piece of strong manila paper of the proper size and paste your paste boards on it leaving between them room as wide as the thickness of the volume; thus you get a port folio on the back of which you can print the name and figures of its contents. This will make the whole look much nicer and help a great deal, when you wish to find any particular volume. Keep an alphabetical record of all you have, with notes of prices, etc., for which purpose I can recommend R. E. Scott's "Library Record" (Lagrange, Ind.), or Dodd's "Index Rerum," or any book with alphabetical index. This will often save you much time and help you to find quickly anything you want, especially, if you arrange your files also alphabetically.

The Globe Trotter No. 26 is expected in a few days, and according to news leaked out it will be as fine and interesting as ever.

U. S. Permits--By K. Longee

Denver. Colo. No. 11	Type IV..1&2c.....	The Denver Mail Order Co
28.....	IV..2c.	F. Bartelds & Co., (Lawrence, Kan)
29....	IV..1cR	Daniels, Fisher, Stores Co.
34.....	IV..3c	Nat. Jewish Hosp'l for Consumptives
35.....	IV..1cBl	?.....
Danbury, Conn	1..... IV..1c	Uric Acid Monthly
Hartford, Conn	16..... IV..2c.....	Aetna Life Insurance Co
New Britain Ct.	1..... IV..1c	Landers, Frary & Clark
Glastonbury Conn.	2..... I..1c.....	W. C Phillips & Co.
Chicago, Ill	1..... IV..1c	?.....
30.....	IV..3c.....	Loftis Bro & Co
31.....	IV..1c	Hultquist Bro
42.....	IV..1c.	Hope Pub C?
46.....	IV..1&3c.....	Mandel Bro.
93.....	IV..1c ..	Bennets Newspaper & Mag. Ag'cy
165.....	I..1c.....	Hall & McCreary
178.....	IV..1c.....	A. C. Becken
183.....	I..1c.....	The Pubrs of "Ungava Bob"
232.....	IV..1c.....	W. A. Wilde
251.....	IV..2c.....	James B. Clow & Sons
277.....	IV..1c.....	Wm. Wrigley & Co.
Same handstamped		
283.	IV..1c	?.....
301.....	IV..1c	C. D. Peacock
354.	IV..1cR.....	?
374.....	IV..2c.....	Curt Teich & Co.
376....	IV..1cBl....	Hascall-Wise Co (Cleveland O)
393.....	IV..1cP	South Side Lumber Co (Handst'p'd)
454.....	IV..3cP	Standard Mercantile Agency "
Moline Ill	1..... IV..1c.....	John Deere
Elkhart Ind.....	1..... IV..1c	?.....
3.....	IV..1c	The Grand Dispensary
Vincennes Ind. . . .	1..... III..1cBl	Cushman Drug Co.
Indianapolis Ind.	19..... IV..1c.....	Central Magazine Agency
32.....	IV..1c.....	Allison Coupon Co.
Lafayette Ind.	1..... IV..1c.....	The Telephone World
Council Bluffs Iowa ..	7..... IV..1c	?.....
Clarinda Iowa	1. IV..1c	A. A. Berry Seed Co.
Kansas C'y Kan. Stock	3..... IV..1c.....	Charles Dixon Sons Co.
Yard Staton. 4.....	IV..1c.	Rice Brothers
Wichita Kansas .. .	6..... I..1cGr	The Winnie Mortgage Co.
6.....	I..1c	" "
Louisville Ky.	25..... ?..1c.....	Wright Taylor Co.
Baltimore Md.....	36. III..1c	Md Casualty Insurance Co.
45.....	?..?	Sharpe & Dohne
Boston Mass.	12..... IV..5cBr	Joseph Breck & Son
47.....	V..1c.....	A. L. Tribble Co.
70.....	IV..1c	Woonsocket Rubber Co.
79.....	IV..1cR.....	?.....

Poston Mass	No. 82	Type III..1c	?
	93	?	Boston Varnish Co.
	111	IV..3c	?
	153	IV..1c	Carter Ink Co.
	154	IV..1c	Houghton, Mifflin & Co
	177	IV..2&3c	The Pilgrim Press
	177	IV..2c	The Pilgrim Press
Chicopee Falls Mass	1	IV..1c	?
	3	III..1cGr	?
East Whitman Mass	1	?	Regal Shoe Co
Mitteneague Mass	1	I..1cR	Mitteneague Paper Co
Lansing Mich	1	IV..1c	McKinley Music Co. (Chicago. Ill)
Minneapolis Minn	14	IV..1c	Northup, King Co
	88	IV..2c	?
St. Paul, Minn	31	IV..1cR	?
St. Louis, M	44		Styx Baer Fuller
	22	IV..2c	Mo., Kan. Tex. R. R. Co.
	94	IV..2c	Ping Mfg Co
	110	IV..1c	August Ghaat Bank Note Co.
South St. Joseph Mo	1	IV..1cR	Live Stock Ccm Co
Louisiana Mo	1	IV..1c	Stark Brothers
Kansas City Mo	9	IV..1&4c	Emery Bird Thayer Co
	16	IV..2&2c	George B. Peck Dry Goods
	20	I..1c	Kemper Paxton Merchantile Co.
	21	I..1c	Webb-Freydchlag Merchantile Co
	107	IV..1cOr	Besse Avery Co.
	111	III..1c	G W. Kenny Grain Co.
Orange, N. J.	1	III..1c	?
Mesilla Park, N. M	1	IV..1c	F. E. Lester Co
Buffalo, N. Y	7	III..3cP	Larkin Co
	7	III..5c	"
	40	IV..1c	Buffalo Glove & Whip Mfg. Co.
New York City N. Y.	5	IV..1cCR	Who's Who Pub. Co.
	15	IV..1c	?
	45	I..2c	Chas. Scribners Sons
	121	IV..1c	Current Literature Pub Co
	121	III..1c	" " "
	149	IV..1c	?
	177	IV..1cP	P. O. Bx. 1915
	201	IV..1c	Frederick A. Stokes Pub.
	203	IV..1c	New York Life Insurance Co.
	224	IV..2cBl	Cox Mining Journal
	224	IV..1cR	" " "
	225	IV..1c	American Review of Reviews
	231	III..1c	Mutual Life Insurance Co.
	243	IV..1c	Royal Baking Powder Co.
	252	IV..1c	Browning King
	261	IV..1c	J. Scott
	281	IV..1cGr	?
	333	IV..1c	The American Press
	346	IV..1cBl	Franklib Square Sub. Agcy.
	354	IV..2c	C. Wilderman Co.

LeRoy New York No. 3 Type IV..1c	The Grumaux New & Sub Co.
3	IV..1cR..... " " "
Hoosick Falls, N. Y. 4	IV..1c..... W. A. Wood Machine Co.
Rochester, N. Y.5.....	I..1cCH.... Moores Monthly Messenger Co.
Dansville, N. Y.....5	IV..1c..... Dansville Nursery
North Port, N. Y....1	IV..3c.... Edward Thompson Co , Long Island
Saratoga, N. Y.....3	IV..1c..... ?.....
Deposit, N. Y.3	IV..1c..... The Outing Pub. Co.
Brockport.....1	IV..1c..... W. H. Moore Sub. Agcy.
Mansfield, Ohio11.....	I..1c..... Ohio Suspender Co.
Sidney, O.1	IV..1c..... Wagner Park Conservatories
Springfield, O.....14	IV..1c..... Womens Home Companion
14	IV..1cR..... Womens Home Companion
Cleveland O.9.....	I..1c..... Patterson Sargent Co.
32.....	I..1c..... Oster Mfg. Co.
Dayton. O.....1	IV..1c..... Lorenz Pub. Co.
Columbus, O.....2	"
Philadelphia, Pa.5	IV..1c..... The Sat. Evening Post
6	IV..1c..... W. A. Burpee
16.....	I..1c..... The Keystone Type Foundry
123	IV..1c..... ?
Warren, Pa.....1	IV..1c..... The Peso Almanac
Corry, Pa.....9	IV..1c..... W. J. & A. D. Howard Co.
Harrisburg, Pa.....13	III..3cR..... Schlegel & Fottler Co.
Providence, R. I.....4.....	I..1c..... Baird North Co.
Huntington, W. Va. .1	IV..1cR..... Thonas The Magazine Man.
Racine, Wis. . . .1	IV..1c... J. I. Chase Threshing Machine Co.
1... ..	I..1c... J. I. Chase Threshing Machine Co.
Cumberland, Wis.....1	IV..1c..... ?.....
Durand, Wis.....1	III..1c.... Black Hide and Fur Co.

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 " III City and State without frame " IV City and State with frame
 " V Fourth class matter without frame.

All in blank unless otherwise stated.

City and state	Number	Type	Values issued	Holder
Boston. Mass	2	I.....	1c 2c red.....	Perry Mason Co.
	2.....	IV	1c 2c blue.....	" "
	5.....	V.....	2c.....	Viscol Co.
	11.....	II.....	2c.....	Walker Stearns Co.
	37.....	I	1c.....	Jordan Marsh & Co
Brockport, N. Y ...1.....	I	1c		W. H. Moore Sub. Agcy
Brooklyn	19.....	III.....	1c.....	S. H. Burns & Co
Buffalo.....	7.....	I	1c	Larkin Co
	7.....	III.....	1, 2, 3, (?) 5c.....	" "
	83.....	IV.....	1c	The HO Co (Post card)
Chicago Ill.....	138.....	I	1	Folley & Co
	235.....	I.....	1c.....	"
Cory, Pa.....	8.....	IV	4c (red).....	Barlow Harrow Co
Denver Colo.....	20.....	III	?	Y. M. C. A.

Evansville Ind.	3	IV	1c	Geo. L. Mesker & Co
Valparaiso, Ind.	1	I	1c (red)	Dodges Inst of Teleg.
	1	III	1c (env wrapper)	" "
Fulton N. Y.	1	II	3c	Van Wagenens (seedman)
Lancaster, Pa.	2	II	1c (green paper)	Cham'n Blower Forge Co
Lyndorville, Vt	1	IV	1c	Dany Ass. Co
Lyndon Vt	1	I	1c	Om Hurbards Mfg. Co
Marblehead Mass	1	I	3c	J. J. H. Gregory
Minneapolis, Minn.	2	?	1c (used stamps)	Wyman, Partridge
	5	?	?	John Leslie Paper Co
Miltineague Mass.	1	I	1c (red & green)	Miltineague Paper Co
New York N. Y.	77	III	1c	Fullon Merideth & Co
	90	IV	1c	A. L. Winner & Co
	99	IV	8c	Siegel Cooper & Co
	261	?	1c (red)	J. Scott & Co
	279	IV	1c (red)	The Hearthstone
North Cohocton N. Y	1	IV	1c	D D Cottrells Agcy
Passaic N. J	3	IV	1c	Ladies Home Magazine Co
Philadelphia Pa.	6	IV	5c	W. A. Burpee
	46	II	5c (red)	H. H. Maule
Poughkeepsie N. Y.	1	I	1c	Eastman Journal
Reading Mass.	1	I	1c	C. S. Pratt
Rome, N. Y.	2	IV	1c	Rome Mfg. Co
Rose Hill N. Y.	1	IV	2c (red) 1c	F. B. Mills Co
Salem Mass	3	I	1c	Baird North & Co

The dead letter office at Washington found \$2,018,076 36 worth of negotiable papers and money orders and \$67,715 69 of currency in 13 005,255 dead letters and parcels last year. A "dead letter" is one whose address is illegible or whose addressee cannot be found and whose writer is not named, neither on the envelope nor in the letter. All letters that cannot be delivered are returned to the sender, if that be possible, and those letters only which can neither be delivered nor returned are strictly speaking "dead letters." On the other hand thousands of letters are sent to the dead letter office and treated as dead letters until they are there opened and the name and address of the sender is found. Letters bearing the name and address of the sender legibly on the outside of their cover are not sent to the dead letter office but returned directly if found not deliverable; hence it is the department's desire that all letters should bear the name and address of the sender to relieve the dead letter office from having to handle them. The place for the sender's name is the upper left corner. A return request is not necessary. All names should be written as plainly as possible; it would save much time and trouble, avoid many mistakes and would help to reduce the annual deficit.

As the Postmaster's Advocate quotes from the Montreal Star, Canada wants to establish rural free delivery, but it seems doubtful whether it will be accomplished, the cost of conducting this branch of postal service being too great.

Beginner's Department--Brazil

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue.)

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The ninety first regular meeting of the Society was held in the usual place and time on Tuesday, September 1st.

President Myers was in the chair and the following members were present:—Baer, Boisselier, Bollman, Humes, Lindenschmidt Sr. and J., Millhouse, Myers, Schellhorn, Schoeman, Voelker and Wood.

Mr. Boisselier had with him quite a number of freak envelopes of the present issue, amongst them albinos, half albinos, offsets, folded inside-out, etc.

Mr. Humes had on exhibition his collection of United States.

The contest of "25 ugliest stamps" was again postponed until September 29th, as only two entries had so far been put in. This is rather surprising as such a simple inexpensive and yet interesting contest deserves better treatment; even our British Colonial enthusiasts could get up a set if they would.

In order to furnish some diversion, the president sprang on us a set of ten portions of stamps to be guessed at. Mr. Schellhorn took the prize by giving six countries correctly, Mr. Schoeman struck two right, and the rest of us—,nuf sed!

In order to stimulate sales in the new circuit now being made up the President offers one dollar extra in stamps to the member purchasing the largest amount from the books he is entering. We hope every member will take advantage of this department, and put in books of duplicates.

I should like to remind the members of the \$5 00 prize to be given by the President to the member having the best attendance record. Considering our membership we ought to have a better average attendance. Let us put forth a little extra effort to be on hand at every meeting. It was good to see two of the old stand bys, Messrs. Lindenschmidt Sr., and Jr. present with us after quite a lengthy absence.

New application: Geo. E. Anthonisz, Commission Agent Havelock Town, Colombo, Ceylon, proposed by Geo. Wood.

The Chairman of the Recruiting Committee trusts that with the coming of the fall months and colder weather, some strenuous individual work will be put in by every member towards bringing in new applications. We must get in some new blood. A united effort will accomplish wonders.

Has any member got, or seen, the "Stamp King"? Its whereabouts is desired very much by the Librarian and those members who have not yet had an opportunity to read the interesting story.

Changes of address: T. S. Mann from Fort Smith, Ark., to c-o Southern Beef and Prov Co., Little Rock, Ark. A. Bollman to 1529 So. 11th St., St. Louis, Mo. Geo. L. Schellhorn to 3538 Juniata St., St. Louis, Mo.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday September 15th, 8th Fl. Wright Bldg. Contest will be "One cent United States stamps" (face value, not catalogue) exclusive of Carrier, Envelope, Telegraphs, Local and Private

Proprietaries. This should bring out a splendid lot of entries.

Geo Wood, Secretary.

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For lack of sufficient entries, the U. S. One Cent contest was put off until a later date

A letter from S. B. Hopkins was read. The members present were sorry to hear that he is arranging to make his home permanently in the Lone Star State. A postcard from W. Sleson who is spending his vacation at an eastern resort was also read.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Diamant and convey to him the members' sympathy in the severe siege of sickness he is undergoing.

The usual informal auction closed the meeting

Geo. Wood, Secretary.

A Prince's Palace for Junior Philatelic Society Meetings

The Junior Philatelic Society has taken upon itself a new meeting place. Since Exeter Hall was closed the Society was not altogether satisfied with the new quarters selected; so a change has been made and one which should prove extremely popular with all members

The new meeting place is quite palatial—literally so, for it is the room believed to have been used by Henry Prince of Wales, the eldest son of King James I. The room is full of historic associations and enjoys the possession of a unique enriched Jacobean ceiling, oak paneling, unique bay windows overhanging Fleet Street, and the facade has been restored to the original condition in which it appeared to the denizens of Fleet Street in 1612.

The address of the new meeting place is, 17 Fleet St., and its precise position may be noted by its being immediately opposite the Fleet St. end of Chancery Lane, and extending over the Inner Temple Gateway. Its ancient exterior is readily noticeable to the passer by.

The opening meeting of the new Season will be held here on Saturday Oct. 3rd, and subsequent meetings on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in each month from October to May.

Visitors are always welcome at J. P. S. meetings and any collectors who are visiting London at the time of meeting, should not fail to look in on this up to date city in its old world meeting place

Philatelic Esperanto. Mr. Julian Park of Buffalo, the secretary of the Esperanto Speaking Collectors of the World, after issues thru small leaflets with the membership list, has now issued a pamphlet of 12 pages with Esperanto News and Notes, a well written little story and some other items of interest. He says: "In due time, when the membership warrants such a step, the paper will become a 24-page monthly worthy the name of magazine." We doubt not Mr. Parks ability and wish the E. S. C. W. a rapid growth that the plan may soon be realized.

FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES

By *Oscar C. Hartmann*

RUSSIAN EMPIRE.

Nearly all, at least a great many are printed in two colors. Workmanship in the printing unexcelled and poorly executed stamps the exception. Good many bear the Russian double eagle. The use of the Russian alphabet makes it of course difficult to distinguish the different uses for which they are used and a catalog comes handy.

The Russian revenues abound in justice, police, etc, which is to be expected under a despotic rule. Some of the earlier come imperforate, but not many perforation varieties need attention.

The revenues can be divided into those which are used throughout the empire and those which are used locally. Now let us begin with the empire. The theater tax of 1892 is one entire stamp, whereas the issue of 1893 can be had used only in half. The other piece is kept by the authority.

Playing cards stop with one stamp and cost more than a dollar.

In 1892 a set of distillery stamps, product made out of fruit or raisins, was issued. All good stamps.

Documentary (*Ett. de Commerce*) are the ones you meet in many collections of postage especially the 5 kop. red or blue. One of the most common revenues of the world. Several issues 1875 79 82 88 and 1907. No high values were added, the 3 and 5 rubles come under the 1907 issue. Total number 24. The band of the eagle's head prints either up or down and marks two issues.

Then are the passports, also patents of tobacco, giving the right to sell same.

Imperial justice courts can be divided under the different head by several issues. Under the numerous local issues those of St. Petersburg and Moscow are the most numerous. St. Petersburg has under others the permits of residence respective by a record or tax of how many are in a house or family, giving the number of males or females respectively. Local, suburban police municipal taxes, also hospital are represented. Moscow had two issues of police stamps.

The saving bank stamps often met with are really only administrative control stamps.

I have not been very particular and given only a rough outline, still the Russian revenues merit to be collected and hope you think the same.

No. 399 of Alfred Smith & Sons' Monthly Circular brings the conclusion of an article by B. T. K. Smith on the stamps of Prince Edward Island. With it comes the Statutes of the Philatelic Literature Society of which Mr. E. D. Bacon is the president and Mr. B. T. K. Smith the vice-president. The annual dues are \$5 11 (rather high), but the Society is made up of men and not of boys. Smith's Circular publishes a want list of philatelic papers. No. 400 has as a supplement a prospectus of Mr. Smith's work "How to Collect Postage Stamps," containing a page of superb reproductions of U. S. proofs. If the whole work is in keeping with this prospectus, then it is certainly worth a place in every philatelic library. The price is \$1 70. The Circular is 25 cents a year.



Belgium -
The East
Near
London

Dear Sir We
are having
the removal of
our house;
and your
kind letter
was with
me

Yours,
J. C. Auf der Hyd.

ACROSS THE POND



By J. C. Auf der Hyde, S. H. D. Amsterdam

There is money in stamps!

Though no Rockefellers or Carnegies or another kind of that stuff, some stamp dealers made fortunes in dealing in our small bits of paper. It is reported that Mr. Maury of Paris and Mr. Moens of Brussels, both of whom died recently, each left three million francs or one half million dollars.

Speaking of Mr. Moens, I have to say that he was not only a stamp dealer but also a booklover of great ability. I have before me the catalogue of the auction composed of books which belonged to Mr. Moens. It is printed on 88 pages, large size and of 1210 lots, of which a great many are of particular interest and of great worth. Among others there are a great many "livres galant" of the 17th and 18th centuries.

I am sorry I could not get a resume "of the prices which were paid on this auction," which was held in Brussels from 9 to 12 July, by Mr. Jos. Flerez.

I do not think my readers know that the late Mr. Maury was a collector of dolls of different ages and different costumes. It is told that this collection is one of the finest in Europe and worth more than five figures.

In Holland four societies of "stamp packs" have started one great union called "Nederlandsche Bond van Philatelistische Vereenigingen". (Mr. America man do not break your tongue in trying to pronounce this correctly!)

A Dutch philatelic day, the second, will be held in Amsterdam from the second to the fourth of September.

In the Dutch Indies a new surcharge has come in use. The authorities want to know where the most stamps are used. Those used on the island of Java, the most important island of the Dutch Indies, are overprinted "Java." Those used on other places "Buiten Bozittingen." They are used only for three months. To say whether these stamps will become rare and high in price, or not, is very difficult. That they are used only for three months would forecast high prices, but as a large quantity of most values is printed, I should rather mean, they will not become so rare.

Here is the list of the quantities overprinted with the word "Java":
4,780,000— $\frac{1}{2}$ cent lilac, 3,600,000—1 cent olive, 1,200,000—2 cent brown,
1,400,000— $2\frac{1}{2}$ cent green, 300,000—3 cent orange, 1,020,000—5 cent red, 3,900,000—
10 cent slate, 390,000— $12\frac{1}{2}$ cent blue, 306,000—15 cent brown, 225,000—20
cent olive, 375,000—25 cent lilac, 273,000—30 cent red brown, 294,000—50 cent

brown lilac, 126,000—1 gulden, lilac, 24,000—2½ gulden, lilac.

I cannot give the quantities of those overprinted "Buiten Bezittingen."

Judging from the list given here above, the following values will become the rarest: 3, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 cents, 1 and 2½ Guilder.

Some of the new jubilee stamps of Austria have been overprinted for use in the Levant. An Italian postoffice was established in Constantinople, Turkey. New Italian stamps have already appeared surcharged for use in the Levant.

Some of the new Canadian jubilee stamps have already come to Europe. They are very finely engraved, and will please a great many collectors.

The publisher had the pleasure of going up the Rhine as far as Weisbaden and Metz with Mr. Auf der Heide and found him a fine gentleman to be with, as he speaks five or six different languages and was better than a guide as he knew the best places to stay and also where to see the finest points of interest. He is the largest stamp, postcard and book dealer of Holland and anyone in need of these will do well to see him and get his prices before buying anywhere in Holland. He has many stores and so can sell cheaper, and you will find him one, if not the best dealer in Holland.

We hope to have monthly letters from him. Ladies who wish quaint Dutch Souvenir spoons etc., will do well to write for prices.

Notes by Dorpat

From the Stamp Collector's Fortnightly we glean that Tasmania as well as New South Wales has its official stamp collection. The U.S. Stamps in the Tasmania collection are proofs of all the general issues, departmentals, and journal stamps.

The same journal states "that it is now practically settled that all Colonial (British, of course) issues shall be mousecolored, the ½d, 1d. and 2½d being on white paper in the Postal Union colors and the 3d. and higher values being printed in one color on papers of various tints."

As we expected, DeKay's Stamp Circular thrives: more space is wanted and the size is to be increased in the near future. The National Philatelic Association is likewise thrifty, the membership numbers having now reached and passed the mark of 500.

Mr. Victor M. Berthold published an instructive article in the Stamp Journal of Denver, treating the present issue of U. S. stamped envelopes. One article like this alone is worth the whole subscription price of 25c annually, but besides Mr. Berthold's article, which is illustrated, there are articles on the same topic by Messrs. C. E. Jenney and D. T. Eaton, while C. A. N. (the Editor?) treats albinos. If the Journal keeps on in the same way, it will soon be the foremost philatelic magazine in America. To judge from the advertising it carries, its prospects are good.

The best account given of the Republic of Counani and its postage stamps is found in Nankivell's Postage stamp for March 18, 1908. According to it Senior Larrion de Herrera claiming to be Minister of the State of Counani to Spain, Morocco and the Holy See was arrested at Madrid, Spain, in May 1905 and his papers were confiscated on the charge of conspiracy against Brazil. Senior Herrera claimed in his defense that the territory of Counani had been recognized as an Independent state since 1872 and that the diplomatic relations between Brazil and Counani were most cordial. It ap-

pears however that he failed to prove his assertions. An inquiry at the Foreign Office at London made by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce on March 17, 1906, was answered to the effect that "the political existence of this so-called "State" is indignantly denied by the Brazilian Government within whose territory the cities and provinces claimed by the "Republic" are situated and that it has not been acknowledged by this country, nor, as far as His Majesty's government are aware, by any other power." Nevertheless this purely fictitious "State" in 1908 comes forth with a new issue of postage stamps of 6 values (after the 21 varieties previously offered in 1892) and tries to sell them to stamp collectors without giving any proof of its political existence. This indicates that after the sale of former issues must have proved fairly profitable or else the manufacture and sale of new stamps would hardly be tried again. I would like to know who buys them!

Fuller's 20th Century Philatelic Directory is out and with it 60 octavo pages and covers it is not so large a book as it might have been, had more collectors taken the trouble to send their addresses for insertion, nevertheless it contains a long and valuable list of devotees of our hobby. Up to page 22 we find names of collectors in the United States. Then comes Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and Oceanica and three pages of Addenda too late for classification. There are but four pages of advertisements, and these are worth reading. The book can be had for 25 cents from B. L. Fuller, Washington, D. C.

Chicago now boasts two stamp journals, the Chicago Collectors' Monthly and the Colonial Stamp News. Get a sample copy for a stamp, or better, try them for a year.

Mr. L. L. Dolson issues "Philatelic Flashes" from Geneva, Ia., and wants collectors everywhere to get interested in his paper, which he intends to enlarge and to improve. In his next issue he might tell us a little more about the "Muhcody Envelope."

Der Philatelist of Dresden gives some very interesting notes on stamps of Bavaria. In the first place the Bavarian Railroad stamps are to be collected by the officials and to be sold, used, to a stamp dealer, who has a contract to that effect with administration. Prices are agreed upon, and the 50 pf. stamps to be sold at 60 pf. to 1 mark a piece according to condition, a very remarkable advance over face value for used stamps. In another note it is stated that due stamps (value 2, 3, 5 and 10 pf.) may be sold to collectors for face value and, if the buyer desires it, to be cancelled with the date stamp. So henceforth Bavarian due stamps may be bought from the post offices at face value either unused or cancelled to order.

Mr. Victor Marsh, of 389 Brixton Road, London, S. W., is selling out the remaining stock of Mr. J. B. Moens' philatelic publications at reduced prices. When these are sold it will be difficult to obtain any of these works, and the prices are apt to rise considerably, as was the case with others of Mr. Moens' publications after the publisher's stock was once sold out. His monogram on Naples which was published to subscribers at 75 cents in 1877 was sold in 1887 for \$1.00. His work on Peru jumped from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Collectors who understand French, will therefore do well to avail themselves of the opportunity offered by Mr. Marsh before it will be too late.

Mr. William A. Roberts, Licensed Trader, Luni Reservation, Luni, New Mexico, sends us the announcement that he is prepared to furnish Indian curiosities of various kinds from the Luni Indians.

Flower Gardens on Postage Stamps

Several weeks ago, after I had dug up my garden to find out why the nasturtiums and zinnias and the lettuce and lima beans had not sprung up, one of my friends undertook to taunt me on the inferiority of my garden to his. As I knew his lot was very small and having never heard that floriculture or agriculture were numbered among his accomplishments I demanded an explanation. He thereupon invited me to turn my attention to his stamp collection and pointed out a most interesting and surprising array of postage stamps that bore pictures of flowers and vegetables from every corner of the globe.

The group of Chinese stamps of 1894 all show flowers. Among them is found the peony, emblem of illustriousness; hydrangea leaves, the flower of which is highly regarded by the Chinese, and the Chinese immortelle. On these stamps there is also represented the boletus, a woody fungus akin to the mushroom, and said to be emblematic of long life. Likewise there is presented in this group an illustration of a dwarf peach tree.

The stamps of Japan naturally illustrate a number of flowers, notably the chrysanthemum, the emblem of the emperor and of the empire. On the 30 sen stamp of 1872 the chrysanthemum as well as the paulownia, the flower emblem of the empress is shown.

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

The devotion of the Japs to flowers is evidenced by their adoption for crests and coats-of-arms in preference to the lions, eagles and other subjects, conventionalized or otherwise, for which the people of other lands show a weakness.

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

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

This is really a valuable stamp.

No. 5 of the Chicago Collector's Monthly is here. It is the tidiest of all. Its leading article is one on the London Stamp Exhibition. Besides this there are two very readable articles on Stamp Collecting as a Hobby, one by a teacher and the other by a school-boy. The biggest fault of the Monthly is that there is not more of it.



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THE POST CARD SPECIALIST

By R. O. Chelle

Are you a Postcard Specialist? What do I mean? Well, I mean simply this: Do you collect "anything and everything" in the shape of post cards, or do you only collect certain kinds? Now is my meaning clear? When a person is first taken with postcarditis they generally have a very hard attack, and anything with a picture on one side and a place for a stamp on the other goes in to fill blank spaces in the album. The idea seems to be to get a collection, and they generally succeed. After they have gotten about two or three hundred cards, some not worth the stamp on them, they either give up in disgust, or else decide to collect only certain kinds of cards. When a person looks over his or her collection and sees where they have received common black and white cards for the fine colored views which they sent out, it is enough to make them disgusted. It is about this time that they begin to see how silly it is to collect "any old thing" and try to think of a way by which they can make their collection worth the time and money they are willing to spend on it.

How often you read in the exchange notices "I collect views of monuments" etc. Right here let me ask, what is nicer than a collection of views of monuments? Monuments to the dead Presidents of our country, to the army and navy heroes, soldiers and sailors monuments and monuments to the statesmen who have carried this country through perilous times. Of course with a collection of monuments a collection of statues can be combined. Statues commemorating great events in our history, etc.

Then there is a collection of the portraits of our Presidents. This collection is easy to complete, yet how interesting and instructive it is.

Another person requests "only historical views." What a great collection this must be. Views of the great battlefields where our forefathers died for our liberty, views of the battlefields of the Civil War. Also views of the battlefields of the war which we can remember, the Spanish-American

War. But views of battlefields are but a part of this collection, as it contains views of everything pertaining to the history of our country. Views of buildings made famous by the exciting events which took place within their walls during our war times. Portraits of the men and women who played a prominent part in our history.

If you are a college or High School student what is finer than a collection of views of our leading colleges and our high schools? Or if you want to go a step further you could collect anything from the school house in the rural districts to the leading universities of the world. Surely a collection of our schools and colleges would be most interesting. As a side issue, there is nothing more beautiful than a collection of college seals. I have seen them with the seal done in the original colors on a plain white back ground.

Then there are the churches. Not long ago I received a card from a correspondent in Australia with the request to send church views. Many persons collect church views. Some desire only the views of churches of their own denomination, such as, Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist, Catholic, etc. It think it makes it more interesting to collect only views of your own denomination.

I would suggest to all members of the Y. M. C. A. to collect views of Y. M. C. A. buildings. Just think of the thousands of branches there are throughout this country, and where there is a branch there must be a building or club room. Of course to this collection of Y. M. C. A. views can be added those of the interior as well as the exterior of the buildings. Views of the gymnasium, reading rooms, etc., and if you are interested in athletics, views of the hockey teams, basket ball teams, base ball teams, etc. may be included

Railroad views also make a very fine collection. Views of the great railroad terminals in the principal cities, such as the Grand Central Station in New York City etc. Also views of stations along the lines of the railroads, especially along the line on which you live. Views of engines, trains and everything pertaining to the road.

How often you see the request for scenes of State Capitols. Such a collection can be completed with but little trouble, and will be a good one. The country has some elegant capitols and their collection is worth trying for.

Has it ever occurred to you to collect views of your own state? A friend of mine makes a specialty of collecting views of New York State, the state in which she lives, and some very fine cards she has too. Views of anything and everything go into this collection, that is, as long as the view depicts something within that particular state.

A fine collection can be made with views of our warships. This would be doubly interesting at this time as many of our ships are on their great cruise to the Pacific.

Street scenes make a very interesting collection. Anything from a view of the stage coach going up Main St. in Mudtown to the crowded thoroughfare of the busy city goes in the collection of street scenes.

Views of Parks are another source of delight to the post card specialist. These range from the Yellowstone to the small parks in the towns and cities, and depict scenes taken in the former as well as views of the lakes and rivers in the latter.

Then there are water scenes. Views of the Great Lakes, of the falls

and rivers, and views of the harbors and bays along our shore. This includes views of yacht races, swimming races, views taken on Regatta Day, etc., anything pertaining to the water.

Many collectors show a preference for moonlight scenes, and these views certainly make a handsome collection.

There is also the hobby for collecting views of public buildings, such as Post Offices, Libraries, City Halls and other buildings.

A collection of fancy cards is very beautiful. Embossed cards, cards covered with tinsel, cards decorated with ribbons, leathers, etc., cards with birds done in many colors, also go to make up a very nice collection.

If you are of a humorous turn of mind a collection of comic cards should interest you greatly, as there is no end to the scope and variety of these cards. A collection of comics would be very amusing and would help drive away that indigo feeling that often possesses one. A collection of comic cards should be clean, and contain only the really funny. Vulgar cards which are never funny should have no place in it.

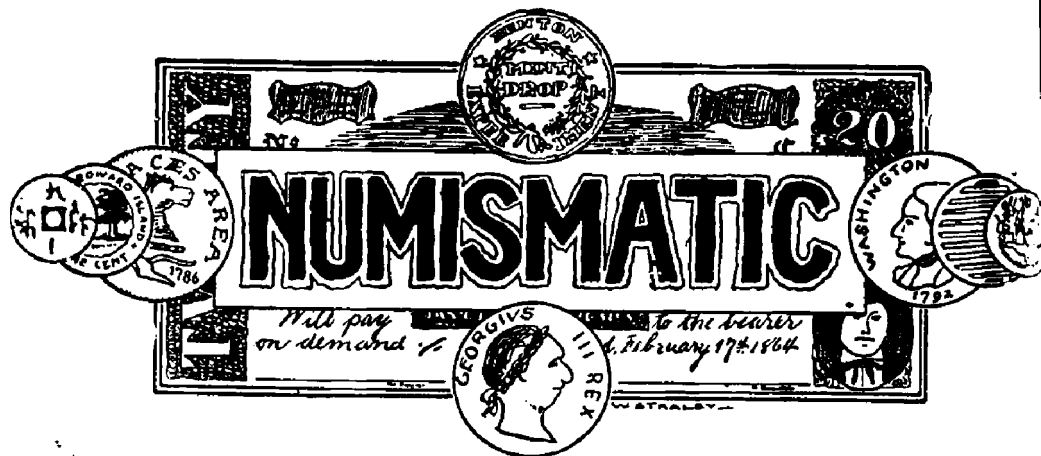
Of course I have mentioned but a few of the kinds of cards you can use for specializing. As there are hundreds of subjects depicted on postcards so are there hundreds of subjects to choose from if you want to specialize. You should collect only that which meets your own fancy. The next time you send a card just write on it "please send views of high schools" or whatever else suits you, and you will find that in a little while you will have a fine collection of your favorite cards. The next time you see the request for special cards, answer it and send one with the request that the person send you your favorite cards, and in this way you will get people to be on the lookout for what you want. Many of your foreign correspondents could send views of colleges, monuments, churches, etc., and these foreign views would add greatly to your collection.

I have been a specialist for some time, and find it more interesting than collecting "any old thing." Don't make your album a place for all the trash and truck in the postcard world, but make it something that will be worthy of keeping and looking at in the future without a pang of regret.

If my ideas suit you, take them up in practice, as it will cost you no more than it is costing you now, and I am sure you will consider yourself amply repaid in the end. Try it!

SALE OF COSTLY LACE.

The conclusion of the sale of the late Mrs. Eliza Roebuck's collection was largely attended by ladies in the London sale-rooms. Seven feet of narrow Venetian rose point lace sold for \$55; a wider length of old flat point \$80; a rose point founce 8 inches deep and 8 feet long, \$85; and a Venetian collar, such as one sees in Vandyck's portraits, \$65. A lively competition followed for lot 40, a very beautiful floral scroll founce, 20 inches deep, of old Venetian flat point, which sold for \$295. A curious contemporary needlework picture of King Charles I. with figures of Queen Henrietta and her children, brought \$80, and an old casket covered with needlework of the same period, \$50. A Spanish altar frontal embroidered in brilliant coloured silks sold for \$145, and some beautiful furs fetched equally high prices.—Collectors' Journal.



The Grand Old King

By Chester Dunham

Ever since the 1904 dollar has adorned the pages of Numismatic literature and catalogues there have appeared iconoclasts.

In 1804 there were 19,570 silver dollars coined, which bear the same designs as those on the 1793 dollars, excepting the date.

The numerous theories launched every year in regard to this coin are curious and quite startling.

One "authority" says they were melted and made into spoons and loving cups while another reports that medals were struck from them for our soldiers and sailors. The once prevailing idea that only a few trial pieces were coined, is discarded when the mint reports are consulted. So the only plausible and credited theory is, that the Huguenots in this country, upon seeing some of the new silver dollars, raised such a cry of disdain because the features of the goddess of liberty resembled those of Martha Washington.

Although a few restrikes were recoined in 1859 and were sold as restrikes by some under officials at the mint, the wrath of the superintendent was so great that every restrike was speedily regained by the government and all were destroyed save one which was placed in our National Collection in the mint at Philadelphia.

The restrikes were coined with an imperfect collar because the original collar was lost. Further, there have never been any counterfeit dies made of the 1804 dollar, and the dies were destroyed in 1859.

The entire output of dollars for the year 1804 (excepting six which were smuggled to numismatists by the mint officials) was shipped off to Japan and China to be circulated among the Orientals who greedily hoarded all of our bright coins. As fate would have it, the ship with its precious cargo never reached its destination, but foundered in the middle of the Pacific and sank to the bottom.

On the obverse of this "Peer of Treasures" is a draped Liberty bust, facing right, with flowing hair that is bound by a fillet. The bust is partially encircled by the word liberty, above, and by the date below, and by 13 stars which fill out the remaining space between the word liberty and the

date.

The borders of the obverse and reverse are beaded and the edge has one hundred cents, one dollar, engraved upon it. The Y and the word liberty, almost touches a star.

On the reverse is a heraldic eagle with outspread wings, holding a scroll upon which is inscribed E Pluribus Unum. Upon its breast is borne a shield and in its left talon is an olive branch, while in the right talon are 12 arrows. Above the eagle are 13 stars which are partially enclosed by seven clouds. "United States of America" almost surrounds the design.

Sometimes the phrase "King of Fakes" attracts our attention. But the attention given to it is short lived, because the intelligent collector is already aware of the futile attempts to defame, slander and impeach this priceless "King of Rarities."

This dollar is the "best abused" and most popular "of all our coins.

Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Omaha and Albany are the lucky numismatic cities of this age, because all possess within their respective limits one of these dollars.

It is still an unsolved mystery in the Numismatic World whether Chicago or Philadelphia is the proud possessor of the sixth specimen. It is a well known fact that the highest price ever paid for an authentic official coin, in this country, was the \$3600 which purchased one of the six.

It is another curious fact that all the persons whose affections are not in loving accord with the 1804 dollar, either have not the money to buy a specimen, or missed the chance of their lives by bidding too low because they thought it would go cheap.

The six genuine authentic specimens known are as follows:

OWNER	Highest Price realized.
1. U. S. Mints Cabinet—	not sold
2. Public Library of Omaha, Nebr—	\$570
3. N. E. Historical Society of Boston—	\$775
4. Collection of W. F. Dunham, Chicago—	\$2000
5. Collection of J. H. Manning, Albany—	\$1000
6. (Mr. Earle, Philadelphia, Mr. Brand, Chicago)?—	\$3600

THE ORIGINATOR OF POST CARDS.

Dr. E. Hermann, of Vienna, is the man to whom we must assign the honour of inventing the post card. It was on January 26th, 1869, that Hermann first communicated his idea for an "open card for correspondence" to the Austrian postal Authorities. The Postmaster General, wonderful to relate, immediately adopted the idea. As a beginning, a million Austrian post cards were printed. On that, the first of the world's post cards, appeared the very cautious announcement "The Post Office undertakes no responsibility for the contents of the communications."

Formal transfer of the Dillon house and lot on Broad street, Woodbury, N. J., has been made to the Board of Education for a \$45,000 high school. The Dillon house is one of the oldest in Woodbury, and people are already after relics. A knocker on the front door has been "pinched", although several persons were willing to pay a good price for it. The house is to be sold and moved away, together with considerable shrubbery and rare trees, but unless the sale is soon made there will be little left.

Mr. H. C. Wilder, our vice president of New York, 34 School St., Car-

thage, N. Y., is compelled to resign as active member, as he is to be out of town several years. He can answer no more cards sent him as he is an associate member now. A word from Mr. Wilder: "I have manifested a deep interest in your society from its inception and wish to you and to your fellow officers unbounded prosperity." Why could we not all say this?

NEW MEMBERS.

457. Clarence S. Hunsinger, Flat Rock, Ohio, stamps, curios, fossils and coins.

458 W. W. Bilss, Duarte, California, stamps.

459. Miss Elina May Carroll, San Marcos, Texas, post cards.

460 W. E. Eager, 89 Bulere Rd., Upper Edmonton Middlesex, London, England, post cards.

Friends and Fellow Members:

With this issue of the WEST I wish to announce that I have not the time to properly attend to the office of treasurer of this great society, as I have a job of traveling and will be out of town most of the time. I therefore appoint Mr. Wm. A. Blomberg, secretary, of Atchison, Kansas, to fill this position. "I hope this club" will be at the head of all societies in time to come.

Yours in union,

Wm. A. Simpson.

Talking Postal Card

The talking postal card is the very latest. No more will every Tom, Dick and Harry be able to read your correspondence, no more will the country postmistress get next to your stunts while you are away on a holiday. With this new postal card your family will get the view on the back while they will actually hear, in your own voice, what you think of the place you may be visiting.

The talking postal card has been in use in France for five years. Its manufacturers have become millionaires. They have the secret. And it lies not so much in the machine which prints the record of your speech on the card, but in the preparation which is placed on the face of the postal itself.

The only machine in the United States, and the only talking postal cards are in this city. A. Genslin of No. 224 Copp building, has them. He has secured the American rights from the Societe Ononyme des Phonocartes, and proposes to form a company to handle the patent on this continent.

He showed the machine in working yesterday, and postal cards which were mailed in Paris and talked in Los Angeles. He wrote across them again and again to show that placing the address on the record has no adverse effect, and also explained the method of registering and reproducing the messages.

Le Phonopostal machines, as the French call them, will be placed in all the picture postcard establishments in the United States. A person wishing to send a talking postcard to a friend will enter a private booth, speak into the machine, which will record the words on a specially prepared postalcard of the same character pictorially as those sold today by the million. A stamp will then be placed on the card which will be mailed in the usual way. The recipient will take the card to the nearest picture postcard place in his city, where it will be put on the machine and the message will be heard immediately. An instant reply can be sent from the same store. The records are indestructible.—Los Angeles (Cal.) Times.

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Book Hunting

by J. H. Yoxall M. P. London

In one respect the days of book hunting are over, for the secondhand bookseller is perhaps the keenest and most versed of all dealers in the dealing trade. Often he began workaday life as a bookseller's boy, was sent with a bookseller's sack to houses where his employer had bought parcels of books, learned to pack them neatly in the sack, and carry them off on his shoulder, as Hutton the Birmingham bookseller did a century and a half ago. Then he was set to count the leaves and plates of copies of well known books, learning to "collate" them; came into contact with the ingenious old literary men who wrote secondhand booksellers' catalogues for them; and now can tell you offhand in a moment, without reference, that the first edition of Goldsmith's "Traveler" was octavo though several quarto editions appeared during the same year. The average secondhand bookseller is much more of an expert than is the average dealer in old china or old pictures, and seldom indeed, will you buy a book at less than its trade value of him. A secondhand bookseller's catalogue is often a marvel of erudition and ingenuity; those careful publications—"Book Prices Current" and "Book Auction Records"—tabulate and register prices in a way unrivalled in any other class of the dealing trade; and seldom indeed can a man, who has bought hundreds of bargains in china, earthenware, and prints, pride himself on having snapped up a bargain in a book.

I do not say that the diligent searcher among the book barrows outside Farringdon Market may not occasionally come across a book bargain, and English books of pecuniary value are sometimes found cheaply in the book boxes on the Paris quais. And in all the above remarks I make no reference to the case of a book hunter who wants a book of the more ordinary type for his own use; these, no doubt, can still be very cheaply acquired.

But let us see what kind of books the second-hand booksellers themselves are on the lookout for; you find lists of "books wanted to purchase" in their catalogues sometimes, and in their advertisements in the "Bibliophile". In such lists I find asked for:

Ackermann's "Repository of Arts." Any books published by Ackermann. Any book illustrated by Henry Alken. Any English books printed before 1660. Early Editions of Jane Austen's novels. Baxter's "Cabinet of Paintings." Books illustrated by Aubrey Beardsley. Any book containing the binders' tickets. Any books in fine bindings, modern or old. Books,

pamphlets, maps, and views on any part of North and South America and Canada published before 1830 Books printed or written on vellum. Books with painted edges. Books with Presentation inscriptions by the author or persons of note. Any books with coloured plates Any books on Court life in England or France Original editions of English classical novelists. French illustrated books printed between 1700 and 1800. Books of designs for furniture. "The Germ" Illuminated books Poems of Keats (1817). Keats' "Endymion" (1818). Keats' "Lamia" (1820). Books and pamphlets relating to Napoleon I. and his time Indexes to "Notes and Queries." Pater's "Marius the Epicurean" (2 vols) Scott's "Tales of my Landlord," first edition Any of Scott's original editions, in boards. Shelley's "Queen Mab" (1813). Shelley's "Revolt of Islam" (1817). Sporting books published before 1865 Sets of books in fine bindings. First editions of books by Dumas pere. Meredith's "Harry Richmond" (2 vols) Any book printed before A.D. 1500 Books published by the Wesleys before 1791. Pickering printed books "Aldine Poets" (Pickering edition) Boydell's "River Thames." Browning's "Bells and Pomegranates" (1841) Browning's "Paracelsus" (1835) FitzGerald's "Omar Khayyam" (1859) Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield" (2 vols, Salisbury, 1766) Jorrocks' "Jaunts" (second edition, 1843). Swinburne's "Atalanta in Calydon" (white cloth, 1865). Swinburne's "Poems" (Moxon, 1866) Swinburne's "Queen Mother" (Pickering, 1866) Tennyson's "The Widow" and the "Victim" (privately printed, 1857, at Canford Manor) Westmacott's "The English Spy" (1825). Borrow's "Wild Wales" (3 vols, 1862). Blackmore's "Lorna Doone" (3 vols, 1869) Meredith's "Poems" (1851)

Many in the above list are books which the booksellers will buy at any time; some are books for which the booksellers have a special customer. Most of the items listed above are precise and unalterable: in place of the 1813 edition of Shelley's "Queen Mab," which is wanted, it would be useless to offer the 1822 edition of "Queen Mab," though the latter has "the suppressed notes and the rare dedication leaf," and is "8vo. original board, uncut," and can be bought for thirty-five shillings. Note that "uncut" in the second-hand bookselling trade does not mean the leaves uncut for reading, but that the original size of the leaves has not been cut down when re-binding.

Across the Atlantic there is a steady demand for books published in or on New England before the War of Independence. The rarest and most valuable of this class was printed by Day, at Cambridge (Mass.), in 1618. The first part of the title is "The Book of General Lawes and Liberty as Concerning the Inhabitants of The Massachusetts" American demands for all good kinds of old books help the English second hand booksellers considerably, and prices for good things on the whole go up. A wise investment with second-hand booksellers today would be a capital investment for twenty years hence And I think there are no dealers so enlightened and worthy as those who care for old books, issue erudite catalogues, and are courteous, attentive, highly educated, and businesslike, too.

An artist prepared for one girl a strip of matting which reached from the floor to the ceiling. He had painted some Japanese cherry blossoms on it, with the words, "Great Japan," in the Japanese lettering, and the prettiest postals mounted on this matting made an attractive decoration.

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124. Tony V. Scott, 826 W. Creighton Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind. (Colored

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The following will expire during the months of September and October: No. 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. We hope you will renew at once. Renewal fee is 35c if a subscriber to the WEST the fee will be 10c. Renewed to date, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.

COMPLAINTS.

No. 100 will please take notice that No. 60 sent you a card July 22, '08, and has received no reply.

No. 90 please observe that No. 70 of whom you have entered complaint, has received no cards from your address, and that his exchange calls for "foreign only."

No. 104, your complaint will be looked up at once.

NOTICES.

43 Harry C Wilder, 34 School St., Carthage, N. Y., wishes to hereafter be known as an associate member. Please don't send him cards unless he makes request

18. Chas A. Mitchell's address will hereafter be 551 48 St., instead of 523 48 St., Brooklyn N. Y.

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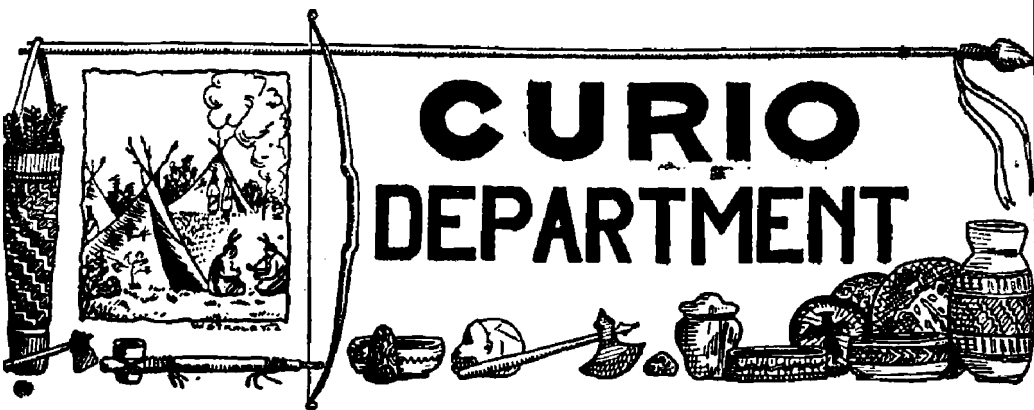
To our many inquirers: We wish to say that our membership list was written and sent to the printer for publication, but through a misunderstanding upon the part of the printer same was not completed as we had anticipated. We are very sorry for the mistake but we hope to keep our promise in the near future,

Yours Cordially,

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

World's Smallest Printed Book. The smallest book in the world, so far as is known, is preserved in an out of-the-way corner of the British Museum. This miniature volume is not so wide as a man's thumb, but despite its microscopical dimensions it is most beautifully finished, and is a wonderful specimen of the printer's art.

It consists of no less than 100 pages of extremely thin paper, and the engravings are highly creditable pieces of work, and are printed in colors. The exact size of the book, taking the measurement of the outside covers, is $\frac{3}{4}$ in by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. It bears the date 1839, and is therefore 66 years old. The title of this curiosity is "Schlorr's English Bijou Almanac."



Eighteenth Century Knick-knacks

By J. H. Voxall, M. P.

The wise collector is like Autolyeus, "a snapperup of unconsidered trifles," and does not confine himself to lines already well known and pursued; in fact, he cannot unless he be very wealthy indeed, and it is not for the wealthy alone that I write my articles here. Where twenty years ago there were a hundred collectors at work on a "line" there are now at least a thousand, and a collector is wise in every way who strikes out a path for himself. And there is hardly any possible line which may not become remunerative, sooner or later. I do not say that, for instance, the enthusiast who never rests until he possesses an example of every regimental button ever issued to the British Army will find his buttons a Golconda when he comes to sell them, but he all the delight of collecting—the hunt, the find, and the acquisition—has cheaply known. This month let me talk about some "ornamental trifles" (which is a dictionary definition of "knick-knacks") that are lying about and seldom sought after just now.

The Eighteenth Century was for fashionable women in England and in France a period of indoor life, as a rule: there were many sedentary hours to pass and cheat of their weariness somehow. Fancy needlework has at all times been the great resource for otherwise unoccupied women of fashion, but in the Eighteenth Century they were apt to discover other methods of sedentary pastime also. Fashions in such occupations spread from France to England, or from England to France, and the fine lady in Mayfair trifled with knick knacks resembling those which occupied the fingers of the fine lady in the Marais at Paris. Early in the Eighteenth Century the rage for cutting out prints began, and it spread like an epidemic. Much of the present rarity of the prints issued at the time is due to the fact that fine ladies cut the figures out of them (particularly the coloured ones) and then gummed the cut figures upon cardboard boxes, hand screens, and so forth. Boxes and hand screens thus ornamented still remain in existence. I saw one in a shop-window the other day, and on some of them there are pieces cut out of prints which cost fifty livres at the time they were issued, and, if complete, would be worth five hundred livres today. Then came the rage for hand-colouring prints. You will find in old portfolios stipple-prints and mezzotints, very carefully tinted in watercolour—the handiwork of fashion-

able dames a century ago: and some of them have puzzled print collectors terribly, seeming to be modern forgeries, and yet old.

After that arrived the rage for making "pantines" and "pantins", little figures cut out of cardboard, painted and jointed, with threads to make the limbs move, and the toy theatres in which they were to play the marionette. Harlequins, Scaramouches, Shepherds, and Shepherdesses, dancing cardboard figures of all sizes and values, from one that cost a shilling to one that Boucher designed and painted for Madame la Duchesse de Chartres at a cost of \$300, decked the consoles in Belgravia, Russell Square, the Marais, and the Faubourg St. Germain. Examples of these quaint old figures still remain extant. Doll-dressing belonged to the same category, and the tiny old dolls in their robes and furbelows of contemporary brocades and laces make a capital "line" for a woman who is a collector today.

"George Paston" tells us that "so terrified were the women who lived under the third and fourth Georges of seeming to execute anything with professional skill, that they deliberately invented a kind of "mock art," for which England has been unique among the nations. For example, to model well in clay would have been considered strong-minded, but to model badly in wax or bread was quite a feminine occupation. Filigree and mosaic work was imitated in coloured paper, "medals" were made of cardboard and gold leaf, "Dresden china" of rice paper, cottages of pasteboard, flowers of lambs-wool, coral of blackthorn twigs painted vermillion, and "Grecian tintoes" (so called) were painted—or plastered—in black lead mixed with pomatum, the high lights being scratched out with a pen-knife" (By the bye, in Gandy's "The Artist," one of the earliest Baxter books, there are full instructions for making "Grecian Painting," "Japan Painting," and others of the things mentioned above) And just as they copied line-engravings in human hair stitched on to white satin, so the Georgian ladies imitated prints in lead pencil; I possess three wonderful examples of their skill in that way.

Then came the rage for unpicking gold and silver lace, unravelling old shoulder knots, brandebourgs, and epaulets. Madame de Genlis, in her "Memoirs," showed how a diligent lady might unravel enough old gold and silver lace to sell for as much as \$400 in one year. To this day, you will find in odd corners of bric-a-brac shops old epaulets, edgings, and so forth, consisting of tarnished gold or silver lace. In the year 1772 Christmas boxes to ladies largely consisted of fans, tiny chairs and tables, coffee-cups, birds, wind-mills, and "pantins," all specially made up of gold or silver lace in order that the ladies might have the pleasure of unravelling it, thread by thread. When unravelled, it must be wrapped around bobbins, and old bobbins still full of the old thread may be picked up today. Gold lace was gold lace in those times: Dutch metal had hardly been invented. And this mention of bobbins brings me to another class of Eighteenth Century knick knacks, more easy than the above to come across now.

I mean the dainty trifles which occupied the drawers, tiny recesses, and specially made receptacles which are to be found in the old workboxes which still remain. Bobbins of ivory, bobbins of horn, bobbins made of a metal shank between a beautifully pierced and carved mother-of-pearl disk—the top of the bobbin—and a round of bone—the bottom of the bobbin—may now be picked up for sixpence or a shilling apiece. Then there were the thimble-cases, made of carved ivory or bone, and if you find one with a bone thimble still in it you have acquired an ancient knick-knack indeed. Next,

there were the tape-measures. The Georgian tape measure was usually made of pink silk, marked off into nine inches and multiples of nine inches, not into twelve inches and into feet, as the severely practical tape measures are today. The carved and pierced bone, ivory or silver cases of these old tape-measures are pretty and interesting trifles, and take the most extraordinary forms. I have one which looks like a cathedral spire; I have seen one that worked like a windmill.

Needle-cases of pierced and carved bone or ivory; long ones, to hold darning-needles and tapestry-needles; are still to be found. Then there were the pincushions, some of them large and ordinary, but some of them small and dainty, consisting of a pad of pink velvet, mounted on the top of a short pillar of bone or ivory. And of course, no Eighteenth Century work-box was complete without its powder-puff, powder-box, and patch-box, or its stiletto to use as a bodkin, its steel instruments to use in "pinking," and its spools for silk. I saw an early Victorian work-box complete with all its dainty fittings selling for thirty shillings the other day.

In fact the range for the collector of Eighteenth Century knick knacks is almost endless, and I have by no means touched upon all the articles which this line offers to the quick and recognising eye. Nearly all the knick-knacks are small, dealers do not make a feature of them, they are not exposed in shop windows, and you have to hunt for them, as a rule. But when you find them you can usually buy them cheaply—at present, that is.

Ancient Hornbooks

Hornbooks—leaflets containing the alphabet, simple spellings, the Lord's Prayer, and Roman numerals—were common in country places down to the days of George II., and cost originally from two to four cents. But not long ago one of these queer relics—known as the Bateman Hornbook—was sold at auction for \$355. It was $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches high, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, with a handle one inch long, and was covered, except the handle, with leather. The alphabet was preceded by the Cross, and this was the case with most of the hornbooks. Hence the phrase, "criss-cross row." The back was stamped with a figure of Charles I., bareheaded, and in armour, on horseback. At the top corner and facing the king was a large celestial crown, issuing from a cloud above his head, and in the other an angel's face and wings. The book bore other marks of less interest. Some of the hornbooks were costly. Queen Elizabeth gave one of silver filigree to Lord Chancellor Egerton, and others were made of ivory and bone. Yet another variation was the gingerbread hornbook, which seems once to have been a common baker's dainty. Of St Prior wrote:

To Master John the English Maid a hornbook gives of gingerbread:
And that the Child may learn the better, as he can name, he eats the Letter.

At an exhibition of toys of all nations and of all ages, opened at the London Day Training College the oldest and most interesting doll exhibited was 2000 years old, and once upon a time delighted an Egyptian child. There was also a Welsh doll 100 years old. The Japanese dolls and games were works of art, and two footballs used by the nobles of the Mikado's Court 200 years ago were shown.

MINERALOGY



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

In 1879 one of the two still volcanoes in the Lipari Islands, off the north coast of Sicily, was purchased by a Scotch firm for \$40,000, for the purpose of extracting alum, boracic acid and sulphur. Two volcanoes in Iceland were not long since advertised for sale in a Copenhagen paper. The price asked was about \$750. Cheap enough at least.

Perhaps the most interesting fact in connection with Kimberly, the diamond city, says a recent article, is the "street washing," which has been a recognized industry for some time past. With the exception of two or three of the principal thoroughfares, all the streets have been subjected to the washing process, and some of the debris washers have done very well. The washing consists of overhauling the earth for diamonds. At nearly every meeting of the borough council applications for permission to wash streets or portions of streets are received. The would be washer has to obtain the consent of persons resident in the street or road, to put the latter in sound repair again, and pay to the municipality ten per cent on his gross finds. Last year \$4,800 was paid to the municipality in this way, a good proportion of which represented commission on street finds.

In the early days of the diamond field the ground was washed in a very primitive style, many diamonds being thrown away in the debris, as it is called. The debris was subsequently used for street making purposes, and now, years after, with better machinery at their disposal, people find it pays to "wash the streets."

Many houses built of "maiden" debris are removed in order to wash the latter, and stones of comparatively large size are frequently found by the energetic debris washer, who literally works from morning to night, from sunrise till sunset.

The Popular Science News says that an interesting discovery, from a geological point of view, was recently made by an explorer in the mountain of Witzles Hock, Natal, says Le Gentle Civil. On the summit of an extinct volcano, on the edge of a lake that occupies the crater, soundings revealed a layer of sand inclosing small diamonds. It would be interesting to know whether these diamonds were there accidentally—that is, as the result of washing operations carried on by the natives—or whether this discovery corresponds to an actual mine of diamonds, for the hills of Witzles Hock are not situated in regions known to be diamond bearing. On this last hypothesis the presence of precious stones in the crater of volcano would doubtless throw some light on the formation of the gems in nature.



The 56th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Sept. 4th, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members responded to roll call: Messrs. Blumenschein, Merrill, Chester Dunham, Holmes, Baker, Sorensen, Williams, Ripstra, Puttkamer, Lewis, Kelly, Green, Carey, V. M. Brand, Brenner, Simpson and Leon.

Messrs. Chas. F. Schlytern, Walter S. Chattin and A. E. Herschleb were elected to membership. Mr. Miller and Dr. Bert were present as visitors. The latter showed some interesting European coins interspersed with anecdotes and historical matter connected with the pieces. Mr. V. M. Brand exhibited a set of Anse Canot pieces of Prince Edward Island in denominations of one, five, ten, twenty and forty, only the ten of which has been heretofore known to exist, and a half eagle of 1832 in proof condition; Mr. Blumenschein some U. S. Freaks; and Mr. Ripstra some Lincoln medals. Magazines received since last meeting were the Numismatist, Philatelic West, Chicago Collectors Monthly, Spink's Numismatic Circular and Collectors Journal for August and Mehl's Monthly for September. Auction catalogs were received from Green and Low.

Adjourned to meet Oct. 2nd, 1908.

Ben G. Green, Sec'y.

Post Card Instruction. There is no sign of a falling off in the souvenir post card craze, largely because new uses for the cards are constantly being devised. They often are really useful as well as entertaining, and some of them have educational value—a fact which seems to have been better appreciated in Germany than in this country, as may be seen from the following consular report. At the recent meeting of the German Geographical Society the idea was advanced for the first time to employ picture postal cards as means of instruction in the schools. The post card industry has made enormous progress in the last few years, and in the last few months cards have been brought into the market illustrative of natural history, political history, and for use in instruction in the German language, which have met with the hearty approval of professors and teachers of reputation. The school museum at Breslau has undertaken to form a collection of these cards, and for this purpose has requested the various publishers to forward them samples of their output, that it may be determined to what extent they may be used for purposes of instruction. Further, two teachers in Leipzig have established a central bureau for meritorious post cards of all sorts intended for purposes of instruction, collection and travel. They have also developed and offer for sale two practical systems for the display and filing of the cards. These gentlemen select and arrange the cards most carefully according to pedagogical principles. Such prominent educators as Harms, Tischendorf, Rudolf Schmidt, and others have endorsed the plan of using illustrated cards as an aid in instruction, and even official bodies such as the Provincial Schulkollegium in Potsdam, anticipate favorable results from them. Without considering the feasibility of introducing instructive post cards in schools, it may be said a private collection, dealing with some special topic, can be made to be of considerable educational value to a painstaking collector who has the inclination to pursue a course of inquiry suggested, and assisted in, by the cards. This is particularly true as applied to history or geography.

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DUES: United States, 60 cents per year; Canada, 75 cents; Mexico, \$1.50 (Mexican); Foreign, \$1.00. 4 shillings, 5 francs, 4 marks, 5 lire, 2 yen, 3 rupees, 2 rubles, 5 pesetas, 2 1/2 florins, 2 milreis, 20 piasters, 4 kronas. For those who are already subscribers to THE PHILATELIC WEST the dues are as follows: United States and Canada, 35 cents; Mexico, 75 centavos; Foreign, 50 cents; 2 1/2 francs, 2 shillings, 2 marks, 2 1/2 lire; 1 yen, 1 1/2 rupees, 1 ruble, 2 1/2 pesetas, 1.25 florins, 1 milreis, 10 piasters, 2 kronas.

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.
- Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.
- Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
- Always enclose 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.

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 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 card, 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.

August 17, 1908.

NOTICE.

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 realize 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	28
903.	Arnaldo Ghisla	13
868.	Mrs. John Hoffman	11
314.	Miss M. Hays	8
546.	Pierson Hardwick	7

The following members have secured one or more new points during the month just ended:

	Previous Points	New Points	Total Points
629. Edna May Carroll	1	1	2
916 L. W. Dison	21	7	28
868. Mrs. John Hoffman	10	1	11
1077. W. H. Sedzwick		1	1
1019. A. W. Odell		1	1
1177. Lulu Bowmaker	1	1	2
1238 Mrs. H. C. Thompson		1	1
1334. J. L. Bigger	1	2	3
1335. H. B. Stong		1	1
1508 Irene Granger		1	1
1510. Donald Martin		1	1

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

916. L. W. Dison, San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippine Islands, no longer desires to exchange cards, but good rare postage stamps of any country, and is particularly desirous of exchanging for any of the Dollar value

stamps of the United States.

921. Frank Schmidt, 755 Grand St., Brooklyn, N. Y., desires foreign only.

990. H. C. Wilder, 34 School St., Carthage, N. Y., stop exchange.

1077. W. H. Sedgwick, Box 127, Versailles, Indiana, invites all members to join his card club by sending name and address on a colored view card addressed to him.

1334. Jos. L. Bigger, 2030 Miami St., Omaha, Nebr., will exchange with one member in each state and will always answer with first class card.

1423. Ed H. Banks, Phillip, S. D., would like a card from every member (no comics).

1455. E. J. Runner, Stanley, Kansas, will exchange views of Kansas City, Mo., with all foreign members.

1649. W. Maydell, 34 Denmark St., Plarstown, London E., England, does not wish to receive any more cards, but will exchange stamps or send cards for stamps.

1483. Walter Schmus, 618 W. School St., Chicago, Ill., would like church and photogenic views

RENEWALS.

629. Miss Edena May Carroll, Box 84, San Marcos, Texas.

1004. Albert Prote, 315 Milton St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

1056. Edward E. Stafford, 101 Jackson Place, Baltimore, Md.

1077. W. H. Sedgwick, Box 127, Versailles, Ind.

1238. Mrs Hatti E. Thompson, R. F. D. No. 2, Box 104, Attletoro, Mass.

NEW MEMBERS.

1546. Miss Vera de Veaux, General Delivery, Pittsburg, Pa.

1547. Teoh Hong Tye, Malacca Dispensary, Malacca, Straits Settlements

1548. Claude Strong. Tully, (Onondaga, Co.,) N. Y.

1549. James Davidson, 17, Wandsworth Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, England.

1550. W. J. Keiper, Dairy, Pa.

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1552. Alfred S. Twichell, 1601 Everett St., Alameda, California.

1553. Mathew Hayden, 155 N. 10th St., New York, N. Y.

1554. Oren Coats, Winchester, Ind.

1555. Miss Mable O. Cumming, 57 Abercromby St., Port-of Spain, Trinidad. Will send first.

1556. F. X. Botelho, c-o Suethlage & Co., Shanghai, China.

1557. P. Pin Seong, c-o Messrs. Boustead, Penang, Straits Settlements.

1558. John O. Carlson, Santo Domingo, Cuba.

1559. Chee Kim Chiang, Jonker St., Malacca, Straits Settlements.

1560. Wm. Jas Gardiner, Schreiber, Ont., Can., Thunder Bay District, Box 117.

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1562. Homer L. Finney, Sharon, Vermont, R. F. D. No. 1.

1563. Miss Marguerite Richter, San Marcos, Texas.

1564. K. S. Tan, c-o Koh & Co., Singapore, Straits Settlements.

1565. M. Arakawa, c-o Mimura & Co., 13 Chome, Yonezawacho, Tokio, Japan.

1566. Miss Gregorea Mercado, Sexmoan, (Guagua), Pampanga, Phil. Is

1567. Lee Kim San, 30-B Killiney Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements.
 1568. Geh Chor Tek, c-o Bouslead & Co, Penang, Straits Settlements.
 1569. B. T. Chye, 13 Tong Watt Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements.
 1570. Miss Arsenia Alfaro, San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippine Is.
 1571. Miss Mercedes de Buyson, Bacolor Pampanga, Philippine Is.
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 1573. Dr. Felisberto Mercado, Guagua, Pampanga, Philippine Is.
 1574. Miss F. Gutierrez, Bacolor, Pampanga, Philippine Is.
 1575. Miss Fortuneta Aquino, Malapad, San Fernando, Pampanga, P.I.

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1510. Donald Martin, 800 Emerson St., to 704 Holland Ave., Saginaw, Michigan.

Miss Winifred B. Wilson, Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico, to General Delivery, San Marcos, San Antonio, Texas.

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The following memberships will expire during the month of October. We will fully appreciate a prompt renewal. The renewal fee is but 50 cents in case of members in the United States, and 75 cents for all other countries: 736, 742, 750, 760, 776, 766, 736, 788, 1273, 1274, 1275, 1276, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1283, 1284, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288, 1289, 1290, 1291, 1292, 1294, 1293, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1299.

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The 40th regular meeting of the J. S. C. was held August 7th at the residence of J. C. Skinner 2219 W 33d Ave., with 8 members present. Pres. Nell being absent, Vice Pres. Skinner presided. The minutes of the 39th meeting were approved as read. Applications of A. A. Savage W 33d Ave, and Everett Rider, 3100 Umatilla St., were received. They were elected members Nos. 62 and 63 of the club. There being no other business a stamp auction then was held for the benefit of the entertainment committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

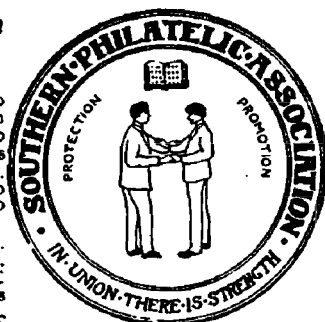
J. S. Kramer, Secy, Pro Tem.

The post card craze is nowhere so marked as in the United States. Some idea of its extent is to be seen from the fact that there is returned to the Dead Letter Office 50,000 cards daily, owing to non delivery. The cards are sorted and sent to orphanages and childrens homes

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62 books in circulation as per last month's report, value \$1215 04
 13 books received since, value..... 290 99
 75 books in circulation, value..... 1506 03

New members desiring to receive circuits should apply promptly as it always takes some time to get them started on a regular circuit.

Also members will greatly assist the Superintendent and each other if they handle all circuits promptly and not retain them over the 3 day limit.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Roemer, Supt.

Fellow Members:

I wish to thank all for my election as auction manager of the S. P. A. for this season and intend (with the help of all members) to make this department a success and a real benefit to all. Our first sale will be held next month and all members desiring to enter any stamps in this sale should send them to me AT ONCE. Commission charges will be 10 per cent. Send on some of your good duplicates and let's make the first sale a big success.

Sincerely,

B L. Voorhees, Auction Mgr.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

APPLICATIONS.

1. J. Warren Weissheimer, 715 Asylum Ave., Hartford, Conn., legal, stamp dealer. R. L. Doak, J. H. Slade.
2. C. E. Severn, 721 Oxford Bldg., Chicago, Ill., 36, publisher, R. L. Doak, P. M. Walsleffer.
3. Arthur C. Hartman, Box 1025, Milwaukee, Wis., 43, Public Accountant, R. L. Doak. John E. Reilly.
4. Lloyd G. Cline, 1206 4th Ave., East Hutchinson, Kans., 21, stamp dealer, R. L. Doak. E. E. Shatto.
5. W. F. Herron, Pender, Neb., 30, physician, H. S. Powell, H. Wendt.
6. John F. Hart, 502 Florida St., Baton Rouge, La., 17, R. L. Doak, L. F. Hart.
7. Dr. F. Burdette Merrill, 100 State St., Chicago, Ill., 49, Dentist, F. P. Breuer, E. S. Martin.
8. J. Francis, Ronbaix, S. Dak., 30, carpenter, Bert Clark, S. E. Mc-

Williams.

9 Clarence P DeKay, Florida, Oranga Co., N. Y., 22, editor, "Will Nolan, L Crandall.

10. John Pfalz, 231 W. 30th St., New York City, 47, stamp dealer, Wm Ault, Wm Haak.

11. Charles Nissen, 7 Southampton Row, London W. C. England, L. Brodstone.

12. John J. Coates, 19. Barough High St., London Bridge, S. E. Eng-land, L. T. Brodstone

13. G. Gilbert, 51, Rue Le Peletier, Paris, France, L. T. Brodstone.

14. H. Koehler, 51, Rue Le Peletier, Paris, France, L. T. Brodstone.

15 G H. Fabian, 317 Evergreen Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., 26, pharma-cist, L. T. Brodstone.

16. John A. Klemann, 237 Broadway, New York City. L.T. Brodstone.

17. Vahan Molzan, 45 Beaver St., New York City, 36, stamp dealer, L. T. Brodstone.

18. E. F. Ballard, 603 Crockett St., Shreveport, La., 18, clerk, L. Brodstone, C. R. Ball.

19. E. C. Bailey, Decorah, Iowa, 39, editor and printer, R. L. Doak, L. B. Whitney.

The above will be admitted within 20 day, providing no objections are filed with the Secretary prior to that date.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

203. W. F. Van Dusen from Fergusonville, N. Y. to Boise, Idaho.

REINSTATED.

50. Emil Gerlic, Schertz, Texas.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash on hand June 15, '08.....	\$25.24
Receipt from June 15 to Sept. 20th.....	11.46
Total	\$36.70

EXPENDITURES.

Ballots, Proxies, Envelopes and Pctage	4.52
To 1000 Application Blanks.	2.00
To 500 Memberhp Cards.	3.00
Circular letters and note heads for Secy	4.50
Secrerday's Postage June 15 to Sept. 20th.....	3.15
Total	\$17.17.
On hand Sept. 20th	\$18.53

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R. L. Doak, Secy.

An important sale of curios has been held in Aberdeen a number of old stone implements, horns, church tokens, and coins having been dispersed. Spindle whorls in several varieties were sold at small prices, collectors being able to secure several for \$1. Church tokens averaged about 25c each, and some ancient flint-lock pistols changed hands at comparatively trifling prices

Clocks seem to be going up in price. Several [grandfathers recently] realized high figures, averaging about \$45 each.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollektors

By George J. Remsburg

A natural curiosity donated to the Kansas State Historical Society's collection by J. E. Wilson, of Topeka is described as follows: "It is the limb of a tree which went through the Kaw river flood. The wood is carved more fantastically than if done by hand of an artist. The work was done by the sand in a whirling eddy where the tree lodged. Some of the grooves are an inch deep and as smooth as if scraped by glass. The wood is very hard and the friction of the sand must have been intense for several days. Mr. Wilson says the trunk of the tree is carved in the same manner. It now lies on a sandbar not far from Topeka."

Mr. A. J. Haskins has in his possession an almanac of 1822, which is probably one of the oddest in the state of Kansas. It is in good condition and besides the dates has all kinds of poetry, short witty sayings, riddles, signs, etc. One of the short sayings worth remembering is "Rum has conquered more than ever Alexander or Bonaparte ever subdued and will continue to carry on his conquests as long as vice and folly exist in the world, but the fool will still be a drunkard, and the drunkard will still be a fool." —Atchison Daily Champion.

Two human skeletons together with many old fashioned cartridges, badly corroded, were recently found in the side of a ravine where they had become exposed by washing rains, near Hill City. The discovery was made by County Surveyor Miller. It is supposed that the remains are those of parties who were engaged in some early day conflict with the Indians.

Henry Eich, of Sumner, in Atchison county, has presented the editor of this department with a handsome spear head of pink flint, which he recently found while digging potatoes on his Sumner farm.

We are indebted to Mr. W. Straley, editor of the Department of Indian Relics in the West, for a copy of his little booklet entitled "Paragraph from a Collector's Note Book." It is a neat little volume and contains some interesting and valuable information on the local archaeology of the author's old home neighborhood in Comanche county, Texas, and his present home at Nelson, Neb., based on his own personal observations and explorations. These "Notes" show Mr. Straley to be a careful and capable student of archaeology.

There come to our table a copy of the Nemaha county, (Neb.) Republican containing a notice of the very persevering and creditable archaeological work being accomplished by Mr. Samuel P. Hughes in the interesting and important field along the Missouri river, from Omaha to the Kansas line. This paper also gives an account of the discovery of an ancient earthen pot in Nemaha county, perfect specimens of which are very rare in that section, as they also are in Kansas. The date of this newspaper that contains so much of interest to archaeological students, is August 21, 1908.

Collectors are again warned against forgery, especially in old silver and so-called Sheffield plate. The wiles of the forger are many, not only are rare examples copied in every detail, but cups and bowls are "doctored," and embellished with the most correct scroll handles, until it really takes an expert eye to tell that they are not what they seem to be.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Fellow Members of A. J. P. A., and Junior Philatelists:

I have several important announcements to make concerning the standing and prospects of our society. I also have a few questions I wish answered by all interested.

In the first place I wish to state that the A. J. P. A. is not a local society. The Coldwater branch was the nucleus when the present officers were elected and elected local officers. Doubtless in the Jan. election the outside branches will establish officers in some positions.

The Sales department is being organized. Membership pins ready Nov. 1st, at 15c and 30c.

As one of the things to be entered as amendments to the constitution Jan. 1, the following membership plan has been proposed: As soon as a person is elected to membership, he shall become a probationary member. At the end of one year if he rejoins—with consent of Trustees—he becomes a 1st degree member. In same manner a second degree member, etc. Also for each year served in elective office 1 degree shall be added. Also for each three new members obtained within a year, one other additional degree shall be added. With this system the standing of a Junior may be readily determined.

Shall we change the last word in our name to Society, as the A. P. S. decided to do?

Shall we adopt colors red, white and blue for our official pins, and membership cards? Everybody pitch in and help double our membership list. Let's make our society worthy of substantial support in senior circles. Let each member get at least one new member.

Remember commission.

Yours Fraternally,

John W. Champion.

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NEW MEMBERS.

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Elbert J. Brow, 16, printer and student, France specialty, San Jose, Cal.

Cecil W. Rotzell, 15, student, Philadelphia, Penna.

SUSPENDED.

Dr. J. W. Horter, 58 Maret St., Pokeepsee, N. Y.

EDITOR'S NOTE. Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest, proper credit given to all correspondents.
David B. Emert, Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.



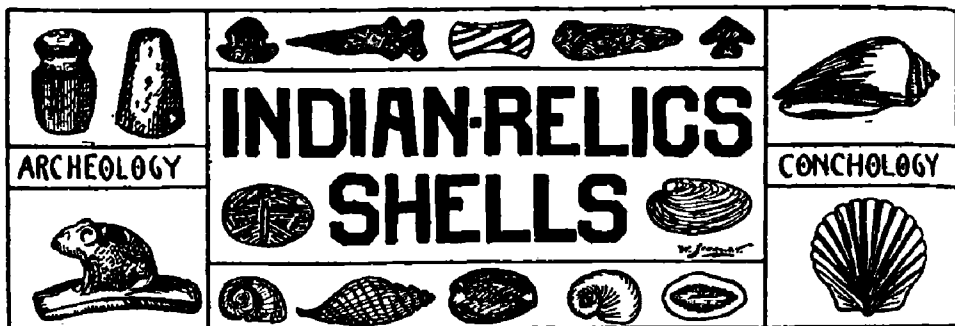
The 26th Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology is at hand. This like all works of the Bureau is a fine bound, printed and illustrated work describing the Pima and Tlingit Indians, their social and religious customs and giving a good idea of their languages. If you wish a copy send in your application at once as the Bureau publications are published in small editions.

Ravenna, O., August 14. — Workmen discovered an Indian burial ground in Paris township, east of Ravenna Thursday, while excavating for gravel to be used on the four miles of improved road for which Dan R. Hanna will pay one half cost. Several graves, containing remnants of skeletons and many Indian implements, were unearthed and relic hunters are busy with spade and pick. The deposits were found at a depth of about three feet and include besides the bones, a lot of stone pipes, tomahawks, skinning knives and stone ornaments. A bone petrification was also found.

Winnipeg, August 14. — It became known today that the skeletons of Jean Baptiste De La Verandrye, and Father Auneau, a Jesuit missionary, and the skulls of nineteen French Canadian voyageurs, all of whom were killed by Sioux Indians on an island in the northwest angle of the Lake of the Woods in June, 1736, were discovered last week by a party of priests of St. Boniface College of Winnipeg, accompanied by Judge Prudhomme. The St. Boniface party also found the site of Fort St. Charles, built in 1732 by the great explorer, Sieur De La Verandrye.

Muncie, Ind., August 14 — For the first time pearl hunting this season has become a distinct industry in White River. Many campers along the stream hunt pearls, while a few persons make it a regular occupation. As yet no very valuable pearl has been discovered nearer this city than Farm-land, twelve miles away, where a boy found a gem which he sold for \$500. Many pearls are found, but most of them are worth little, and are bought at low prices by local jewelers. Every day local jewelers receive pearls, nearly all imperfect stones. Usually a part of the gem is good, but most of it is worthless, and when the valueless end is cut off, is of little worth.

The Editor expects to spend the winter in Arizona, New Mexico and Southern California and will be glad to make purchases for readers of the WEST at actual cost of articles and time. Correspondence desired.



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 appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address: W. Staley, Nelson, Nebr.

R 16 — "Cradles of the American Aborigines," by Otis T. Mason, has been received, and is quite an interesting paper on this important article of furniture. Contains 51 pages, 45 figures.

The Twenty sixth Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology (1904-05) is at hand. The report of the Chief is followed by the following papers: "The Pima Indians," by Frank Russell, and "The Tlingit Indians," by John R. Swanton. The text is beautifully illustrated.

"Thomas Martyn and the Universal Conchologist," by Wm. Headley Dall, is on my desk. In its few pages it discusses the work of this great conchologist in his writing and illustrating of the shells that were known in his day. The paper is No. 1425—from the Proceedings of the United States National Museum.

Recently while workmen were excavating in Swope park, Kansas City, Missouri, a spear-head of flint was unearthed 21 feet below the surface. Rock and earth covered the spot where the relic was found and trees 28 inches in diameter were growing therein. The spear-head is four inches long, and is now in the possession of W. A. Dunn, superintendent of parks.

A NEOLITHIC ADZE.

A stone adze of the neolithic age, found not far from Rothbury. That was a grim relic produced at the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries' meeting a few days ago—without any history. It was battered and broken; its cutting edge had long since disappeared. Possibly one might speculate on its utility in its early youth, in how many heads it was happily buried; whether it was effective as wielded by an early owner to lure a mate to his lonely cave. All trace of early tragedies has been lost in its long burial. Why conjure up such reflections?

The Antiquaries handled the venerable relic with due and feeling regard for its historic worth. In their discussions there is never sufficient excitement to justify the employment of such weapons.—From the Collector's Journal.

WANTED—Back issues of the WEST for May, June and July, '08. We offer two months' for each one sent to the publisher of the WEST, Superior, Nebraska.



..Camera News.

Editor—F. J. Clute, San Francisco.



A Letter to the Editor

The following amusing letter was originally published in the Detroit Paper and gives evidence that the writer had ^{obviously} been there:

Gentlemen—A letter from you addressed to my husband has come to hand. You ask him to write you an article for your Photographic Annual that is to be published next year, and you put in some raffy about his being a well-known amateur, and some stuff about what he writes being of interest, and that sort of thing. My husband is now on a photographic tour, as he calls it and of course I open all his letters. It is not likely that my husband will be back in time to write the article that you wish. When he goes off with that confounded camera of his you never know when he will come home. So I am very pleased to give you a woman's view of amateur photography, and if you print it in your annual I think you will not have another article just like it.

My unfortunate husband was stricken with the amateur photographic plague about three years ago. Up to that time I always considered him reasonably sane. I made no objection at the time to his joining the army of photographic cranks, because, you see, I know nothing of the subject. I have done everything I could since that time but although he has quit smoking at my request, he refuses to give up the camera habit. At the time that he began this so called recreation, my house, or perhaps I should say our house, was one of the neatest in the neighborhood. You just ought to go through it now. My carpets have been ruined with those abominable chemicals which he uses. I don't pretend to know their names, but I know well the effect they have. Then the bathroom is something frightful to behold. He uses that for what he calls his dark-room, and has contrivances for shutting out the light.

I noticed that in one of the books you sent him, Daguerre was the inventor of photography. He may have been the inventor of photography, but I think it was another sulphurous gentleman with the same initials who was the inventor of amateur photography.

My husband was reasonably good-tempered until he took up your diabolical art. I at one time opened the door in the room in which he was working. It was all dark inside, except a fearful red lamp, which threw a ruddy glow on his face and made him look as if he were going to have an epileptic fit. The moment I opened the door and let some light into the room that man went perfectly crazy. He claimed that I had spoiled a dozen of his plates, although I had touched nothing, and I came near suing for a divorce because of his awful remarks. If the Evil One was not the inventor of amateur photography, then I would like to know who was! Then the

pictures he does turn out, when he gets them finished, are perfectly awful. He has tried at different times to photograph the children but the poor little dear look like wooden images in the picture. I went into the bathroom once with the baby and put him in the bathtub. There was some water in there already, and it looked clear enough, but in it was some of that horrible solution of silver that turned most of the baby jet black, and we haven't been able to get out the color to this day.

Then, the cost of the things is something awful, although my husband carefully conceals from me what he spends on it. I came across one of the photographic dealer's bills the other day, and it was enough to make one's hair stand on end. Pyrogallie acid, whatever that is, was twenty-five cents an ounce.

Just think, if I had to pay that for sugar! Four dollars a pound, instead of ten cents.

Twenty-five cents an ounce! And that wasn't the worst of it! Now, what do you think chloride of gold costs? For fifteen grains he is charged fifty cents. Now that, as you know well enough, is very near \$20 an ounce, and \$20 an ounce is over \$300 a pound! I don't know how many pounds of the wretched stuff he uses every week, but if he uses ten pounds of it, and I am sure that ten pounds of sugar doesn't go very far in a house with a large family like ours, you would see that there is \$3,000 for that one thing alone, not to mention the dozens of other chemicals he uses, and I am sure I don't know what the price of them is.

I tell you that amateur photography was invented to drive a poor woman crazy, who has a husband that is a victim of the villainous practice. No wonder he says he can't afford a new dress for me when I ask him for it. The house is stained with horrible solutions from cellar to garret and I am always afraid to use any cups or glasses for fear there is some dreadful poison in them. The cat took some milk out of a saucer that had something or other of potassium in it, and it just curled up and died.

I am always afraid to sweep in any part of the house for fear it will raise a dust that will spoil something that he has tacked up on a board to dry. I wouldn't mind all this so much if he ever took a picture that was worth looking at; but, as I said before, he never does. There, now, print that in your miserable photograph book, if you want to.

Mrs. John Tripod.

A GOOD PRINTING HINT.

One of my correspondents writes to thank me for a recent tip given in this department and says he would like to offer a suggestion that may be of use to others. He says: "Very contrasty negatives may be made to give soft prints on developing paper by using a print on the same paper as a mask. Make a print on a thin paper, like Cyko Studio; develop, fix, wash and dry and then fasten at the edges to the back of the negative, seeing that it is in perfect register. Such a mask will hold back the thin portions of the negative, according to the density of the print used, and the opacity of the dark parts of the print so used will save the detail in the shadows of the negative, instead of allowing them to become blocked up. If the print is oiled or made transparent by waxing before being placed in position on the negative, it will have no tendency to show grain in printing." The hint is a good one and worthy of a trial.

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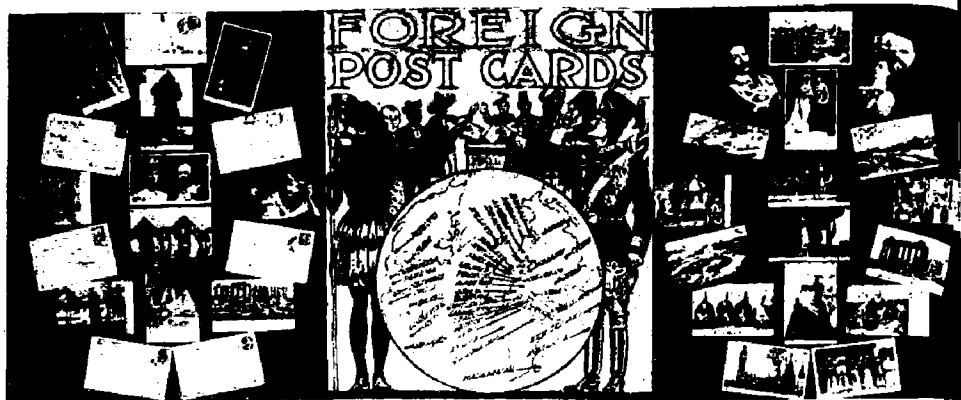
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Hand forged steel bits and spurs, heavily silver inlaid.

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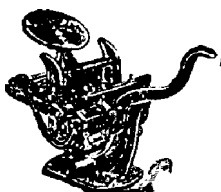
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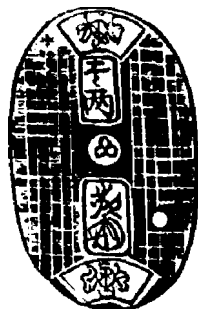
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20 " " ".....	30	500 1864 U. S. A. note.....	37
5 Litchfield Bk onu.....	35	100 " Mrs. Davis.....	15
2 " " ".....	30	50 " Mrs. Davis.....	10
1 " " ".....	25	20 Nashville Capitol.....	5
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2 " " ".....	35	5 Capitol Richmond.....	5
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2 " " ".....	30	5 " ".....	10
3 " " ".....	35	1 " ".....	5
3 Colonial Bk Conda.....	35	1 State Bk New Brunswick..	10
100 Providence of Conda.....	75	2 " " ".....	15
10 Farmers Ex Bk R. I. 1808.....	40	3 " " ".....	16
5 " " ".....	40	5 " " ".....	25
1 City Port-mouth Va.....	10	10 " " ".....	25
50c " " ".....	10	10 Republic of Rome 1798....	25
10c " of Richmond.....	5	10 French note 1792.....	10
25c " " ".....	6	1000 U. S. A. bond with coupons	1 25
30c " " ".....	6	500 " " ".....	85
50c " " ".....	5	100 " " ".....	50
60c " " ".....	8	Union War envelopes.....	10
75c " " ".....	8	Confederate War envelopes....	20
50c State of Ala. 1821.....	15	Confederate Music.....	50
25c " " ".....	20	Confederate spelling book.....	2 50
12½ " " ".....	25	Jeff Davis bail bond.....	25

Send 10c for my 1908 cata curios.

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Genuine Confederate Bonds, having coupons all signed. These bonds are becoming rare and are cheap at prices quoted: \$1.00 bonds \$1.50; \$5.00 bonds \$2.00 \$1,000 bonds \$2.50. State of Tennessee \$1000 Bond, full coupons all signed \$2.50 Ark. State bonds \$2 60, Idaho Territory bonds \$2.50.

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Are among the most interesting relics of Ante Bellum times, and no collection is complete without them; they are fast being picked up and held by collectors and in a short time will be worth from three to five times what we ask for them. They range in price \$1.50 to \$5 00, according to their interest as a curio and historic value.

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State notes were issued by all the Confederate States; many beautiful bills, more than one thousand different varieties and all very interesting. They were issued in all denominations from 5c to \$100; ten different notes \$1.00; 25 different notes, which make a very nice collection, \$2.00

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We have a very fine assortment of United States fractional currency, but as we are constantly selling and replenishing our stock of same, we would rather quote you by letter. We can send you one set complete, uncirculated or new 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c for \$3.50, or the same selection slightly soiled and circulated for \$2.75.

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These notes are becoming very rare and hard to get at any price. We have a nice assortment which we will sell at 40c each, they range in denomination from \$1 00 to \$100.

We have many curious notes in paper money and uncut sheets of many of different varieties. Write us if interested. Selections cheerfully sent on approval to responsible parties. Make all remittances by money order or draft.

Stamps may be used for amounts under \$1.00. Postage and registry fee extra.

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Fine spears 7 inches long, each \$ 60
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Very finest arrows, per dozen 1 00

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Five Sets for \$1.00—Send coin or P. O. Mo Or order. There are no cheap or trashy post cards in any of these sets. They are all high grade imported cards—some are glazed, some embossed, some hand colored, and some are real photographs. If you are not pleased with the post cards, return them and get your money back. Address "Post Cards", Bx 216 Comanche, Tex.

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EXCHANGES

All ads in the Want Columns are inserted at a cost of 1c per word for a single insertion, 3 or more insertions at 1/2c per word each insertion. Cash with order. No ad of less than 20 words will be accepted for three months or more.

Wholesale lists of souvenir cards wanted. Also sample copies of all papers and advertising rates job lots, accumulations and collections of stamps bought for cash. Especially desire Netherlands and colonies and Siberia. Exchange for everything. Geo. E. Haynes Toledo Ohio. 8 6t

Stamps, approval sheets at net prices, marked 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, up to 3 cents. H. A. Reigwin, Hallstead Penn. 9 3t *

Wanted, any book or pamphlet relating to the Indians. Send lists. Geo. C. Roberts, Bx 196, Sharon Hill Pa. 9 2t

Stamps, albums, stamp papers, books, philatelic supplies, athletic goods, souvenir cards etc to x for good revolvers, rifles, desks, excelsior printing press, printing material, Netherlands, in any quantity original covers or anything of value. Geo. E. Haynes, Toledo, O. 8 6t

Photo Button machine and complete outfit new will ex for camera or 7 or larger or will sell cheap G. B. Fielding, Pleasanton, Nebr. 10 3t *

Old Paper Money, 12 varieties 24c; 25 varieties 60 cts, 50 varieties 35c; U. S. Colonial notes—three varieties 55cts. Old Document various, 3 var. 25cts. Satisfaction guaranteed. A. C. McDonald, Baker City Ore. 10 2t *

Fine general collection U. S. and Foreign stamps, 3000 var. cas \$300, also coins for sale. I have other coins to ex for druble bbl breech loading shot gun 12 gage, and repeating rifle. Winchester or marlin all in good condition. W. N. Moore, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

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The '09 'Champeen' Packet 25c 1000 obsolete U. S.; 400 foreign 3 fine stamps cat @ 5c; 2 cat 6c; 2 cat 8c; 2 cat 10c; 1000 imp hinges. Post free 25c John W. Champion, Coldwater, Mich. S. P. A. Pres. A. J. P. A. 10 3t *

Will x a 6 vol., 1/2 Morocco set of Lydekker Natural History never used, cost \$20 for the best offer in Indian relics, or books on the Indians. Geo. C. Roberts, Bx 196, Sharon Hill Pa.

Mission House Calvarie, Amsterdam, Holland. Stock of about 8000 kilo guaranteed unlicked stamps from Furona and colonies. Dealers, Speculators and exchanges who bought this magnificent mixture, write us they find all kinds of rare specimens, f. i. Netherlands: 1 bundle 1c black 1868, 12s; Dutch Indies, 1864 due 5c 15; Newfoundland 1857 black 1d 20; Bremen 1861 2 gr 17 50; Belgium black 1851 40c unused 120 and many others. Also any silver and gold coins are for nd. Order once and you will want more of them. The price of 5 kilo about 5000 stamps is \$2.40; 10 ko \$4.60; 25 ko \$11.00 ko \$21; 100 ko \$40. Prestige extra. Extra prices for larger quantities. Fine colored postcards wholesale; Nelft hardware; Dutch Culls, spice (used as medicine). Cash in advance. Pricelist free. All correspondence must be directed to V.v.d. Graaf, Box 414 Member A. P. A. 269c Amsterdam, Holland

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For your collections of minerals, fossils, relics, shells, corals, oriental goods. I will exchange cut or rough precious stones, jewelry or anything in the Natural History line for any collectors.

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Specialty: **Classical Beauties**

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" glossy 10 " .32; 100d 2.00
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Also in exchange for good stamps.

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Our Art Tone Post Cards are printed by the half-tone process in beautiful shades of green, maroon, sepia, etc. "Good as a photograph." We make in lots of 250, 500 and 1000, with your name as publisher, if desired. If interested, send time for 10 samples and full particulars.

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4x5 Eastman Kodak, take both films and plates, mandolin, set orchestra bells, music, books, to exchange for best offer. **Orville Walden,** Uncasville Conn.

Have just returned from Brazil and managed to secure a few of the famous Brazilian Beetles. These make quite a show when made up into stick pins, cuff buttons etc. A fob made of them would look swell. Price 2 for 25c \$1.25 per dozen. Address, **Sidney J. Peters,** 1123 Antonnie Street, New Orleans, La. 9 2t

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Indian Relics



Am breaking up a fine line large collection. Cache finds. long spears, spades, banners pipes, 17 lb. axe, 75 gran celt, hematites and many other fine things. Prices right Send 4c for photos and a fine flint scraper.

A. D. Grutzmacher
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EXCHANGES

Ulster County Gazette. (Facsimile) January 4th, 1800. Washington Memorial Number, commemorating his death. A very interesting souvenir. 10c delivered. Stamps accepted. Nisbet's Bookshop, B 12, South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo 7-3

I will X pen and ink drawings for Indian relics and coins. Write me. W. Straley, Nelson Neb

For every 8 good stamps I will send you 10 Spanish War Proprietary revenue stamps, they are ill-fred from 1 to 5c each. H Claus in Hamburg Ave Brooklyn, N Y 6-4

I want to buy good collection of stamps for spot cash. I also loan money on stamp collections at 6% interest. John M Hubbard, Rochester, N H. References, Bradstreet: Dunn 3-12

I want to buy collections, will buy any number and value, but none considered unless condition is first class, am not a dealer but a collector and will pay fair prices for good stamps. Let me know what you have. G A Skinner, County St. Norwalk Conn. 8-3

Any old books or pamphlets in your house you would like to dispose of? Write Nisbet's Book shop, B 12, South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo 7-3

Are you unable to find a book? Write Nisbet's Book shop, B 12, South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. Book hunting is my business. 7-3

Wanted to buy or sell coins all kinds. 100 old coins U. S. and foreign, fair to fine condition \$3.00 charges prepaid. William A. Ashbrook Johnston, Ohio., Member A. N. A. 8-3

Make your souvenir postcards valuable. "The Value of Souvenir Postcards" tells how. Book sent free on request. Postoff Co, Marion O. 8-3

Complete course in Book keeping and Stenography in internat'l Cor. Schools Scranton, Pa., cost \$90. Will exchange for good stamp or coin collection. Best offer takes same. A rare opportunity. H. C. Macy, 210 First Nat'l Bank, Kansas City Mo. 7-3*

U. S. flags, 46 stars, fine quality, fast colors, sent prepaid at following prices: 4x7 ft \$1.75; 5x7 \$2.25; 6x9 \$2.75; 8x12 \$4.75; 10x15 \$8.00. Fine fountain pens, \$1.00. Send 2c stamp for price list of books, novelties, sofa pillow tops and household specialties. Leonard Harriman, Warner, New Hampshire. 21*

Exchange desired with reliable collectors. Send approval books and receive mine. Abyssinian stamps also wanted. Stamp pages exchanged. O H. Williams 416 Gates Ave. Brooklyn New York. 6-3*

Two Beautiful Bronze Medals. Agriculture and Commerce, finest Louisiana Purchase Souvenirs made in Paris, sold in French Section, Art Palace, \$1 and \$2. I purchased remainder "in bond" both prepaid 75cents; illustrated circular free.

Nisbet's Book Shop, B 12, south Broadway, St. Louis 7-3*

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Your ad inserted in the WEST Number for ONE CENT a word, three months for TWO CENTS a word. THE WEST Superior Nebr.

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Photo Post Cards taken from life.

Western Nebr. views, cow boys, sod houses etc., 6 for 25c. 2 samples and list 10c 7-3t*
Geo. B. Fielding, Box 92, Pleasanton, Nebr.

Post Cards. Your Photo, tintype or stamp picture copied on highgrade post cards for Only 1c Each Postpaid. (No less than 6 cards from each copy).

Your original picture will be returned with the post cards if you send a 2c stamp for postage on same. Address, Photo Expert, 1047 N 40th Ave., Chicago, Ill. 8-3*

The Collectors' Own Magazine, initial number will be published September first. This number will have 12 pages and I am giving a special rate of one half price which will make advertising at 30c per inch, exchange notices at one half cent per word, and sub. at 25c per year. I give free a fifteen word exchange notice with each subscription. Clarence Davis, Lead, S. D. 8-1*

Post Card Collectors

You want this card; it has FINE picture of AVE MARIA and POPE PIUS X., also a piece of music, a LETTER and (fac simile) signature of the POPE on it. Card is finished in beautiful colors, part of it is real gold leaf, 1 card 25 cents. 5 cards \$1.00 postpaid. The supply is limited; order today. Bridgeton Post Card Co., Bridgeton, N.J. 6-4

POST 12 beautiful colored views of Scranton, the Anthracite Metropolis for 20c.

High grade colored Love Scenes, landscapes, sunsets, seashore and lake views. Dogs, birds, horses, etc, 10 for 10c. We carry a complete line of MAIL TRADE & VALENTINE'S Post Cards of PERFECTION. List free.

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Ten fine views including famous Minnehaha Falls, State Capitol, Como Park, etc., only 20c. L. M. Sullivan, 783, Aurora Ave., St Paul, Minn.

Special Offer

It is a well known fact that an occasional advertisement does not pay, and the results depend upon the number of times during which it is repeated. We make this special offer (possibly for this month only), to repeat a 50 word advertisement, 12 times, for \$2.50 and send "The West" for one year. This is the last month we offer one inch ad 4 mos for \$2.00 or 4 inch ad same price.

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Complete set continental bills	\$75.
No 149 low hard time token v r	40.
\$1000 confederate bill 1861 v r	37 50
1799 cent steel color, fine	25.00
1804 cent nice date	6.50
1793 cent chain, rare	4 25
30c encased stamp J. Gault v r	12.50
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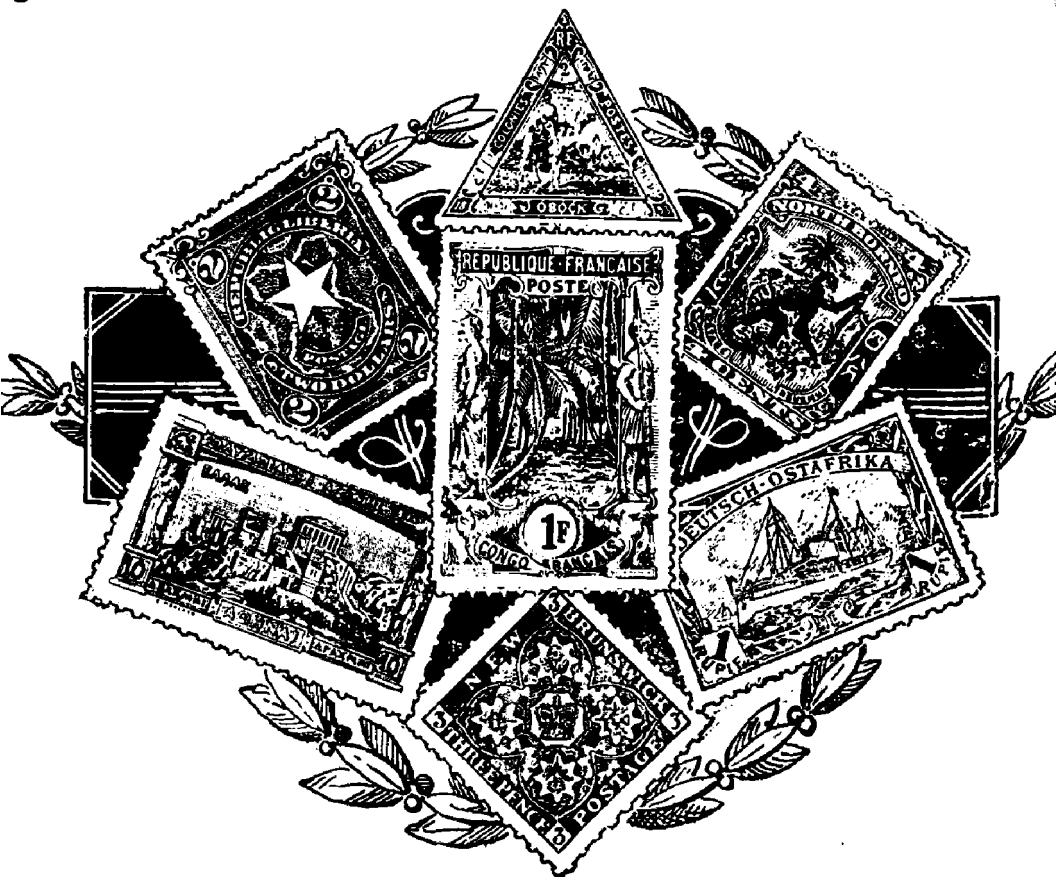
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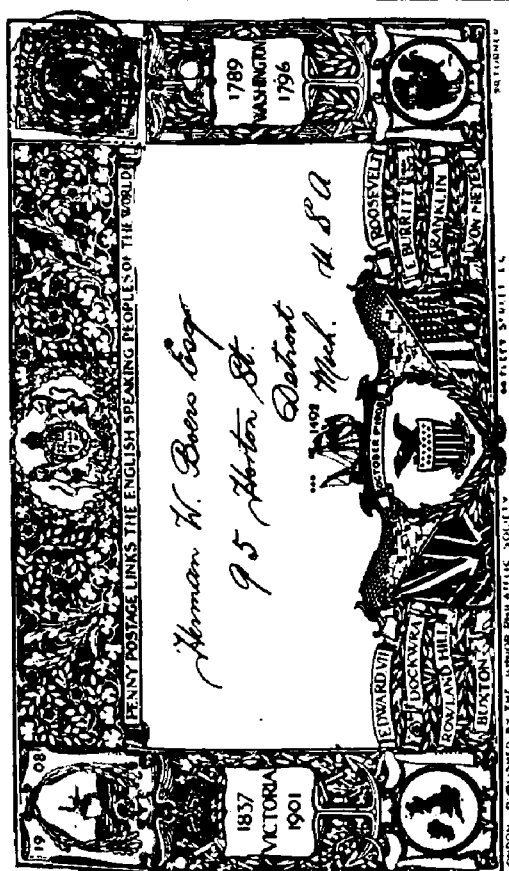
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1875	2c vermilion	2		8c pure	2
	5c blue	4		10c green	1
1879	1c ultramarine	2		15c dark blue	4
	2c vermilion	1	1895	1c blue	1
	3c green	1		2c carmine	1
	5c blue	3		3c purple	1
	6c pink	2		4c dark brown	1
	10c brown	2		5c chocolate	1
	15c red orange	10		6c dull brown	2
	30c full black	10		8c pure	2
1882	5c yellow brown	2		10c dark green	1
	1c gray blue	1		15c dark blue	2
	3c blue green	1		50c orange	10
	6c rose	5	1898	1c yellow green	1
	10c brown	1		4c rose brown	1
1883	2c red brown	1		5c dark blue	1
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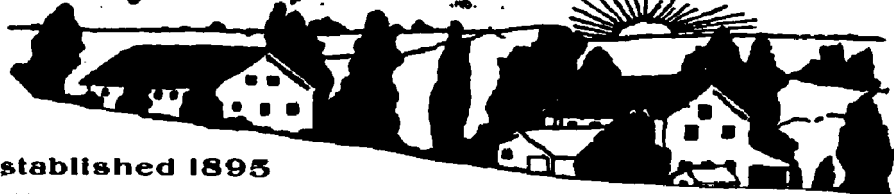
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We want back issues of this year's WEST up to and including August issue. We allow two months for each copy sent.

The next issue will be a holiday number, and expect to illustrate some of the oldest dealers shops of London.

Advertisers should get copy in early for next month, not later than the 25th. It pays when Hussman & Co. who had a half page in the summer have taken a page for a year. Seymour of Brooklyn says he sold over \$500 00 from his first page ad and the highest priced stamp was \$8. Hudson Co. of New York report their small ads pleased them with results. L. Miller, Indianapolis, reports over 300 replies to his small 'July' ad. Remember early copy secures the best place.

We have an extra large circulation that will help advertisers and our list is over double of a year ago, of paid subscribers. Our ads are among many of the largest papers of the U. S. and England, which pay advertisers.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

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THE PYRAMIDS, by G. Garabedian. The chief attractions for tourists visiting Egypt are the Pyramids and the Sphinx of Guizah. They are only a few hours distant from Cairo, on the opposite side of the Nile. Electric cars connect Guizah with Cairo, and they are always full of wondering admirers from every quarter of the globe. There are numerous native interpreters and guides, some of whom speak fluently seven or eight languages. They invite you to ascend to the greatest of the three Pyramids. This ascent is very dangerous. Many tourists have lost their lives in attempting to reach the top of the Pyramid, although the native guides ascend and descend as quickly and as many times as if they were going upstairs in their house. I have myself attempted this ascent twice, but have succeeded only once in reaching the top. It took nearly 2 hours. The scene presented to the eye from that tremendous height is glorious—Cairo at a distance, the Nile with innumerable date trees, and on the other side a vast desert of sand. The scene represents the Pyramids and a typical Arab interpreter and guide in national costume. See ads of G. Garabedian.

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GEO. E. HAYNES was born in Fulton Co., Ohio, 1885. When eight years old his parents moved to Adrian, Mich., where he lived until moving to Toledo, O., in 1900. He became interested in stamps in 1896 and dealt in them since 1897. He is a member of S. P. A., M. P. A., N. P. A., A. J. P. A., S. C. P. A., A. C. N., etc. He has one of the best stocks of Liberia stamps in N. A., and is always glad to hear from the WEST readers. He collects philatelic literature and would like to hear from all who collect or have any to exchange or sell. The picture was taken during an outing at Toledo Beach. Every one should get acquainted with him. He is a

jolly good fellow and always ready to help the cause along.

RUSSELL FRIEDEL entered the post card business about 2 years ago. It has grown larger each year and he has just put in a line of cameras and supplies and with the holiday trade ahead can see the demand for this class of goods which he expects to be able to handle. He has a large post card collection and exchange and his collection consists of about 1300 of which all are photographic cards.

J. C. RICE, San Antonio, Texas is a general real estate and fire insurance agent. He was born in 1884, a native Texan. He received a high school education, and attended military school three years, finishing off with a business college training in shorthand and typewriting, after which he entered the services of the San Antonio & Arkansas Pass Ry. as stenographer, afterwards rising to the position of claim investigator. In 1906 he was appointed assistant to the General Agent of the National Lines of Mexico, remaining with that company until October 1908, when he entered business for himself. He sent the finest calendar seen this year from any railroad company. He began collecting stamps in 1893 and has continued collecting, with the exception of one year when he thought he would stop, after having lost his entire collection of U. S. stamps, valued at about \$500, by theft, while on exhibition at a local fair. He won first prize at three different fairs—however, he has stopped showing them since the loss. He has dealt in stamps, and still continues to deal in and collect stamps, being a member of the Southern Philatelic Association, No. 206. He invites correspondence from any of the fraternity at any time. Can see his ads in the WEST.

New Stamps Almost Ready

SIMPLICITY AND ARTISTIC EFFECT TO BE THE AIM OF SERIES
ABOUT TO BE ISSUED.

The United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing has completed designs suggested by Postmaster General Meyer for a new issue of United States postage stamps. The new stamps will be of the following denominations: 1 cent, 2 cent, 3 cent, 4 cent, 5 cent, 6 cent, 8 cent, 10 cent, 13 cent, 15 cent, 30 cent, and \$1. The \$2 and \$5 denominations now in use will not be reprinted. It will be some weeks before all the denominations will be upon the market. However, the 2 cent stamps will be the first distributed, and it is expected that shipments to Postmasters will begin sometime in November. The new issue has been designed with the object of obtaining the greatest simplicity commensurate with artistic results. The profile has been taken in each instance instead of a full view, giving a bas relief effect. All the stamps are of a similar design, containing a head in an ellipse, the only decoration being laurel leaves on each side of the ellipse. The lettering is in straight lines at the top, being "U. S. Postage," and at the bottom the denomination of the stamp. The 1 cent stamp contains the head of Franklin, while all the others will bear that of Washington, taken from the bust by Houdon.

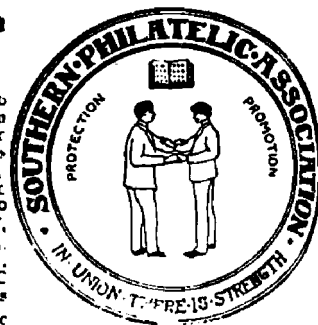
Thus one of the most notable differences in the new issue will be the minimum of lettering. The colors are the reds and blues of the earl stamps. It is reported they will be put on sale Nov. 16.

Director Ralph of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, regards the new stamps as the most artistic ever issued by the Government.

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To members of this Association who receive unsolicited selections of stamps, with no return postage are requested to return same by express "COLLECT" and send name of firm to Secretary

Fellow Members:

I regret very much, that I have to announce the resignation of Mr. Julian Park, who conducted the Bureau of Information, and who was a staunch supporter of our society. I will appoint in his place Mr. Gilbert R. Sharp, of Troy, N. Y.

In my last report to the members, which will be due next month I will recapitulate the work done during the year 1908 and although the year showed an unusual upstart, the year 1909 will no doubt obscure this. In the mean time I sincerely hope that every member will do all in his power to keep the S. P. A. in a prosperous and healthy condition, and take interest in the welfare of the Society,

Fraternally yours,

Fred G Fuessel, Pres.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members:

Since my last report I have received 52 books and 6 sheets net value \$175.67 and retired 6 sheets and 51 books net value \$186.29. Have good buyers on circuits and fine stamps in circulation, priced at bargain prices. Want every buyer among our members to write and get on circuit. If you have stamps to sell remit 3c each for as many sales books as you wish to fill. Write me today.

Yours fraternally,

Leon V. Cass.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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3. L. F. Cramer, P. O. Dept., Galveston, Texas, 31, P. O. clerk, G. C. Cuenda, Charles Roemer.
4. W. H. Green, 515 So. 7th St., Camden, N.J., 33, Gilbert R. Shark, W. S. F. Pierce.
5. S. E. McWilliams Roubaix, S. D., 33, bridge carpenter, H.S. Powell, Bert Clark.
6. Hinton W. Caldwell, 135 Price St., Columbus, Ohio, legal, grocer, Clarence V. Webb, A. P. A. 2891
7. Joseph E. Mueller, 352 Graham Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., 21, L. T.

Brodstone.

8 Pre Nille Martin, Forest Side, Mauritius, Oceania, 40, land owner, R. L. Doak, Auguste Chararet.

9. Louis W. Bartel, 211 N. Garrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo., legal, dentist L. Brodstone, Commercial Trust Co.

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Above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed with Secretary.

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ERRORS IN LAST REPORT.

Application Errors. 4. Should read Lloyd G. Cline, 1200 4th Ave., East Hutchinson, Kans. 8 Should read J. Francis, Roubaix, S. D.

Reinstatement should read 50. Emil Gerlich, Schertz, Texas

Dear Members: I wish to impress upon the minds of our members that the time is now at hand for persistent work. We want more HONEST members and there is no reason why you can not obtain them if you will only hand that friend a blank and tell him that 53 cents pays the bill to Jan 1st, 1910, in the U. S.

Our recruiting committee will be organized next month and we hope to see a more rapid growth from then on.

I also wish to state that on Jan 1st the 1909 dues are payable and the cards are ready for those who remit now. It is my hope that all members will make an early remittance and save me the trouble and expense of sending them notices.

Also I wish to hear from all who are interested in the S. P. A. Year Book for 1909, either pro or con.

Have a supply of new blanks on hand which will be cheerfully sent to all requesting.

Mr. Dealer and Collector, why not enter our ranks. The Sales, Exchange and Auction Departments alone are worth far more than the cost, with The WEST and the use of the other departments thrown in.

Hoping to hear from all with any suggestions, etc., I am

Fraternally,

R. L. Doak, Sec'y.

MAKING STAMPS VALUABLE.

A remarkable scheme for raising the price of postage stamps has just been found successful by the Servian Government. Recently a large number of stamps issued in 1903, which bear the obliterated head of King Alexander, were found in one of the warehouses of the postal department. For these stamp collectors offered \$29,000.

Before any deal was effected a brilliant idea struck one of the postal attaches Nikola Taditch. He suggested that if half the stamps were destroyed the remainder would greatly appreciate in value. This scheme met with the approval of the Minister, and now it is said stamp collectors have offered \$330,000 for one-half of what they once rated as worth \$29,000.

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 varieties 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.

The editor has received 'Y & T's Fiscal Catalogue of the World'—90c by mail—which came by courtesy of the Ararat Stamp Co. of New York.

This work lists about 45,000 varieties exclusive of minor varieties.

Europe is first 16,000; South America 14,000; North America 8,000; Asia 4,000; Australia, 1,200; Africa 1,100; and 2,000 miscellaneous. In countries Argentine Republic leads with 8,750; Northern Nigeria is last with 1 (one); the U. S. comes second with 2965; Great Britain 2689; Great Britain and Colonies has 8200.

I understand there is to be a volume 2 to list bands, municipal stamps, etc., and perhaps the special tax of U. S.

The Tin Foil list by Bartlett is nearly ready for issue.

Mr. Rosen of Texas sends us some more tags. The one numbered 11 in July notes should be No. 12. No 11 is just like 10 except color which is black instead of red. In the upper right corner is "32-1006-1 mil."

No. 13, same inscription as 10, 11 and 12, slightly different type, upper corner has "512-5071-mil."

Nos. 14 and 15 read "The Inspection tax has been paid on this feed. J. W. Carson, State Feed Inspector, College Station, Texas." Across the string end is "Good for 100 pounds, H. H. Harrington, director." 14 has 1125-10-07-4 mil, printed in red 15 has 1527-3-08-1 mil, printed in black.

The "Y. & T." catalogue is especially acceptable to U. S. collectors giving as it does 200 illustrations of U. S. Fiscals.

One finds many, to us, queer taxes imposed such as the Ireland Dog License, Switzerland Kanton St. Gallen, Tax on Table Salt, The Kanton of Geneva. Switzerland has a tax on velocipedes, also a hospital tax. Siam has a paddy field tax.

Wish anyone having Mexican Fiscals with the surcharge "Alcoholes" would write particulars to Lock Box 7, East Peru.

If your town issues a special tax form to be posted in saloons, billiard halls or such send specimen or particulars to above address Also same in regard to metal dog tax and express wagon tax tags.

Bavaria intends changing its faithful old stamp design—a design which has answered all the requirements of post and public for over forty years. The "arms" device, embossed in white on a background of color, was first used in 1867, and with very slight modifications has remained in active service ever since. Yet the Bavarian stamps are not such a very simple series as one might suppose, for what they have lacked in variety of design they have amply made up in changes of watermark. Indeed, the watermarks are the chief thing to study in connection with the stamps of Bavaria. Now, according to German newspapers, designs are being invited for an entirely new series of stamps.

There is a rumor that both from Chicago and from St. Louis new and superior philatelic magazines will shortly make their appearance. We heartily welcome them and hope they will attain what they have in view.

The Junior Stamp Club of Denver, Colorado

Organized Oct. 19. 1906.

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Honorary President, Dr. H. A. Davis	1622 Welton St
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The 41st regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver was held at the residence of J. C Skinner, 2219 W. 33d Ave., with 9 members present. Vice President Skinner presided.

A motion was made and carried that if satisfactory conditions could be made the J. S. C. would combine with the Denver Stamp Club in getting a room part paid for by each club, in which to have their meetings. E. R. Vanderhoof, H. A. Davis, J. C Skinner, A. L. Nell and H. E. Munger were made a committee to see into the matter.

A motion was made and carried that E. R. Vanderhoof be thanked for the stamps he gave to the Club.

An amendment to the constitution was made—That no member could hold the same office more than twice in succession.

Nominations were then in order. R. Jackson, H. E. Munger and S. A. MacManus were nominated for President; J. C. Skinner, J. S. Kramer and V. N. Garretson for first Vice President; J. O. Jackson, P. J. MacIntyre and S. A. Macmanus for second Vice President; R. Jackson, A. L. Nell and J. C. Skinner for Secretary; C. M. Snyder and G. W. DeLaVergne for Treasurer; Sales Manager A. L. Nell, H. E. Munger, C. M. Snyder and G. W. DeLaVergne; Trustees A. L. Nell, C. M. Snyder, J. C. Skinner, R. Harris, H. N. Starret, S. A. MacManus and F. G. Fellows.

The entertainment committee announced that starting in October stamp collections of the following countries would be on exhibition for prizes: U. S., U. S. revenues, Hawaii, Haiti, Philippines, Samoa, Porto Rico, Canal Zone and Guam, Mexico.

J. S. Cramer, Sec'y.

The 44th regular meeting of the J S. C. of Denver was held Oct. 23d at the residence of J. S. Framer, 2222 W. 32d Ave. With eight members present the meeting was called to order with Vice President Skinner in the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read. Bill presented for money that has not been paid to insurance fund; bill for postage used in notifying members of meeting. These bills were ordered paid. Communications read from Redfield's, The Stamp Journal and Mekeel's, giving their rate for official organ for the coming year, the WEST being a candidate at the usual rate. After some discussion a ballot vote was taken; the WEST was unanimously elected. A motion was then made and carried, that official organ shall be paid for for 14 months, since memberships expiring in October are not dropped until December. Motion made and carried that 20c be paid out of the insurance fund, one of the members having failed to pay said amount for stamps taken from circuit. The following nominations were then made

for Exchange Manager to take the place of H. E. Munger, who has resigned; S. A. McManus, F. Fellows; result of vote, McManus 7, Fellows 1. Nominations were made for Treasurer pro tem, C. M. Snyder being absent in Colorado Spring. J. C. Skinner was nominated and unanimously elected. An auction sale was then held several good amounts being realized.

The meeting then adjourned to entertainment, which was one of the most enjoyable affairs the club has yet had, the refreshments being furnished by J. S. and P. Kramer.

SPECIAL NOTICE to all members. The club has been aiming to secure a meeting place in the city, as this would greatly enhance the attendance. If **EVERYONE** pays their dues **PROMPTLY** this may be realized. All members are urged to send in their dues immediately if possible.

Fraternall/ yours,

A. L. Nell, Sec'y.

DeKay's Stamp Circular is singularly happy in quoting spicy news items. We reproduce a few of them.

"Russian Forgeries. Different values of the current Russian issue have for some time been sold over the counter at one of the post stations at Lodz, Poland. The paper used in the forgeries has the genuine watermark, and the imitations are so well made that the gum furnishes the only means of detection." If this is true, it is indeed remarkable. But, by the way, is it not more likely that the stamps in question are genuine stamps which were cleaned and re-gummed?

"According to Der Philatelist, when the 1904 set of stamps for Paraguay were prepared, each value was printed in six different colors, and, when one color was exhausted its place was taken by another. If this information is correct, new colors may be expected for many years to come."

"A Ten-acre Stamp. Relegate Postmaster's Provisionals! A stamp with an area of ten acres is decidedly more interesting. The Philatelic WEST, in reporting an auction sale in New York, says: "A ½ tornese, Tenacre, sold of 61 dols." This is, of course, an amusing misprint for Trinacria." Well, well, we can appreciate a joke, even if it is made at our expense! But just wait, brother DeKay, some day we may catch your printer stumbling over one of those outlandish words in which philately abounds.

ON CONTINUOUS ADVERTISING.

One step won't take you very far—	One inch won't make you very tall—
You've got to keep on walking;	You've got to keep on growing;
One word won't tell folks who you are—	One little "ad" won't do it all—
You've got to keep on talking.	You've got to keep them going.

Philatelic Flashes our young little sister comes in a pretty pink dress, she cannot talk quite correctly yet, but she is less than a year old and for her age she is doing well. Send a 2c stamp to L. L. Dolson, Geneva, Iowa for a sample copy, or better still 25 cents in coin for a year's subscription and watch her grow and improve. By this time next year, we venture to say, she will be as fine a young lady as can be found in the country.

Notes on U. S. Stamps

By Charles E. Jenney

The appearance of stamps punched with the initials of the users under the new ruling of the postoffice department, has occasioned some inquiry among collectors as to what extent they will be collected. In England and India, where the custom has been in force for years, I believe collectors pay no attention to them, owing to their very extensive use. In this country I doubt if the custom ever assumes much proportion, after the novelty wears off. Some of the first firms I have noticed using them are firms with head offices in England. In England I find that collectors are regarding such initialled stamps as inferior specimens and they bring a lower price. I have started in collecting one of each variety I find, keeping them on the entire envelope for the purpose of easily identifying the user's name. So far the task is not burdensome. It should become, in my mind, fully as popular a side collection as that of precancelled stamps or the prepaid in money labels. At any rate it will be necessary for collectors to retain a specimen with the punches to show a new postal regulation, and perhaps it will extend to one of each value.

The present officials presiding over the postoffice department are certainly alive to experimenting. There is the five cent certificate that we may buy for six cents and sent to our foreign correspondent to reimburse him for return postage. There is the 2 cent rate on letters to Great Britain on October 1st, a most appreciable ruling to stamp collectors. And now there is a more doubtful experiment in the issue of the big posters illustrating all the current sizes and colors of U. S. envelopes life size and with the stamps printed on them with original dies. Posters printed on cardboard are sent to the different postoffices to be hung in a conspicuous place and in some cases postmasters have been willing to give them away. Posters of the same size on calendered paper are available on application to business houses and other prospective users of stamp envelopes. All this is to promote the sale of stamped envelopes. Its bearing on philately is this,—that although the posters bear a notice that they must not be destroyed or mutilated, it is very likely that some collectors getting hold of them will cut the stamps out square and then we have a new variety of stamped envelope, for the paper is wove, always white on the back, and the colored envelopes are not in perfect shade, especially the XXX 1c envelope labelled as vanilla, which is between a buff and an amber. I suppose they must be classed as proofs.

Of the 1903 issue types, I have discovered No. 134, size 8 on amber. This has not been previously reported. This makes all the types found on amber now except 139 which will doubtless show up.

The new four and five cent stamps seem to be very slow in appearing, the reason being that there are large stocks of the old issues, even back as far as the Columbian issue, on hand in the postoffices.



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Entertainment Committee	F. N. Chase, Chairman
Recruiting Committee	Geo. Wood, Chairman

The ninety third regular meeting of the Society was held in the usual place and time on Tuesday, September 29th.

President Myers was in the chair and the following members were present: Anschuetz, Bolman, Chase, Cornwall, Diamant, Humes, Millhouse, Myers, Ruedl, Schumann, Voelker; and two visitors Messrs. Hussman and Williamson.

It was moved by Mr. Diamant and seconded by Mr. Millhouse that C. E. Hussman, 304 N Main St. be reinstated carried unanimously.

The application of E. J. Reulbach, 5037 Kensington Ave. was passed to the Membership Committee for consideration.

The new society emblems were at last on hand and supplied to those having ordered. It is conceded by all to be one of the handsomest of philatelic lodges.

The "25 ugliest" contest only brought out three entries. Mr. Voelker took the prize for his unique set of ugliest.

The meeting closed as usual with an auction sale at which good prices were obtained. A Cape of Good Hope Stanley Gibbon No 24, 1d brown red brought within five cents of catalogue.

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President Meyers was in the chair and the following members were present: Bain, Bollman, Chase, Diamant, Low, Meyers, Millhouse, Pokorny, Ruedl, Schellhorn, Schoemaan, Sission Sr., and Jr. and Wood.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The entertainment of the evening took the form of three contests, the President supplying the first two and Mr. Diamant the third. The first which was for the member naming most quickly the name of the country upon whose stamps could be found two denominations of money, Canada went to the Secretary. The second was for the longest list of words got out of the word "SURCHARGE" in fifteen minutes. Mr. Diamant came out on top with forty eight. Mr. Schoeman was a very close second with forty seen. The third was for a list of stamp issuing countries in the name of which no letter of the alphabet was repeated. This also was close, Wood thirty six, Myers thirty five.

F. N. Chase, Acting Secretary.

Der Philatelist in its chronicle of new issues states that the new 40 rappen of Switzerland has appeared. According to the cut reproduced it is a pretty stamp. The other values are expected to appear in the following order: 30, 50 rappen, 3 francs, 20 rappen, 1 franc and 70 rappen. The whole series is to be out by the beginning of next year. We also glean that the new Italian Levante stamps appeared with four different types of surcharge, three of which are said to be of local origin and one of Roman. As to the local prints there is diversity of report, and it is suspected there is some speculative element in them.

Some Curious and Interesting Postmarks

By W. H. C. of Liverpool, England

In a former section of this article I stated that postmarks had a greater antiquity than postage stamps, and would probably be in evidence when "adhesives" had ceased in this World of Trouble, and perforation, and I will endeavor to make my meaning a little clearer to the readers of the WEST.

There is a tendency in all walks of life to try and get ahead of or at least save time and one must admit the old fashioned system of using a date stamp and separate obliterator, on post letters was rather calculated to hinder, than save time, trouble and expense—until happy thought—the concentric ring, of postmark same was introduced embracing obliterator and date stamp in one, or multum in parvo. The powers that be in England at least now went a step further by introducing ring types in red, with large paid, in the centre, and monetary value below and in some cases, above, and considerable discussion and correspondence has recently taken place in philatelic circles as to whether these "pays" are postage stamps or not and the question When is a stamp not a stamp still remains unsolved. Be that what it may, these "pays" like the poor, are still with us, and have come to stay, for it stands to all sense and reason, much time, trouble and expense has been saved by their adoption, and one must admit the present day system? of attaching adhesive postage to envelopes is at least "messy" in the extreme, and if you have any doubt about it gentle reader, just try and affix half a dozen postage adhesives to as many letters on a pouring wet day, and make it your mission to run out of stamps, necessitating a visit to the Local Post Office—"while it rains", you will I think, then be a candidate for "supporting the adoption of a system of stamped while you wait inside the post-office instead of doing your own "sticking" in the rain—outside. Canada has I see introduced yet another "system" entirely her own for circulars and printed matter, which shows that postage has been paid in bulk and it is painfully evident that sooner or later the adhesive stamp, so far as letters are concerned will "have to go". But with fiscal adhesives—that is a leaf out of another book of which more anon, collectors. The moral to all this, is in favor of postmarks and their collection, and the time is on hand, when our ranks will be considerably augmented for the despised of today is the collectable tomorrow, for fashion has many vagaries, and should some Royal Highness take up the craze, the future success of postmark collecting will be assured; at least such is the opinion of the humble writer—and who knows, we may yet live to see a royal Postmark Society some day.

Again turning to these paid postmarks or postage receipts to give them their proper name, collectors of such will find that the majority of those issued from England are at the least of it, very poor specimens, in fact nine out of ten specimens are very badly struck and the ink is vile, and appears to be a miserable concoction of red lead and oil.

Some of these "pays" issued from the small towns are somewhat rare and well worth looking for, as also the higher values. They are generally used in connection with Drapers and Hosiery circulars, Rate Notices, Sale by Auction &c and as they easily lend themselves to construction, any small town can be supplied by the P. O people at short notice with a "paid" to order mark.

(To be continued.)

Postal Officials and the Stamp Trade

By L. G. Dorpat

Under this heading "Stamp Collectors" *Fortnightly* quotes "The Statesman" of Calcutta, saying: Philatelists are responsible for a curious difficulty which is afflicting some of the minor colonies, and for a subsequent "breeze" between some critics and officials at Home. Attention has been called in the Press to illegitimate issues of "provisional" stamps in the minor colonies referred to, and explanation being demanded brought forth the curious fact that professional stamp collectors constantly create trouble for officials. If in the case of some small colony it is believed that an issue of stamps of a particular denomination would be useful, the official preparing the order estimates the number required for local consumption, and of course from the strictly official point of view this is all he is concerned with. But occasionally it happens that the stamp hunter makes a raid upon his stock of that particular issue, and the stock is rapidly exhausted. Then apparently he is officially justified in taking any surplus stock he may have of stamps of higher value and surcharging these with the value required. These stamps with the extra call upon the issue in their turn become valuable, and the demand of the dealers being met, the local need is again a difficulty. The dispute at Home centers around the question whether any postal official is justified in recognizing the existence of the dealer as such. But whether he is officially recognized or not, he is a very real factor in the situation. So for the quotation.

We may add that it is only natural for any one who is a stamp collector, stamp dealer or agent for stamp people, to buy at once as large a lot of any particular stamp as he possibly can, if he has reason to expect a coming shortage of that stamp. By doing so the coming of the shortage is of course accelerated. All small and provisional issues are therefore subject to a probable "run" on them, and may by necessity be followed by other small or provisional issues. The whole thing is as natural as anything can be, and the good people who vehemently complain against it are not the ones who were fortunate enough to get a sheet or two of the coveted stamps, but those who came too late to get their share of the good things and are therefore angry. They envy their more fortunate brothers and cry, "sour grapes!" But just wait until they get a chance, and you will see that they will act as natural as the ones they envied!

Another question is. Should the post officials figure on the demand that is likely to be made by stamp people on any particular stamp, and should they therefore order supplies of all stamps large enough to meet all possible demands by stamp people? If they do, there will be a "howl" against official speculation on philately: if they do not, there is so much the more a probability of a "run". It is impossible though, to anticipate correctly what the philatelic demands may be in any particular case, and the result of figuring on such demands may be a large stock of remainders, against which somebody will surely be found to demonstrate, no matter whether they be sold or burned.

The only way out of the difficulty seems to be the provision of large issues which will remain in use for many years without any change, and the keeping of large stocks on hand at all offices. But this would be almost an

invitation to stamp thieves, and in case of large thefts there would be other difficulties to arise; besides that, it is not always possible on account of administrative change or difficulties.

The best advice to every body concerned, or believing to be concerned, seems to be: Keep cool and let things go their way, taking them as they are!

Stamps for a Wheel Chair

By Jos. W. Mullens

I was a good deal greener in stamp lore then than Scott's 1484 (1880) Die C, or a different tale would be recounted. I was teaching school at the time (1899) and belonged to a teacher's Reading Circle. A little crippled girl at Cincinnati had published a request for stamps of any country in used condition, stating that when she got a million some kind gentleman would give her a wheel chair for them. The boys and girls in my school brought all the old stamps they could find at home, and each wrote to friends in other states for old stamps or new stamps, or anything—to help the little girl secure her chair. We gathered 7,000, and among the bunch were two 24cent lilac Washington, one 20 cent green Saint Louis, and any number of old green three centers and 10 and 15 centers of 30 years ago. We sent them to the little girl who soon afterward notified us with many thanks that a "kind Hebrew gentleman of Cincinnati had presented(?)" her with "a lovely wheeled chair. Just for the stamps your school sent." Soon afterwards, to aid some pupils who were collectors, a catalogue was ordered from Scott, and we learned to our chagrin that we could have sold the stamps and bought the child a nice residence and an annuity for life.

Moral: Save your old stamps. When charitably inclined, give current coin of the realm.

NEW STAMPS CAUSE TROUBLE.

Ottawa. — The two heads on the special Tercentenary issue of one cent stamps have caused a great deal of trouble to the Post Office Department. The first fad of the public was to cut the two-cent stamps in half and use one half on each letter, and the second, which is now in vogue, is that of using one-cent stamps on two-cent mail matter. The officials in the Post Office Department have decided that as one cent is written on each corner of the stamps and there are two heads, the persons, forgetting that the stamp cost them only one cent, consider that it should carry the postal value of a two cent stamp.

Several readers have sent us specimens of a label issued in connection with the Franco British Exhibition now being held at London, England asking us if we can give them any information as to their status. These labels are simply advertisement labels, got up in the form of adhesive stamps, and issued by firms who have a stall or other interest in the Exhibition. They send these labels out on all their letters, invoices, etc., and are absolutely of no value whatever, and should not be collected as having any philatelic claims.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

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433. Who can tell the quantity of each denomination of the Canadian Tercentenary Jubilee issue? Were all values printed in the same quantity?

434. Where are the Stamps of Tunis printed? In Paris in the same office that prints the stamps of France and the French colonies

435. What countries have until now issued Exposition or World's Fair stamps? The United States, Belgium, Spain and New Zealand. There are a good many more that have issued commemorative stamps which are not exposition stamps. Among them are the Argentine Rep., Porto Rico, Portugal and Colonies, Germany, Switzerland, Netherlands, New Foundland etc. as one may easily find by consulting any of the standard catalogs. Lately Canada has joined the ranks as indicated in query 433 above. A special collection of these stamps would be quite pretty and not particularly costly.

436. What countries have issued so-called charity stamps? The Argentine Republic, Barbadoes, Great Britain, New South Wales, Roumania, Russia, Victoria; Portugal might also be included with its ranks for the Red Cross Society and Tuberculosis Society. Then there are others with charity stamps, but those are not postage stamps in any sense.

437. It is not best to collect used stamps only in order to avoid counterfeit? No. Counterfeiters can counterfeit the cancellation easier than the stamp, and very often a false cancellation is applied to cover defects in counterfeited stamps. Of course, if you collect used stamps on the original cover only and make sure that they were really used on the covers on which you find them your plan will work all right. But you must remember that even stamps on covers are not always genuine.

438. Is it very hard to learn to detect counterfeits? Yes, and No. Some counterfeits are quite easy to detect, others are difficult, and some are very difficult to detect so that even experts of long experience may be uncertain. The latter cases are happily so rare, that they will hardly count with a beginner, who collects cheap stamps only. Stamps catalogued at 10 cents or less are rarely counterfeited, and if you do not go higher in your buying you have very little to fear. You should make yourself acquainted with the various processes of production: steel engraving, copper plate, lithograph, surface-printed etc., and you should try to get and study a book like Eary's "Album Weeds". Be careful from whom you buy, and try to study your stamps. You will never learn to detect counterfeits, unless you first learn to know genuine stamps. The danger from counterfeits is not so great as a good many think.

439. Is it true that the U. S. will soon issue a new set of postage stamps? I have not heard of any intention or preparation to that effect, yet we may expect that every 8, 10 or 12 years there will be a change, because the original dies are of limited durability, and after a certain number of rolls and plates has been made from them they will be worn, and new dies become a necessity. According to my estimate, we have about 4 to 6 years time,

before we shall be compelled to make room for a new issue. But then, we cannot know before hand what may happen.

440. Are the stamps of Morocco genuine? Yes, they are genuine local issues and were so used. They are the following: Magazan-Morocco, Magazan-Marrakash, Tanger-Fez, Mogador-Morocco, Magador-Marrakesh, Fez-Sefro, Tanger-Argila, Alkassar Ouassan, Tetuan-Chechuan, Fez Mequenez, Tanger-Tetuan, Tetuan-Alkassar, Tanger-Laroche, Demnat-Marrakest. Whether many of these stamps were used or not, and whether they were really necessary I do not know. Possibly there is a little speculation behind some of them. Others purporting to have been made for the following lines are said to be purely speculative: Tanger-Alkassar, Saffi-Marrakesh, Mogador-Agador.

441. What were the U. S. newspaper stamps used for? They were used to denote the postage paid in cash on 2d class matter (newspapers) at the rate of 1 cent a pound and were affixed to the stubs in the post-office-receipt-book, the receipts (without stamps) going to the publisher. The issue of 1865 was sold to the public, and the stamps were affixed to newspaper parcels same as other postage stamps. For some time (though short) the issue of 1865 was also sold. The issue of 1859 was sold after retirement the whole set of 12 stamps, 1 cent to \$100.00 for \$5.00. It is not illegal to have them.

442. Is it illegal to have in possession the U. S. due stamps in an unused condition? Hardly illegal, but contrary to the rules of the postal department. Single copies here and there might get out by mistake but whole sheets of unused due stamps in the hands of private persons would either indicate theft or a sale contrary to postal rules. The official selling them would be punishable.

443. Have any of the U. S. Columbian, Omaha, Boston, St. Louis or Jamestown exhibition stamps been reprinted? I think not, and I think in some cases it would be impossible to do so, because I think the plates, tools and dies were destroyed. Whether they were destroyed of all these issues I do not know.

STAMPS—NOTES OF CURRENT INTEREST.

British Papua, which forms a considerable portion of the huge islands in Australasia, known generally as New Guinea, has now a permanent design for its stamps, a penny variety having lately appeared, following on a four-penny and a sixpenny. This design is distinctly effective, showing a river scene with a pair of native boats with their strangely shaped sails set. The new stamp is printed in black and carmine, the center being in the first colour.

From the same part of the Globe we have to note a change of colour in another lot of river scene labels, the 13 and 8 Cents of Brunei. The first two are now green and carmine, and the 8 is in grey black and orange yellow. In this case we have a view of the native houses, which are built on piles in the river, just as the ancient inhabitants of this country used to construct their lake dwellings, the idea presumably being that the damp and discomforts attendant upon this form of architecture were worth enduring for the sake of the extra safety from attack which it gives. The foreground of the Brunei stamps is occupied by a native who is paddling a canoe in the Canadian fashion.—Hobbies.

FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES

By Oscar G. Hartmann

UP AND DOWN IN REVENUES.

Comparing prices in the catalogs of 1905 and 1909 and other smaller catalogs of special countries the shifting of prices is in some instances quite marked. The supply and demand are the factors like everything else in this world.

Under German Empire of 1871 the 22½ gr value, black numeral, jump from 10c to \$1.00. The 3 mark of 1900 green, without date: den 18, to 80c, while the rest of values went down. I expect there will be change in all German where the stamp is the same, but new watermark paper is used. Stock Exchange 30 Mk from 60c to \$1.20. Alsace Lorraine 2 fr 1871 Exchange from no price to \$20.00. Bavaria 20 Mk 1882 still in use, dropped from 18c to 10c. Bremen declaration 1863 serpentine perf, 1 thaler now \$20.00. Common tax 1899 the mark value went down about half price. Hesse-Darmstadt 100 Mk 1878 from \$1.00 down to \$3.00 All the early issues of Wurtemberg, Stutgard market tax from 1883 to 1896 still remains unpriced Under Austria the half kr (15 of one cent) values hold their own, but why a 20 gulden (\$3.00) should be as low as 3c catalog I do not understand. They certainly must pay plenty of taxes on everything going from a match to a tax when you came home later than 10:00 p. m. to your apartment.

Argentina and its provinces with the 100 pages in the catalog leaves plenty of room for speculation and using your wits to estimate a stamp. I note a consular stamp went down from \$1 00 to 30c. Also see the 100 peso valued at diff. places: \$16 00, 3 60, 3 00, 6 20 etc. Then there are issues of which only 20, 30, 50, or 100 were issued. Not saying how many were actually used. Something unique is a tobacco stamp surcharged and then used for hat tax. Under Antigue you see the 5 sh go from \$1 20 to \$4 00 and the 10 sh from \$3 00 to \$10 00. In the Spanish Philippines my personal sales have been wonderful. One stamp I have sold at 1c catalog, now 40c, another at 10c worth \$2 00. The U S Philippines underwent many changes. The 1c Int. Rev. went from 5c to 30c and 1 peso 1899 from \$6.00 down to \$2.50 and many other values following suit. Another shifting of values will prove a deal I made. A lot of Russian Rev. cat. about \$1 00 in the old and in the new catalog about \$180 00: but on the other I can record a lot of 30 stamps which have doubled 5 times in value. Peru, 50 sales 1866 from \$10 00 down to \$5 00 Persia dropped. A whole bunch of remainders must have come on the market. Portugal keeps us still guessing. Leeward Island has a record the 1 Pound from \$1.50 to \$6.00. So many new prices have been established, where prices were unknown, so that from now on a beginner will be guided by same. On the other hand, I am sorry because it deprives me of the pleasure of guessing the probable value.

There is another curiosity to mention, a revenue made out of metal and used for 13 years in Vaud, Switzerland. But is this really to be considered? The Impressed English lead stamps are mentioned but not catalogued. They have been in use for 20 years. They are very interesting, and in my opinion, a collectable revenue.

Stamps and Bad Practices

By J. W. H. Heslop of England

Any person who enters the arena of stamp selling quickly discovers the existence of defrauders. It is surprising how readily a buyer, whose integrity in all other departments of life is perfectly sound, will yet yield to the temptation which a sheet of fine copies of stamps presents to him. An immaculate copy, we will say, meets his eye on the sheet; he already possesses a specimen of it—but his own copy is far inferior in condition; to exchange the two stamps is but the work of a minute, the substitutor probably heaving a sigh of relief when the transference is complete. His collection is perhaps a few pence the richer, and his correspondent has suffered by being saddled with a stamp that may be unsaleable. It is a pity when this bad habit gets hold of a collector: it has an effect on himself which insidiously deteriorates his character: it also has some influence on the seller—it destroys confidence and creates suspicion over every transaction.

A good plan is to put an inconspicuous mark on the back of each stamp. Some photograph their stamps but many dealers know most of their stamps by sight and can tell when a copy has been exchanged. The transgressor when discovered should not be spared. A sharp lecture may open his eyes to the meanness of his act, and often results in leading him to give up the practice. There is also the rascal who buys common stamps generously at the outset to inspire confidence and then asks for a large sending of rarities. After these are sent he is found to have changed his address and disappeared. It is usually easy however to detect such a rogue by his handwriting, his notepaper, and his address.

The question of prices occasions some trouble at times. The prices of the big firms are fixed and invariable, a fact which must save them a good deal of worry and correspondence; but an amateur seller is often supposed to be open to a reduction, if pressure is put upon him towards that end. Thus a buyer will write for sheets, and then make a bid of, say, 75c for \$3.00 worth of stamps sent, the stamps being in his possession meanwhile. Whereupon ensues a correspondence which is usually neither happy in its course or in its results. The idea prevails among many buyers that the price of the stamps sent them can be considerably reduced by the mere saying: often, indeed the seller purposely adding 25 per cent to the price when sending, anticipating the demand for a reduction which he is then prepared to meet. But if such a condition of affairs were to become universal it would be a drag on both buying and selling. Fixed prices are the ideal; let them be as low as possible at the outset, but let there be no doubt as to their being unalterable. Occasionally people who practice this method of "beating down" find themselves hoist with their own petard. For example, a sheet of stamps was offered to a collector for \$4.00 net. The collector bid \$3.00, which offer was refused. A 2nd sheet was thereupon sent, priced \$5.00. The seller, having learned the way of things, was actually prepared to accept \$3.00—its exact value, by the way—and fully expected to receive such an offer by an early post. But his customer evidently took for granted that any lower would be useless and bought the stamps at the marked prices. Success does not always depend upon "selling cheap" and stamp firms whose prices are highest, do the most business. The customer who wants things cheaply often buys sparingly, but where price is a secondary matter, buyers make generous purchases usually—this may be the secret of it.—COLLECTOR.

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To Members C. P. S.:—

The following applications for membership have been received during the month:

169. G. H. Fabian, 3137 Evergreen Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Proposed by L. T. Brodstone.

170. Geo. E. Authonisz, Havelock Town, Colombo, Ceylon. Commission Agent, proposed by R. J. Mundell.

171. Joseph E. Mueller, Adv Solicitor, 252 Graham Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., Pro. by L. T. Brodstone.

172. John J. Coates, Stamp Dealer, 19 Borough High St., London Bridge, S. E. Pro. by L. T. Brodstone.

173. Karl Wolff, 142 Walnut St. Winnipeg, Man. Ref. J. Hooper, Pro. by R. J. Mundell.

It will be noticed that the C. P. S. benefits from Mr. Brodstone's sojourn in the Old Country, may he be able to repeat his trip often and soon.

I hope to be in a position to report more new members whose applications have been secured through the efforts of the few who are taking an active interest in the welfare of our Society. We have succeeded in clearing our list of many undesirable members and it is up to us to keep our sheet clean from now on.

If you have a collecting friend, send him an application or refer his name to
 R. J. Mundell, Sec'y, Montreal.

From the Phil. World we learn that the Lusitania was the first ship to carry mail from America to England under the new letter rate of 2 cents an ounce. She had 2000 mail bags instead of 800 to 1000 as usual under the old rate. The Augusta Victoria was the first ship to carry the mail with penny postage from England to America. She sailed from Southampton on the 2nd of October. It is not stated how many bags she carried. The Stamp Coll. Fortnightly quotes a post official saying that not much of a change is to be expected under the penny rate, except between Ireland and the States in the correspondence between emigrants and their relatives and friends. The service is elastic enough though to handle most any amount of increase, as it has demonstrated at Christmas and New Year, when there is a tremendous increase every year.—(Dorpat).

Mr. Gaston Hazan of Tunis informs us that on the 20th of Sept. the following Tunisian stamps were issued surcharged:

15c grey, surcharged 10c red; 1 fr. olive green, surcharged 35c red;

2 fr. lilac, " 40c blue; 5 fr. violet " 75c blue;

the envelope and letter card of 15c (grey, blue or violet) surcharged 10c red.

The post card bearing this formation was prepaid by a 10 on 15c.

The Editor "The Philatelic West":

We wish to call your attention, and that of the philatelic public, to the fact that fraudulently perforated copies of the United States 2c green Navy error are on the market, and have recently been advertised and offered at prices ridiculously low, compared with the value of the genuine. It appears that some of the well known imperforate greens have been perforated and sold as the genuine regular error. These imperforates have sold in recent years, as "space fillers" for the perforated stamp, at around \$10.00 each, which appears to be about their actual market value.

Noticing, recently, that fine copies of the perforated Navy error were being offered at \$2.50 each which we ourselves would be glad to pay for a fine specimen, and knowing that the really fine copies, as well as practically all the others, of our own original lot, had long since been absorbed into collections, and believing the same to be true of the lot, afterward discovered by Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs in Washington, and knowing, also, that the lot of imperforates existed, we began investigation of the matter.

As a result, the vender who advertised these stamps has admitted to us that his copies were perforated by a well known stamp reparer.

When taxed with the matter, the party who offered us these stamps gave us the excuse that he understood that most of those on the market had been produced by perforating imperforates, and to us his contention seemed to be that, as long as others were making "easy" money in this way, he did not see why he should not get his share of the plunder. It is to this intimation, that other dealers also have been quietly selling these fakes, that we wish to draw additional attention.

We are acquainted with the characteristics of the imperforates, are able to pronounce upon them, and shall be glad to examine and give our opinion, free of charge, upon any 2c green Navy errors purchased by collectors within the past few years, which are sent us for examination. We request that all stamps sent us for examination be marked on the back by the owner for identification, in order that there may be no question as to our returning the same stamps.

October 9, 1908.

F. Putney, Jr., Mgr. S. S. & C. Co,

Tasmania. Since April last a new variety of the handsome sixpenny stamp, with a view of Dilsont Falls, has been current in Tasmania. It is watermarked crown and double lined A, and perforated II, the colour having been altered to rose red. The label in question has a curious resemblance to the famous stamp of Jamaica, which has a view of Llandoverly Falls. This design enabled the philatelic world a year or two ago to enjoy a joke at the expense of the editor of a well known journal in South Wales, who anxiously inquired whatever could have induced the Jamaican artist to select "a bit of Welsh scenery" as a suitable subject for his stamp. It did not occur to him that there are two Llandoverly Falls, one in Wales and one in Jamaica, and that it was the latter which appears on the stamp.

Mr. Eustaquio Pellicer of Buenos Aires writes that on the 26th of August Uruguay issued three new stamps of the value of 1, 2 and 5 centavos. The colors are red and black, green and black, and yellow and black respectively. With this information comes the new 15c green of Arg. Rep.

Beginner's Department--Brazil

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue).

The later issues are not known as counterfeited at all, and we may therefore conclude by saying with Mr. Vieira. "Brazil may be specialized as we say in philatelic language without much fear of the counterfeiter. This is certainly one consolation at a time when everything is falsified." One drawback for the collectors in the United States is that comparatively few Brazilian stamps come to this country, unless expressly imported for collectors, there being much less traffic between the two republics than might be wished for.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

This republic occupies all the eastern slope of the Andes south of Bolivia and that strip of land included by the rivers La Plata, Parana and Uruguay. Formerly the Spanish viceroyalty of Buenos Ayres occupied the same territories and also those of Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay. Another name for the Argentine Republic is "United Provinces of the Rio de la Plata". After Brazil it is the largest and most important of the South American Republics. The Andes in the west contain peaks of more than 20,000 feet height; on the east is an extensive seacoast with numerous harbors, formed by indentations of the Atlantic ocean or by the many rivers that flow in an easterly or a southeasterly direction from the Andes to the Atlantic. The inhabitants number about 3 million, whose chief employment is farming and herding, there being about 2 inhabitants to the square mile. Under such conditions it is hardly to be expected that all the resources of the country are even known, much less utilized. The climate is warm temperate almost tropic in some parts, very productive where there is sufficient moisture, but varies much according to location. There are dry salt and sand deserts with hardly any vegetation and again regions with vegetation as luxuriant as may be wished for, and more too. Nearly all kinds of minerals have been found, many precious stones and coal oil, but mining seems to be little developed and not at all to the liking of the gaucho; it seems though that a greater development is near at hand.

The population consists of whites from all parts of Europe, Spanish predominating, Indians and Negroes, with all kinds of mixed descendants; immigration from Spain, France, England, Germany and Switzerland, and especially from Italy, has been and is yet going on, giving the whole mass of Argentinians more and more a character similar to that of the United States of North America. In cities there is a fair provision for general education, but on the farms (some of which are very large), on the Pampas (or Prairies, where cattle, sheep and mule raising is the main occupation) and among the wild Indians (of which there are yet many thousands) education is very primitive and schools are almost unknown.

Buenos Ayres was one of the first Spanish settlements, 1535, is now a city of about 400,000 inhabitants, a center of power, industry, commerce and education. It is the capital both of the republic and of the province or state of Buenos Ayres. It might be called the New York, Boston, Chicago and Washington of Argentina combined. We shall later have occasion to refer to this note, when we consider the stamps of this city and province.

Cordova and Corrientes are other provinces which for a time had their own stamps. Cordova is about in the center of the republic. Corrientes is between Paraguay and Uruguay.

The history of Argentina (another name given the Argentine Republic) from the earliest times up to recent year is hardly anything, but a history of wars. The earliest discovery was made by Juan Diaz de Soles in 1509. In 1527 the first settlement was made by Sebastian Cabot then in Spanish service at San-Espiritu. Difficulties with the Indians arose almost instantly and continued to the present day. In 1620 the "Gobierno del Rio de la Plata" was separated from the government of Peru. Under the Spanish restrictions of commerce between colonies progress was much retarded, and smuggling was resorted to, resulting in a state of conditions that resembled continuous war. In 1776 the La Plata became independent of the administration of Peru; at about the same time the restrictions of commerce were lessened and progress promised to make greater strides than before; but at the same time war with the Portuguese began to drain the country. In the beginning of the 19th century (1806) Buenos Ayres was for a short time occupied by the English. In 1810, when Spain got under French (Napoleon's) control, the Argentinians declared their independence of the new rulers in Spain, but still remained loyal to their old sovereign, Ferdinand VII. In 1816, however, after Ferdinand had proven unworthy of their confidence, as they thought, they declared total independence, July 9, and soon received the acknowledgement of England. The first constitution was framed Dec. 18, 1826, and Rivadavia was the first president. Meanwhile there was war with Paraguay and Uruguay, who had separated from Argentina. There were two parties in the country, one striving for union, the other for mere confederation of the several states. In 1838 Buenos Ayres became blockaded by the French. Under the general Rosa (1828-1852) and Urquiza (1840-1862) the country suffered much from civil war and was even for a time disrupted. General Mitre restored union and peace, but this lasted a very short time only. In 1864 Paraguay commenced war against Argentina, which lasted until 1870. In the same year the murdering of Urquiza caused another civil war, that lasted until 1873. Since then the central government has been gaining strength, the rebellions and disturbances have become shorter and weaker, and the prospect for the country became better and safer. When the first issue of stamps was made, the federal party under Urquiza was on top and the name of the political body was "Confederation Argentina." This was changed and the present name assumed when General Mitre gained victory over Urquiza in 1861 and the union of the political body became more confirmed.

The national colors of Argentina are blue, white, blue. The flag consists of three horizontal stripes of these colors. The national arms are a red liberty cap on a golden pike wreathed with laurel and two grasping hands of truce and friendship below. We find a representation of the arms on the first two issues of stamps, and again on the issue of 1899.

It is to be regretted that South American stamps in general have received less attention from philatelists than those of the United States, Europe and the British Colonies, and that consequently many points regarding them remain in doubt. I find it sometimes very difficult to obtain the desired information.

(To be continued).

Kohls Illustrated Katalog and Briefmarken Handbook

8. Edition. 1908

REVIEWED BY L. G. DORPAT.

Here we have a book which is certainly "on time", or rather ahead of time. It contains 1484 pages text and 42 pages advertisements of albums and other useful philatelic articles including 3 pages of philatelic literature. The page is $4\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$ inches. The illustrations throughout are good although of reduced size. All countries are arranged alphabetically, but, of course, the German names are used, as the whole work is written in the German language. It treats adhesive stamps only, has a special heading for each kind, as general issues, local issues, due stamps, newspaper stamps etc., and the numbering for each kind begins with 1. There are much fewer numbers here than in most other catalogs, because all varieties of any stamp are given under one number. There is no other catalog though that gives more varieties than this one. Yet the arrangement is so clear and perspicuous—often in tabular form—that any one who can but read German can easily understand all and can quickly find anything he may look for. Under the stamp illustrations there is usually the name of the subject portrayed. There are copious notes and explanations, and these are as a rule short and to the point. Under the heading of Vereinigte Staaten von Nord Amerika (U. S. of N. A.) the government reprints are not mixed up with the general issues, but are given together under a separate heading. On 18 pages of Addenda and Corrections the latest news and issues are included, so as to bring the work down nearly to the end of the present year (1908). In the front of the book there is an index and a number of valuable explanatory remarks, also a list of journals from which information was drawn. Everything is about as thorough, exact and plain, as it possibly can be made.

CATALOGUE DE TIMBRES-FISCAUX PAR A. FORBIN-YVERT & TELLIER. 2d Ed. 1909.

Reviewed by L. G. Dorpat

This is a book of 74 pages $4\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{3}{4}$ inches and a decided improvement over its predecessor, better paper, better printing, better binding, and all that for nearly half the price that was asked for the first edition three years ago. To the U. S. and its possessions 48 pages are devoted under the heading: Consulates, Documents, Playing Cards Proprietary, New York Stock Transfer Tax, Timbres Prives, Match, Canned Fruit Stamps, Medicine Stamps, Timbres Generaux pour Impots Divers, Beer Stamp, Custom House, Timbres D' Etats, Alabama, California, Attorney at Law, Bills of Lading, Bills of Exchange, Insurance, Passenger, State revenue, Louisiana, Cotton, Lottery Stamp, Law Stamp, Nevada, Oregon, Poll Tax, Colonies Americaines, Philippine, Customs, Documentary, Giro, Int. Revenue, Sello, Porto Rico, Excise Revenue, Int. Rev. These headings are in part a little queer, and, beer stamps are included why not Tobacco stamps? In the first edition they were, also some others that are now omitted. Then, why are the New York State stamps included under the general issues and not under the state issues? Nevertheless the book is quite valuable and we may welcome it as the only one of its kind. There are catalogs which cover the stamps of one country or of a group, but as far as I know at this writing there is no other catalog covering the revenues of all countries of the entire world. Though written in French it will be easy for everybody to understand it readily, at least most of it. Collectors of foreign revenues can hardly afford to be without it. Catalogs for sale by Ararat Stamp Co., N. Y., Gilbert & Kohler of Paris, France.

Speculation in Stamps

By Rev. J. H. Heslop of England

Much has been written on the wonderful opportunities that stamp collecting affords, but the other side of the subject seldom receives public attention. For the last three or four years there has been a demand for these stamps that was practically a craze; those whose business it was to sell have declared there never was anything like it in the whole history of philately.

It has been computed that several thousand complete and valuable collections of these stamps have been formed in Great Britain alone. But at the present moment there are signs that the demand is slackening, and the situation is fraught with some anxiety since in some quarters there are rumours of a surfeit.

It is strange that the general opinion has all along been that most of these stamps were "hard to get" and scarce, and that such as were available might be viewed as excellent property, with a splendid prospect before them. Only such a view of things can account for the rush and the boom of 1903-05; the arena was full of prizes, and of course everybody was on the alert. Many a stamp was secured which today is worth double or treble the price it then cost, but on the other hand there are stamps that were gathered with feverish fingers in 1905 which are still on issue, and are neither scarce nor likely to be.

Towards the end of 1907 duplicate collections of King's heads began to appear on the market in quick succession, and the fact became gradually revealed that certain issues were plentiful enough to be practically superfluous. Numbers of amateur investors found themselves in possession of small stocks for which there was no immediate market, some kinds indeed were found difficult to get rid of at cost price.

There may be fortunes in stamps, occasionally. The collector who stumbles across a rare stamp, or makes an investment that brings a forty-fold return, may be forgiven if he talks about his good fortune, but the ninety-nine others who fail in a similar venture are usually silent about it. A collection of stamps is seldom worth more than it originally cost till some few years have elapsed. The few stamps that fly straight to high figures are scarce, and none save a diligent student of philately can forestall their rise. The moral of which is, let stamps be collected for the love of the game, and let the matter of profit be shelved as a remote probability.

The Austrian Jubilee issue has been surcharged with the respective values in Para and Plastres for the use of Austrian offices in Turkey. The 5, 10 and 20 plastres are listed with various perforations 9 to 12½. Two Austrian Postal Cards are also announced, with a large portrait of the Kaiser Franz Joseph and views of the Hofburg (Vienna) and the Palace (Schonbrunn). The stamp on the other side is a reproduction of the 30 heller adhesive with value changed to 5 heller. One card has the stamp in the upper right corner, the other one has it at the top in the middle of the card. The portrait side of the card is printed from a copper plate. The stamp side is surface printed. The views on the card with stamp in the middle represent the Hradschin (Imperial quarter of Prague) and Prague with the Molden bridge. This card is commemorative of the Prague exposition. The portrait side on both cards is printed in black, the stamp side in green.

"Supposed to Contain Dutiable Matter"

By H. W. Boers

In the September issue of the WEST I noticed an article by Dorpat regarding the above matter. The writer complains about the way parcels of stamps addressed to him are held up sometimes four days before he can get them, being stamped "Supposed to contain dutiable matter."

In this regard I would like to say a few things myself. I receive stamps from many foreign countries, many go through without any trouble, but do find this principle among letters that are registered, and are bulky, giving an appearance of containing goods subject to duty, then the party to whom it is addressed is notified. This is according to postal law.

But I must say I have never been held up four days and cannot understand how Mr. Dorpat could be. When he receives his notification card he is supposed to call at the postoffice. This shows that the parcel is ready for delivery and can be demanded at once. Only last week I got a notification of a letter at the postoffice. It was addressed to my home. The following morning I went to the registry department with my card. The clerk in charge called the revenue officer who came from upstairs and was handed the parcel. He asked me what it contained, and I told him "Old postage stamps." Why he didn't stop a moment but simply handed them over to me, without a word said. Of course I am known as a collector of stamps and get these frequently and they know from the outside address of sender they contain stamps.

Mr. Dorpat no doubt is well known as a collector, and I cannot see why he should be held up four days, while I can get my mail in a few hours after I get the card, and our Detroit postoffice handles more mail matter by far than Mr Dorpat's office. West publisher was held up for over a week because no custom officer lives here, and has to be sent to the city.

I don't know where it would benefit him to ask the philatelic societies to cooperate and write to the postmaster general to instruct the postmaster that stamps are not subject to duty. Let the postmaster familiarize him self with those things at his office. Of course it is annoying to have to wait four days, but here and other larger cities a few hours would settle this thing for the time. The notification is written and the party gets the card, and then it is up to him to go to the postoffice and claim it.

Have you ever received a letter from a foreign country marked "supposed to contain matter liable to duty," and have you had to open that letter and let the postmaster send it away to some other postmaster to submit it to a revenue officer for examination? If so, then you will wish that your postmaster should have authority to pass stamps as non-dutiable and to let you have the letter at once after he has examined it. This is another matter for a petition.—Dorpat.

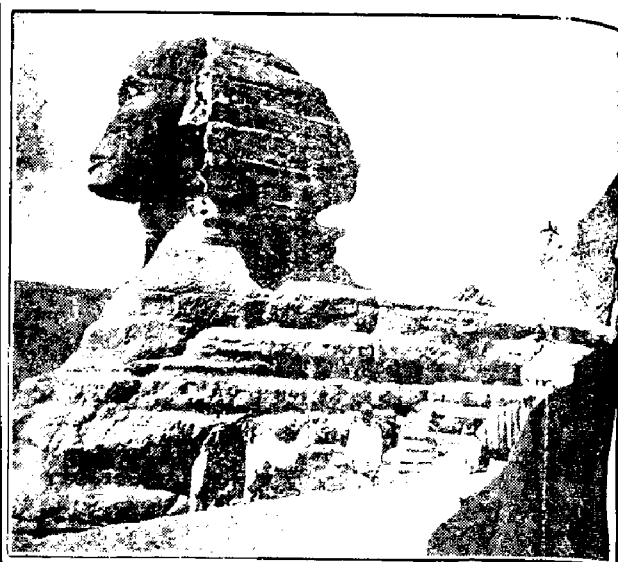
Mr. John Lee Clarke of Albuquerque, N. M., sends out an Exchange Auction list in which he describes a number of curios, such as Indian bows and arrows, boomerangs, old flint lock guns, etc., for which he solicits offer of postage stamps in exchange. His prices for the several articles offered range from 50 cents to \$10.50.



J. C. RICE, San Antonio, Tex. P. NILES MARTIN, Mauritius Is. Both have ads in this issue.



GEO. E. HAYES, Toledo, Ohio, read his ad. H. S. ADAMS, ...



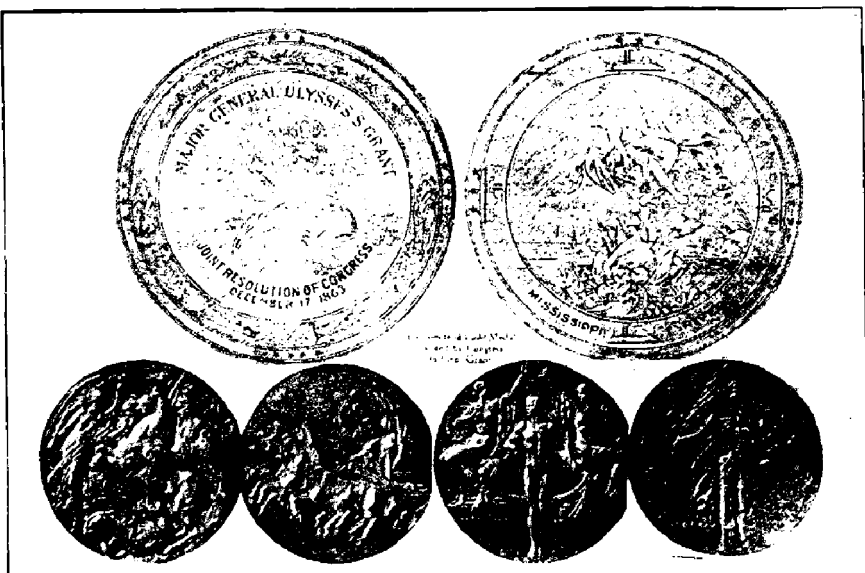
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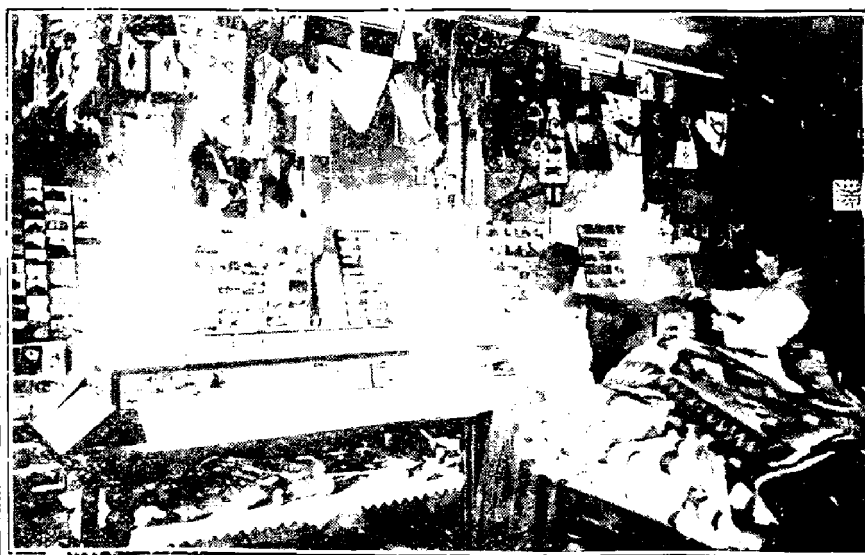
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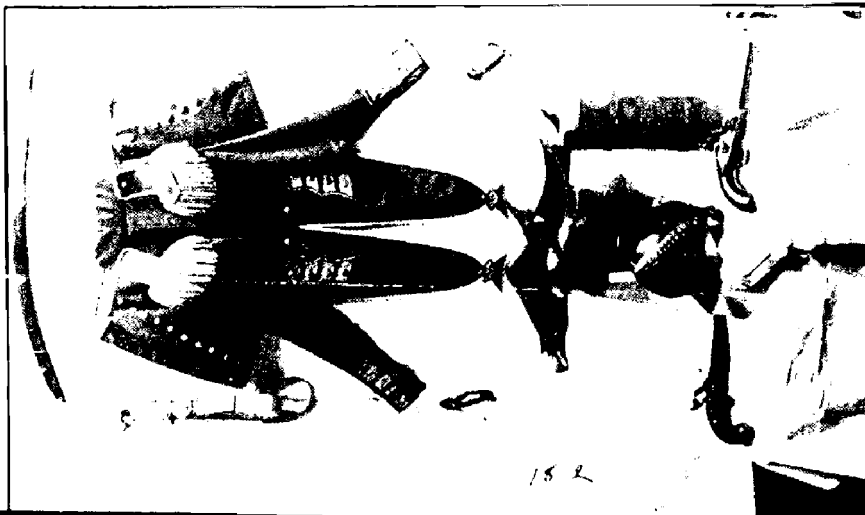
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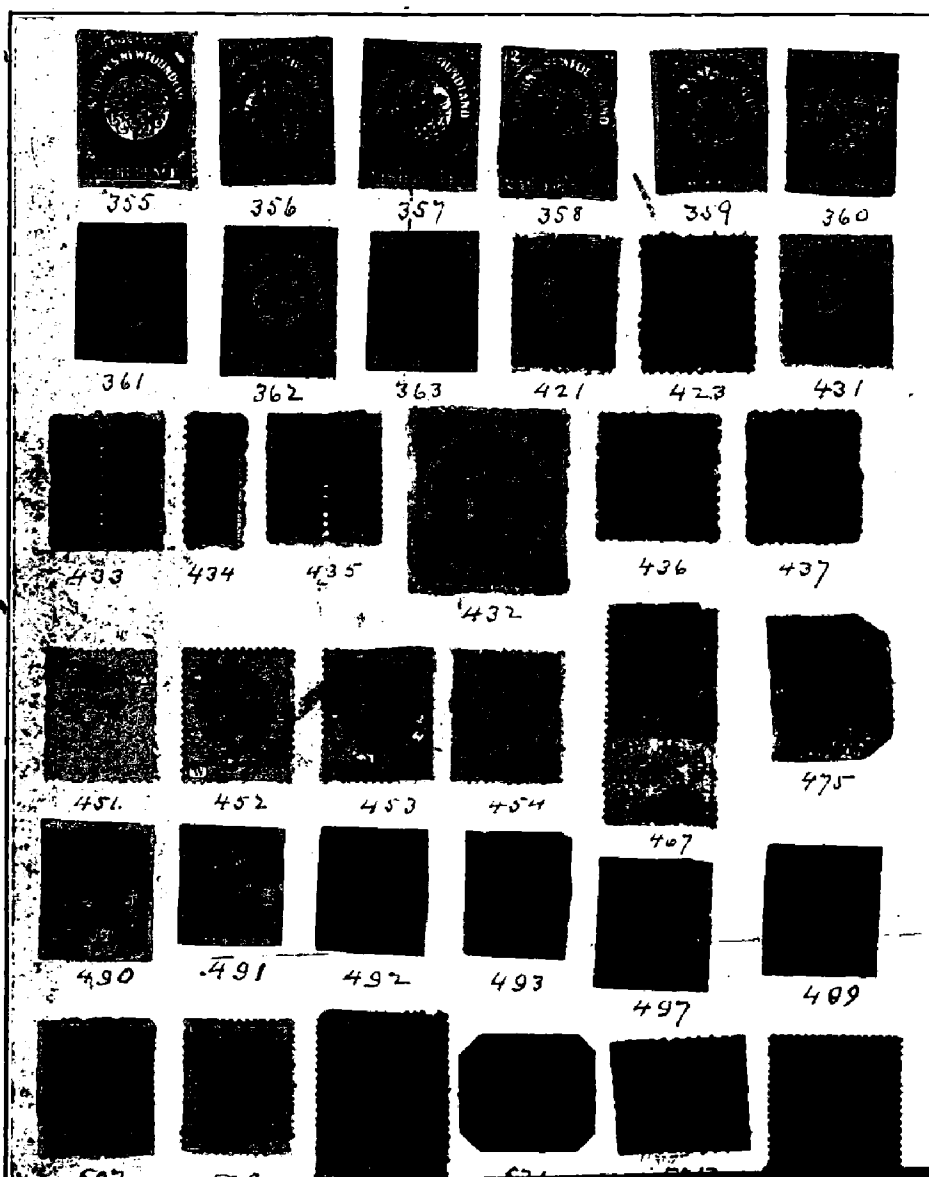
Corner of Pat Ryan's Curio Store, Omaha, Neb.
Uniform of Third Captain, U. S. War of 1812. Property of W. Lathrop, Sunderland, Vermont.





MARSH, Philatelic Literature Man,
London, England.
LYMAN H. LOW, New York City
See his address given at Philadelphia
in this is. ue.

Page from auction catalogue of
J. W. Scott, New York City.





PHILOCARTY



POST CARD

*J. C. Collectors
The World
Over*

From Cologne we see love'y cards; boarding the Rhein steamer, one goes on to the most beautiful stream in the world, thronging with memories, pregnant with history. The Lorelei, the Seven Mountains, the ruined Drachenfels, Coblenz with its recollections of Marceau, Ehrenbreitstein, Bingen Mainz, all pass as in a dream framed as they are in green hillsides, blossoming orchards and purple vineyards all in keeping with the mood thus engendered. Thus will be the quiet visit to the Castle of the Wartburg in the forest of Thuringia, interesting in itself as the oldest of German castles but having an added interest for all lovers of Taunhauser.

From Bavaria are seen cards of interest from Munich, and from Innsbruck Austrian Tyrol are seen cards both picturesque and historical. Proceeding by the beautiful mountain pass, the Brenner and other scenes, we come to cards from Italy, showing Venice. St. Mark's the Ducal Palace, the Piazza, the Grand Canal, everything with the glow of that wonderful aspect in scenery not easily surpassed elsewhere, but superb in old Italy.

The church of Maria della Salute too where we shall find Titian's great painting commemorating the plague of 1512. Milan and its cathedral, its Leonardo da Vinci, its Raphael, the Ospedale Maggiore.

Views are seen up the Lakes of Como, Lugano and Maggiore through the famous St. Gotthard, which tunnels into Switzerland. Here we see the famous Alps and mountain peaks renowned the world over. I will not go into detail about them, it would be too lengthy and so much has been said about them in foregoing articles that I need not dwell upon such at present. From Paris are seen views both new and old from the Hotel de Ville, St. Louis' Palais de Justice, the Tuilleries, the Rue de Rivoli and Notre Dame the noble cathedral wherein barrels of gunpowder were placed during the siege of Paris by Germans in 1871. Column and place Vendôme, the famous bridge "Pont Neuf" are among other views from Paris.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

Relics of Ancient Man of England

There is something extremely fascinating in the collecting of relics of ancient man, and those peoples who were living on this earth thousands of years ago, when the world was in an almost unformed state, when what are now large tracts of cultivated land, dotted over with cities and towns, were vast swamps, and great streams, the mud deposits of which afterwards covered up the relics of those primitive people then living on their borders. What is termed the Stone Age is the first stage in this world's existence in which relics of man are found. In our own country, under the London of today, the earliest implements are found some seventy feet below the surface. These relics consist of rudely formed flint celts and hammers and tools made from bones of extinct animals.

Then followed a later period which has been termed the Neolithic, or newer stone age. It would appear as if quite a long period had elapsed between the two periods, for the tools found on the levels which were then the surface land are formed much more carefully, and some are beautifully chipped and shaped. Of course, the first implements of man were the defensive and offensive. They were needed in contest with the denizens of the forest by which they were surrounded, and no doubt by necessity their wits were sharpened and thus they acquired skill in the use of their weapons. As tribes were formed, they engaged in warfare with one another, and the arrows and spears, first shaped from instincts of defence, were used in warfare between themselves. The spears, first of simple form, were afterwards finely shaped, and in course of time from these simple weapons devolved implements of utility. So knives were fashioned, and even rude saws with which to cut wood and horns taken from the stags and other animals killed in the chase were made. As time went on, the implements of primitive man became more varied, and here and there hooks were fashioned very much like our sickles today.

The handles of the tools, at first rough pieces of stag's horn or tree, were decorated much as the savage peoples in the few uncivilised quarters of the globe today shape them. Again there are relics of primeval man, pieces of bone with the heads of animals carved on them, evidently intended as handles. All these objects are very interesting, so many thousands of years old. They may be met with in England, in France and other parts of Europe. Indeed, strange to say, the specimens coming from Europe, Amer-

ica, and Asia differ very little, showing that primitive man arrived at similar conclusions wherever his location might be. Then there are large flints called scrapers, and curiously shaped tools evidently used by the makers of the finer chipped implements. Then there are choppers, and flint discs for sling stones, which latter are fairly common. The triangular implements, found at Herne Bay, are curious, and show some development in the latter portion of the Age.

The collector attaches great value to his arrow heads, which command better prices than any other flint implements. There are many types of heads, several of which were found in Ireland, others near Wallingford in the Thames Valley. It will be noticed that these were fashioned so as to be fixed firmly at the end of the arrow, or light javelin of which they sometimes formed the tip. The barbed heads are the scarcest and when found are often injured, sometimes one or both of the barbs being broken off; doubtless many of these were in actual use and had either been lost or thrown away as worthless. A beautifully shaped spear of almost transparent flint was found some years ago not far from Wallingford; another, shaped like a knife, has a keen cutting edge, and when in the hands of a skilful savage would be a very formidable weapon. Similar knives have been found in Denmark and also in France. Some of the Danish knives, or long pointed spears, have delicately cut teeth all along the edges, giving them a similar appearance to the daggers made of sharks' teeth, so commonly used a few years ago by the South Sea Islanders.

Reference has been made to the discoveries of decorated bone implements in Kent's Cavern and other parts of England. The owner of one of these curiously decorated objects, was skilled beyond his fellows and occupied his leisure time, he had plenty of it, in ornamenting the handle of his knife or dagger. One of these was discovered in Moorfields, and is now in the London Guildhall Museum. The ornaments on it are described as 'double ring or dot,' and there are remains of a circular opening in the head of the implement also visible. The curious handle which is now in the British Museum, is made of reindeer horn and is said to be a javelin, the work of a palaeolithic man, found some years ago in France. The eye of the animal which it is intended to represent appears to have been drilled with a pointed flint. Relics of a later period are sometimes met with in barrows and prehistoric mounds, as well as in the lower strata opened up in excavating for drains or for foundations of buildings, and these are interesting, showing developments. Flint implements are by no means expensive, and the young collector could easily gather a selection of these relics of prehistoric man, and from them can conjure up in his mind the habits of his early ancestors, forming some idea of the way in which they lived, remembering always the difference in the England of today and that of those far off ages.—

A BROWNING MUSEUM.

A new object of interest will henceforth be presented to American visitors to Florence in Barrett Browning, son of Robert and Elizabeth Browning, who puts into execution his project of forming a Browning museum. It is reported that he has purchased Casa Guidi and has collected all the pictures and books of his father and his mother that he could, besides the furniture which Browning sent back to England after his wife's death.

The Burial of an Indian Chief

By Jos. W. Mullins, Rostwall, N. M.

The following account of a Comanche chief's obsequies was related by Juan de Dios Garcia, who has lived in New Mexico for more than 80 years

"I do not know exactly what year I was born, but was eleven years old when Indians killed my parents and the Catholic church took me to raise. At the time of which I speak in regard to the Indian chief's burial, I was a man about 20 years of age, and the treaty of Guadeloupe de Hidalgo (Feb. 2, 1848) had been signed and we were told that we must look to the Americans for protection instead of Mexico. Col J M Washington was the military governor of New Mexico, and we believed him to be a son of George Washington.

"There had been bad feelings for a long time between the Apache tribes of N. M. and the Comanches of Texas. There were a number of white men (refugees) among the Comanches, and these incited the raid of which I speak.

"A battle had been fought and the Comanches had come off victorious, but one of their big chieftains had been killed by an arrow and they retired toward their own lands for the burial. I was herding sheep in a valley in the eastern part of what is now San Miguel county, near the Canadian river. A bunch of Comanches took me prisoner, and we journeyed two days, when we reached a place called by the Indians "Coon-u vaugh". Here they halted, and began to celebrate the funeral rites. The body of the dead chief was laid on a pile of stones. His three horses were led up and shot and placed beside him on the ground. The squaws and old men had been left at Coon-u vaugh, and the squaws began to pound parched corn and buffalo (dried) meat into a dish called "to-ly" great pots of which they set around the dead chief, some on the ground and some in the bier beside him. Certain of these would fall down beside the bier and weep and pull their hair. These I took to be his wives. His bow and arrows three lances, a "bolo" (raw-hide thong to which is fastened a store), three or four American butcher knives, and a cap and ball musket were placed about him in the bier.

"Some of the braves had killed a buffalo and the squaws roasted great pieces of the fresh meat, and had prepared numerous pots of parched corn bread. The feasting and dancing lasted all night, I being allowed to mingle freely with the Indians and to eat with the rest, but not to go to sleep. Just before dawn they began to pile wood and stones upon the dead body. At daybreak a torch was applied, and after assuring themselves that the pyre would be consumed the Indians mounted their horses, and squaws, prisoners and all, and rode off to the Texas plains. They had 200 ponies as booty and a number of scalps. These last they attached to their belts and some fastened them to their spears. I remained a captive about 16 months, when a troop of Texas rangers dispersed the bunch of braves by which I was held, in a fight on Clear Fork of the Broyos. A number of squaws and myself were taken prisoners. The squaws were sent somewhere, and I was turned over to the captain of a freighting caravan which hauled onions from El Paso to Central Texas towns. I was away from home nearly three years, Capt. John Calhoun being the civil governor named soon after I returned from Texas. The Comanches did not invade the mountainous parts of New Mexico again until the breaking out of the Civil War.

"I am an old man now (nearly 90) but I would like to know if there is anything in Coon-u vaugh mesa to remind one of the Comache chief's burial."



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 appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address, W. Straley, Nelson, Nebr.

While in conversation recently with Mr. Edward Portwood of this city he said that several years ago while plowing in a field in the north part of the county he unearthed a snake skin filled with red ochre. No doubt this skin of "war paint" was either lost or hidden by some warrior while passing through the country years ago.

Mr. E. E. Blackman, archeologist of the Nebraska State Historical Society, visited Nelson, (Neb.) September 28, in the interest of his department. He got acquainted with the amateur archeologists of the village and spent several hours looking over their several collections; especially examining specimens found in Nuckolls county. In the afternoon, in company with Mr. Ritterbush and the writer, he went over an old camp or village site about a mile west of town. But, as the locality is planted to corn this year nothing definite could be seen or learned. His visit wasn't so profitable in the way of material, but he succeeded in getting seven new active members for the Historical Society and left promising to visit us again in the near future.

A relic of great interest and historical value was on exhibition at the Old Settlers' picnic held in this city on Wednesday. It was the end of the Broken Indian Bow which this city was named after. This Indian bow was found in the canyon just northeast of the city by Wilson Hewitt nearly 30 years ago, and just at the time when he was endeavoring to find a name for the new postoffice. It suggested the name and on its recommendation the department at Washington designated this postoffice as "Broken Bow." This old Indian relic laid around the Hewitt dugout for a long time, and with the exception of one piece, was burned up. Mrs. C. D. Pelham, now of Chesterton, Indiana, who in those days resided on an adjoining homestead, secured this piece of the bow and has treasured it up all these years. On her recent visit to this city Mrs. Pelham promised to send it to E. R. McCell, secretary of the Old Settlers' association, that it might be preserved in the city which bears its name. The relic was on exhibition at the picnic on Wednesday and was viewed with great interest by a large number of people.—Custer County Chief.

Address of Lyman H. Lowe, at Phila., Pa.

Gentlemen of the American Numismatic Association:

I propose to occupy a few moments of your time with some personal reminiscences and a few suggestions, in the hope that they may prove, if not entertaining, possibly of some benefit. But I must first express my great gratification at meeting so many who have been interested in matters which have concerned me for the greater part of my life. My pleasure in this direction has heretofore been limited to the occasional visits of friends at my place of business, and the meetings at coin sales. Today so many familiar faces greet me that I am almost overwhelmed; my cup is full.

Coins first attracted my attention in 1856. The fever continued possibly for a year, and then other subjects engrossed me, doubtless from lack of congenial companionship, for I knew but one collector, and it was he who inspired me. I had not then learned of a dealer, though Henry Cook of Boston—my native place—was engaged in the business, at that time. The summit of joy was reached and my Eldorado found at the toll house on the Boston side of Chelsea Ferry, where I made weekly visits on Saturday afternoons, and looked over a box of odd pieces. It was the custom of the tollman to accept anything having the resemblance of a coin. If it proved to be something else than a piece of U. S. mintage, it was thrown into this box. Nothing of special importance was ever secured, for my knowledge was limited, and my pocket-book small. My recollections are that Connecticut Cents, Hard Times Tokens, and an occasional Store-card composed the bulk of my treasures. It seems worthy of comment that I never found a Half Cent! I think it may be regarded as certain that they never were in circulation in the New England States. When the Civil War came on, I took my collection to a State Street broker, and sold it for \$5 00. I have never forgotten my first small accumulation.

During the War more important matters demanded my time, and in the years which followed until 1878, the subject was dormant. In that year, when a commercial traveller, I was sojourning in the West, in the Mississippi, just below St. Paul. Many foreign copper and silver coins were in circulation in that community, and I soon found myself making a collection of the various kinds I met with. By this means I became acquainted with three collectors in the town, and their hords were sufficient to rekindle the flame of twenty years previous. My ardor was thoroughly aroused, and the interest I took was intense! I dreamed and talked of coins incessantly; but I soon became rational, and launched into the subject in sober earnest. Almost immediately I began to sell as well as purchase. The captures, whether of pieces or of customers, were not large or important. In the fall of 1879, after returning to New York from one of my trips, I passed the old store of Bangs & Co., on Broadway, opposite Astor Place, and read the bulletin at the door. "Coin Sale today." A few brisk steps took me up to the spacious rooms where the coins of the late Theodore Riley were displayed on those long, flannel covered tables, which some of you perhaps remember. I attended the sale that afternoon and most of those that followed, whenever I was able to do so.

In 1883 I made the dealing in coins my exclusive business, beginning at 383 Broadway. When I offered my collection, numbering some 15,000 pieces, to buyers, it was chiefly composed of copper coins. My career since that

time is fairly recorded in the Catalogues of my public sales, the first being that of the late Alexander Balmanno of Brooklyn. So much for my early reminiscences; of later days I need not enlarge in this company.

The Association whose representatives are here assembled in such goodly numbers, from widely distant points, has been the means of drawing together a large body of collectors, and uniting in its membership those of kindred tastes; and its good results are apparent on every side. No other plan could have succeeded so well. It has raised the standard of the science, has developed interest, diffused a large amount of information, and has greatly augmented the ranks of coin-lovers and students. Too great commendation cannot be bestowed on the memory and labors of the late Dr. Heath, whom we justly regard as the founder of the Association—its father—its faithful guide until the close of his career. He was eminently fitted to undertake the work of its establishment—exceptionally so indeed—and I do not know of another who could have accomplished so much. I hope our future may be guided with equal zeal, wisdom, earnestness and success, under the leadership of men whose aims may be fairly compared with the high ideals which constantly actuated our lamented friend, who from the first stood so firmly and so justly at the helm.

Among those who are still with us, and whose works are beyond praise, Farran Zerbe and Howland Wood are names that I am sure deserve the special commendation of every member, for what they have accomplished for our association, by their able efforts and untiring industry.

There are others whom it would be fitting to mention who have contributed to our success, but the list would be long, and they are so well known to you, it is needless for me to name them at this time. It would be a pleasure in this connection to recall also some of the prominent collectors and dealers who have gone before us, Cogan and Strobridge and Woodard, Stickney and Smith, and many more—but I must content myself with the observation that their memory is still respected and revered. Their work and the inspiration of their example has set a standard to which we may well aspire.

There are many subjects that are proper to bring to your notice, as collectors of coins and members of this grand Association. It cannot be expected that all of them will be embodied in any single address, and possibly of all that should be, some must necessarily be omitted.

On the commercial side there should be cultivated reasonableness and all the tendencies that lead up to it. From the expert may justly be expected intelligence in the matter of attribution, a thorough knowledge of varieties and values, accurate and impartial descriptions or ratings of pieces, and reliable judgment as to their genuineness. There are honest and intelligent differences of opinion, which will occasionally arise, and it is here that both sides should be willing to meet each other with a sincere desire to accomplish a fair adjustment; each should endeavor to be magnanimous, and positively and finally discharge the matter without seeking to be merely the victor.

(To be continued).

For an extensive collection of first editions of the writings of Charles Dickens, comprising upwards of eighty volumes, chiefly bound in morocco, 1850 has just just been paid.

Aboriginal Life

By T. Francis

The Black Hills of South Dakota, for archeological research, is a country to be taken in consideration. The tourist of today sees before him those timber clothed hills as thousands of years before aboriginal men viewed them, with delight. The tourist admires the hills for the beautiful sceneries, their grandeur and magnificence; but prehistoric people saw the same places in admiration, probably not so much for their beauty as for their natural abundance of game. The brooks and mountain streams were full of trout, as the big game was everywhere in the woods. This much for an illustration of the attractions this place offered those ancient people whose mode and ways I am here trying to describe.

Aboriginal men were like Indian and other known races in primitive state of migratory inclinations. As they largely depended on game for their living, they moved to and fro as the game became scarce, or they were driven away by a stranger tribe. By close investigation of the old camping places, each creek that flows from the part of the Hills and sinks in the ground on the prairie, proves this theory: As a rule the camps are found near a good stream or a spring. On Elk creek I found an old camp 600 feet above the creek, near a fine spring. This place in itself is remarkable—is level and on top of a hill. From 4 to 14 inches of sand covers the top, beneath which is black soil, which again is covered with flint chips, and occasionally lost implements of stone. I have collected Indian relics for twelve years, and flatter myself on having a very good collection, and during this time I have studied aboriginal life by tracing the existing remains, but never encountered such evidence. Is it possible that those people lived here before the great glacier, or did a cloudburst send a volume of water 600 feet high through the canon leaving this pure white sand on top of this hill, on top of the flint chips on the back soil.

The implements found in the Black Hills are mostly made from Chalcedony or quartzite, though I have found several arrows of agate. The arrows found here in workmanship can not be surpassed—of course the agate and carnelian arrows from Arizona are fine, though due to the material made from, to some extent. Like we have today, good and poor workmen, those people may be regulated the same way, though I believe I can prove that there has been an early period whose inhabitants used implements of crude make, and poor, easy handled material.

Next time I shall endeavor to prove some of my theories and where to look for those ancient camps in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Bibliotheca Phillippica. In London the 51,693th lot in the vast collection of MSS brought together by the late Sir Thomas Phillips, who had warrant for styling himself a "perfect vello-maniac," brought \$42. It was a collection of original letters relating to the family of Oates, Yorkshire. Since 1886 no fewer than 60 afternoons have been employed in the sale of 13 portions of this Bibliotheca Phillippica, the result aggregating \$225,350 to which the last section has contributed \$18,890. The principle MS. last week was "A treatise made by Sir Philip Sydney, Knyght, of certeyn accidents in Arcadia made in the year 1580, and imparted to some few of his friends in his lyfe time, and to more sence his unfortunate deceasse." It fetched \$595.

For Indian Relic Fiends

By Walter Goepfer

A few months ago I received a letter from my friend A. Gorget, stating that his friend Mr. True Flint, had come to visit him. Mr. Flint was down in Indian Territory, and had brought "something along that would interest me", as Gorget wrote, and that I could have them if I would pay the freight. After some consideration I went indoors and picking up my coat and hat, I started for the corner. Upon reaching that place, I boarded the Pendant St. Car for Spearhead Depot, which was on the River Arrow. From there I took the train for the little town, Celt, which lay some ten miles south on the banks of Pestle Creek, where my friend lived. Leaving the train at the Celt Depot, I walked down to Adze St. and from there to Bow St., where I took a Mr. Axe's carriage to my friend's house on Hammerstone St. On reaching the door I was welcomed by Gorget and Flint, and another friend, Mr. Drill. Gorget said that I had a certain disease that he was trying to cure by giving me something very interesting. He said his son had it once, and in fact still had it, and had had it for fifteen years and was not over it, yet. I knew that he thought that I was crazy—relic crazy. He then took me into the parlor, and there stood two big chests full to the brim with flints of all sorts and designs, and such a lot, and to think that they were to be mine for the little freight it would cost to my home! I thanked them over and over again, and of course told them that I could use some more medicine in a while. Flint laughed and said I could get it anywhere, and that he did not handle it any more. After carefully packing it, so that none would break in transit, Mr. Axe took them to the depot and they were on their way. I stayed with Gorget over night. After breakfast the next morning, the three accompanied me to the depot on Chip St., from where I took the train to my city, Fine Specimensville. Again I boarded the car and was almost home when—no, I did not awake, for I was not sleeping—came to my self. I was sitting out on the porch, where I had gone after dinner to read my WEST. I had read my favorite part, the Relic page, when I fell into sort of a trance, staring into space, not conscious of the outside world in the least, going through all in the short time of four minutes. Strange to say I picked up my WEST, which had fallen from my lap, and went into the house and on the table lay a letter for me from a friend. What do you think it contained? Why, he stated that he had a lot of Indian stones that he did not care for, and that were at my disposal.

COLLEGE MUSEUM GETS TREASURE

Claremont.—The remains of a prehistoric elephant, twenty-six feet in length and with ten foot tusks was unearthed recently in the bed of a small creek in Puddingstone Canon, a half a mile north of San Dimas, by Prof. A. J. Cook, of the department of biology, of Pomona College and Edward P. Perry, a student. The relics were brought here this morning and will be placed in the college museum.

Prof. Cook thinks this animal lived about 12,000 years ago.

The body was found lying diagonally across the stream and covered with about six inches of dirt. While only six feet of tusk could be carried away whole, the rest having decayed, it was simple to compute the original length.

The Gouhls

By Harold Banning

It was a dull stormy evening and all our companions had departed, only Louis and I, old bachelors, remained in the deserted club rooms. "Howard," said my friend as he gazed into the street below, "I advise you to never begin collecting. I have seen a hobby drive a man to an awful death." This remark aroused me and I begged Louis to tell me the story. "I shall," he replied, "but let it go no further, for I am not proud of the part I played." "Twenty years ago," he resumed, "I was studying medicine in a famous college of Paris. I took no interest in the science and learned but little. While there I met Dr. Saxon, a retired physician of some reputation. Dr. Saxon was a collector of old weapons but I was sadly disappointed when I saw his collection. Six rusty old swords encased in mouldy leather scabbards made up his 'collection'. However, Dr. Saxon was a good friend of mine, frequently helping me with my studies and loaning me money which I always forgot to repay, but even with his help I failed in every study in my second year and my parents becoming disgusted with my progress cut down my spending allowance to practically nothing, leaving me a kind of outcast among my gay companions. One morning while in this bankrupt condition, Saxon offered me 500 francs if I would help him rob a grave. I did not shrink from the proposition for I, like most medical students, had had some experience in that ghastly business. Indeed I jumped at the offer and eagerly pocketed the money. Ten hours later, I found myself in old "Pere la Chaise" driving up the main avenue in Saxon's carriage. He drew up in front of an old lot enclosed by a rusty iron railing, and tied the horse to a tree while I brought the spades, ropes, etc., from the carriage. "Which grave?" I inquired? "This one," muttered my friend, "and get to work," and he held the lantern so I could not read the inscription on the small headstone. This action excited my curiosity and striking a light, I read the name of one of our greatest soldiers whose neglected grave has been a national disgrace. Now, I am a true Frenchman, and the idea of destroying the remains of one of our great Marshals froze my blood with shame, but I needed that money and must work for it. "I only want his sword," sneered Saxon, "he doesn't need it now—but my collection does." I snatched up the pick and set to work furiously, while Saxon took up the spade. We worked several hours during which time not a word was uttered. Finally my pick struck a plank and I climbed out of the grave while Saxon uncovered the coffin. "In splendid condition," he muttered, as he struck his knife into the lid, "splendid. I want my coffin made of oak too." We had all the necessary tools and an experienced hand soon brought the heavy, old-fashioned coffin to the surface. It was indeed "in splendid condition" only the foot had caved partly in exposing a mouldy leather boot. Saxon thrust a crowbar under the cover and wrenched it off with ease.

There lay our great Marshal, his mouldy, shriveled face still wearing the same defiant smile with which he had faced certain death so many years before. His uniform was green with mould, his epaulets black and only his hair retained its bright color and as I gazed upon him I could see that powerful figure leading his men in so many desperate battles and could understand why he had been such a great leader. One hand still grasped

his tarnished sword—that glorious sword that had flashed so defiantly over a hundred bloody fields was now to be wrenched from his hand by a half-crazy collector.

Saxon chuckling with satisfaction, leaned over the body and fumbled with the leather sword straps. Suddenly he straightened up with a look of horror. There in the middle of his palm was a small red spot resembling the sting of a wasp. Looking into the coffin, I saw a large greenheaded grave worm squirming angrily.

"Its bite means death," said Saxon in a hopeless voice, "death in ten minutes. "Fool, fool!! I should have worn gloves." He sat down on the edge of the coffin and buried his face in his hands. Five, six, seven minutes passed in silence then raising his head he muttered, "Louis, I deserve this. Those six swords at home were stolen from the graves of—" He sprang to his feet and threw himself into my arms—"O, my God, Louis, hold me!" he pleaded. "I am falling!" He was then seized with a frightful convulsion and bit and tore at me furiously, and it was all I could do to keep him from my throat. Soon he recovered and gazing wildly round, screamed, "Where am I, Louis, where am I?"

He then tore himself from my grasp and started off on a pitiful shambling run grinding his teeth in agony. He only went a short distance, and then went down in another convulsion. When I reached him, I sincerely thought him dead. I could detect no signs of life. What could I do with his body? If the story was made public it would mean imprisonment for me, and disgrace for his name. It was almost daylight. I picked him up and ran back to the open grave. I worked like a mad man, indeed I think I was half mad that night. I lowered the heavy coffin into the grave and placing Saxon upon it with my coat shielding his face I hurriedly threw in the earth upon him. Soon the grave was filled and I was placing the sod upon it when it began to tremble and shake violently. I had buried him alive! Paralyzed with horror I gazed upon it. A clock struck three in a nearby tower. Then a great black curtain seemed to drop between me and the heaving grave.

When I regained consciousness it was five o'clock. The grave was very quiet now. Saxon must be dead. Who could live two hours without air! I replaced the sod on the grave with trembling fingers, and leaping into the wagon, lashed the sleepy horse into a gallop. Soon I whirled past the—

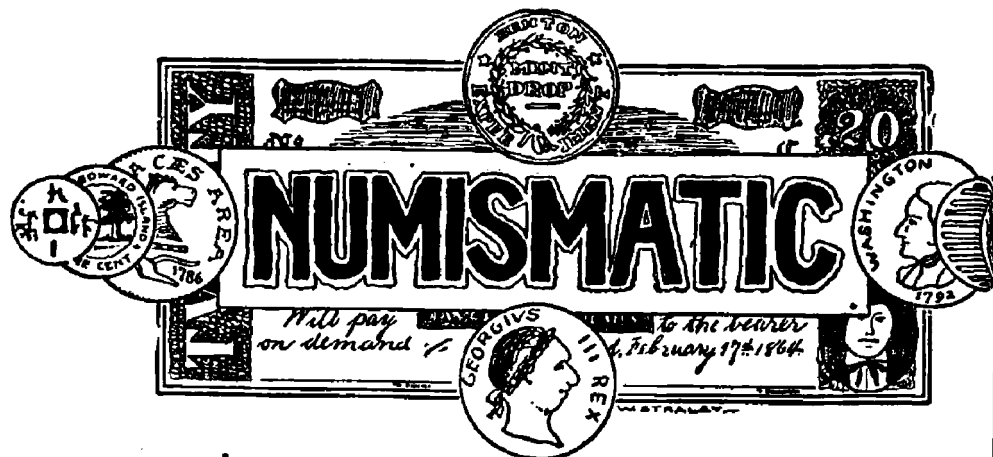
I could restrain myself no longer and broke in upon the narrative

"Louis!" I exclaimed in a voice of horror "That can't be true!"

"It is" he replied in a choking voice, "every word of it," and may God forget me for my cowardly actions."

\$775 for a Crown Piece. As an example of Simon's famous "Petition" crown, struck in the reign of Charles II., which at one time was the most highly prized of all English coins, and which has in the past realized as much as \$2,500 failed to fetch more than \$775 at a London sale. The coin was designed by Thomas Simon as a protest against a Dutchman's designs being accepted for a new coinage.

The portrait of Robert Burns, for which the poet gave three sittings in 1786 to Peter (or Patrick) Taylor, has, it is stated, just been found in the shop of an Edinburgh dealer in sporting pictures and prints.



New York Notes--By Joseph E. Mueller

Coin collectors will be much interested in two specimens of perforated coins recently struck at the British Mint for circulation in the colony of Nigeria, British West Africa. The denominations are one penny and one-tenth of a penny, the former being composed of a white metal composition and the latter of aluminum. Both coins bear the familiar double triangle so common on African coins, and are of rather handsome design the reverse of each showing a crown between the inscription "King Edward VII, King and Emperor."

These coins are especially remarkable as being the first holed coins to be issued by any of the European countries, with the exception of the Belgium coins issued for Congo, following the custom of China, which for many years has issued all its coins of low denomination with perforated centers. The perforations are intended to facilitate the custom of the natives in stringing their coins.

A curious fact in connection with the above is that this year for the first time the recommendation has been made by the Empress Dowager of China to her Mintmaster to devise a new style of "cash"—a coin equivalent to about one tenth of a cent—without the time honored perforated center.

A new issue of German "Thalers" has recently been minted in Berlin. The reverse of the new coin bears the regulation German eagle, so familiar on all German coins, with the inscription "Deutsches Reich 1908. Drei Mark." The obverse has an excellent likeness of His Germanic Majesty enclosed with the inscription "Wilhelm II., Deutscher Kaiser König von Preussen" and the mint mark "A." The edge of the new coin carries the words "Gott mit uns."

This new issue of 60,000 "Thalers" were brought into circulation by payment of the salaries of Government and city officials. The coins will soon be turned out by all of the mints in the Empire.

In a communication to the New York "Times" dated Oct. 2d 1908, the Postmaster of New York calls the attention of the public to the fact that although the rates on letters to Great Britain had been reduced, there is no reduction on postal cards nor on post-cards. It might be well to take note

of this fact or one may wonder at some future time, why no reply is received to one's post-cards.

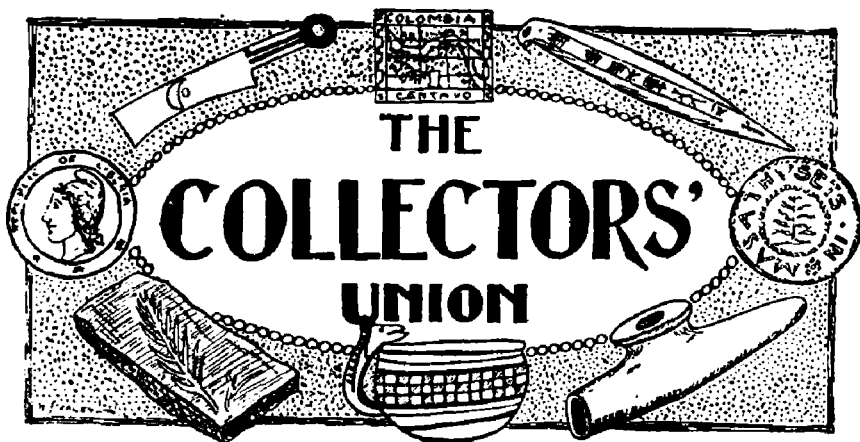
School officials have been aroused by the recommendation of Postmaster-General Meyer that children should be taught how to address mail-matter correctly and legibly. For proof, however, according to the latest returns from the Dead-letter Office, there are 13,145,172 reasons, ready at hand, in favor of the Postmaster-General's proposition.

Coin Collecting--Mexico

The present day facilities for travel and the interchange of commerce between different countries has brought about opportunities of coming in contact with those who have lived in foreign countries to a much greater degree than formerly; and the number of foreign coins of comparatively recent dates, which visitors to far away places bring home with them as mementoes have made such coins fairly common. In course of time they pass into the hands of young collectors, any of whom are anxious to know something about them and their values. Indeed the expert is often receiving queries about foreign coins, and especially South American coins, where there are many Spanish dollars and other coins minted a century or more ago, still in circulation in the different Republics which were once under Spanish rule.

Some Mexican coins were struck in 1773, in the reign of Charles III. specially for use in Spain. The issue was repeated in subsequent reigns. The 8 reales piece of Charles IV of Spain, struck in 1789 to 1808, was cast, and is known as the "sand dollar." Later, in the reign of Ferdinand VII., half reales in bronze were issued, and during the reign of Ferdinand VII., the handsome pillar dollars (so-called from the pillars of Hercules supporting the shield of arms) were revived. Of course, the coins in general circulation in Mexico are those of more recent years issued by the Republic, dating chiefly from 1826. On these the Mexican eagle standing on a cactus, in its mouth a serpent, is the central figure of the obverse, and frequently on the reverse in some form or other, the cap of liberty, on a pole, surmounts the book of law, illustrating the legend "Liberty and Law." The gold coins of the Mexican Republic, which comprises some thirty States, were at first doubloons, the standard values being afterwards changed to pesos: coins of the relative values of 2½, 5, and 10 pesos were issued, but the silver coins of Mexico consist principally of the dollar and its subdivisions.

There have been many coins issued independently by the different Mexican States, and most of them are obtainable. One of these, struck in Chihuahua has on its obverse the figure of Liberty, seated, holding a spear in her left hand, and her right arm resting on the book of law, against her chair being the usual emblems of authority. In Guanajuato coins of different denominations were issued; the most notable of these is the *cuarilla* a brass coin struck in 1857. The two most essential tools miners use form the emblems on the reverse, the legend surrounding being "Omnia Vincit Labor." There are also coins of Durango and Guadalajara, and other less known States. Perhaps one of the most curious coins of the series is an 8 reales piece, issued in 1811, in Zacatecas, under Ferdinand VII., the type of the reverse being mountain peaks, surmounted by a cross, and, as will be gathered from the legend "Moneda Provisional de Zacatecas," it was issued provisionally.



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As the time of the year is now approaching for the collectors to get busy in exchanging post cards, etc., if you want to join the best society DO IT NOW. Join the Collectors Union and get to exchanging post cards, etc. You will find all of our members are renewing which shows that they are interested in our future. If you have not joined, be sure and send in right away. Will the Collectors Union members do their part in getting members? Small circular mailed free by the secretary-treasurer. By the next issue of the WEST we expect to have a Sales Dept., and Complaint or Fraud Dept., established. I have received several letters from members who want to take hold of these Depts. Watch us grow. Why not join?

Yours in union,

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457. Clarence S. Hunsinger, Flatt Rock, Ohio, stamps, curios, fossils and coins.
458. W. W. Bliss, Duarte, California, stamps.
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461. Jno. Hanberry, Anderson, Indiana, coins, relics etc.
462. W. W. Schmus, 618 School St., Chicago, Ill post cards, minerals, shells.
463. G. Hull. Sec. International correspondence club of China, U. S. P. O. Box 812 Shanghai, China (associate) Mr Hull would like to hear from our members one and all. He will send application blanks and information on request.
464. M. A. Richardson, Ticonderoga, N. Y., Box 674, relics, curios, minerals, post cards coins, etc

HALF DIME OF 1802 BRINGS \$715.

An uncirculated half dime dated 1802 and said to be the finest specimen in existence was sold last month at an eastern sale for \$715—the highest price ever paid for a coin of that denomination. Mr. Wilson, it was said, paid \$371 for it in 1884. The bidding for the coin at the sale at the Collectors' Club, was spirited, the prize being finally knocked down to H. O. Granberg, of Oshkosh, Wis.

Another record price was \$355, for a quarter dollar dated 1827. One of the Gobrecht type of the United States pattern dollar, dated 1838, brought \$160, and a similar coin, with Gobrecht's name in the field, sold for \$104. A "Stella," or \$4 piece, dated 1879 brought \$66. The highest price paid for a United States cent was \$81, for a coin dated 1793.

Keys from Pompeii. An iron key with a large piped stem was found under ground in St. Paul's Churchyard in 1850. The annular bow which encloses a quatrefoil has a rectangular loop on the top for suspension from a ring or girdle. Another key is an early English latch key, very similar to the warded keys of today, and show that comparatively little progress was made in the locks and keys of common type for many centuries. The mechanism of the ward lock seems to have been early known, for mediaeval keys have a remarkable likeness to some of the commoner trunk keys still used.

It is needless to say in these days of skilful locksmiths and burglars that the warded lock affords but little security. Wax, tallow or some other substance is smeared upon the butt of the blank key, and an impression of the obstacles or wards quickly taken. There are two elaborate keys richly ornamented, not only the bow but also the stem and the bit, in a collection of keys at Marlborough House, where some beautiful examples of the Tudor period are also stored. From the form of the bow of a key recently found near the site of Pipewell Abbey, it is supposed to have belonged to the monks who then inhabited that ancient pile which has now disappeared.

Another find of a mastodon is reported from Alaska. It is stated that the skeleton shows that the creature must have been over forty feet long.



The 57th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, on Friday evening, Oct. 2nd, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. Blumenfeld, Merrill, Chester Dunham, Holmes, Baker, Sorensen, Ripstra, Puttkamer, Kelly, Green, Verkler, Carey, Tracy, V. M. Brand, Simpson and Excell.

Messrs. Arthur L. Seligman, Chas. H. Conover, Frank Nowland, Sally Resenberg and Dr. Ed Bert were elected to membership.

Mr. Carey exhibited a collection of foreign copper coins in fine to uncirculated condition, numbering over 500 pieces; and Dr. Merrill showed U. S. and Pioneer gold and an obsidian piece of Luxemburg.

Mr. Geo. Walston and Dr. Ed Bert were present as visitors.

A copy of Dr. Courteau's work on Canadian Boquet Sous was added to the library. Magazines received since last report were The Numismatist, Spink's Numismatic Circular, Philatelic West and Numismatische-Correspondenz. Auction catalogs were received from Henry Chapman and Low; with fixed prices from St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., and priced catalogs from Green and Low.

Adjourned to meet Nov. 6th, 1908.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

TO A BUTTERFLY.

So fair, so perfect, so light, so free, The symbol of your Immortality,
O flower of the air almost one knows For surely you are the soul of the rose.

—Aarion Manville.

The Butterfly has long been regarded as one of the most beautiful of nature's works, and since the discovery of a process by which the real insects, collected for us by men in all parts of the world, are shown exactly as in life, are preserved indefinitely, and can be handled without fear of damage, they are being utilized in an inconceivable number of ways. As pictures, or displayed on tables, over mantels, or inset in furniture, etc., they are incomparable and are used in many Royal residences. As examples for artists they stand supreme, and numbers have been supplied to the foremost painters of the day. They are also purchased by silk manufacturers who, as far as possible, copy the wonderful tints and fine shadings. Many of the most fashionable dressmakers, including those of Paris, have been or are being supplied with butterflies the color schemes of which are reproduced in dresses. In fact, wherever the highest form of natural art is needed the mounted butterflies will be found.—Taken from a London Catalogue.

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1. 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 exchange.
3. Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
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5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society

that 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 obligations to send you the paper.

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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.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Our Five Leaders.

October 21, 1908.

Points to date: 906. L W. Disou, 31. 903. Arnaldo Ghisla 13. 868. Mrs. John Hoffman, 12. 314. Miss M Hays, 8. 546. Pierson Hardwick, 7.

The following members have secured one or more new points during the month just ended: 629. Edna May Carroll. Previous points 2, new points 1, total points 3. 868. Mrs John Hoffman, previous 11, new 1. total 12. 916. L W. Disou, previous 28, new 3, total 31. 380. Will H. Mackie new 1, total 1. 1184. Emerson A. Stoner new 2, total 2. 1491, new 1, total 1. 1510. Donald W Martin, previous 1, new 2, total 3. Chr. Abajides new 7, total 7. Ira O. Dow, new 3, total 3.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

1580. Mrs. Ed Floyd does not wish any Street views, Birdseye views of Cities Monuments, Fancy Comics and only the finest Buildings wanted.

1315. No further U S Exchange wanted by O. E. Granberry, Ancon, Canal Zone.

The secretary invites the attention of the member of The Union to the International Correspondence Club of China, a society for Collectors of post cards, stamps, curios and everything collectable.

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RENEWALS.

1554. Oren Coats, Winchester, Indiana.

NEW MEMBERS.

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1579. Edward W. Martin, 704 Holland Ave., Saginaw, Mich.

1580. Mrs. Ed Floyd, 314. N Clinton St., Olean, N. Y.

1581. W. Y. Klippel, Britt, Iowa.

1582. Frank L. Brendel, 1243 Battery Ave., Baltimore, Md.

1583. Miss L'Angellier, 71 N. River Valley Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements.

1584. T. Ichmura, 191 c Edocho, Yohikawa, Aakua, Tokio, Japan.

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 1587. Anna S. Sitz, Poole, Nebr.
 1588. Robt Jacobson, 400 Oak St., Atlantic, Iowa. Colored views only. No comics.
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 1590. T. E. Lim, c-o Neth Trading Society, Singapore, Str. Settlements.
 1591. V. H. C. Barrett, 71 River Valley Rd, Singapore, Str. Settlements.
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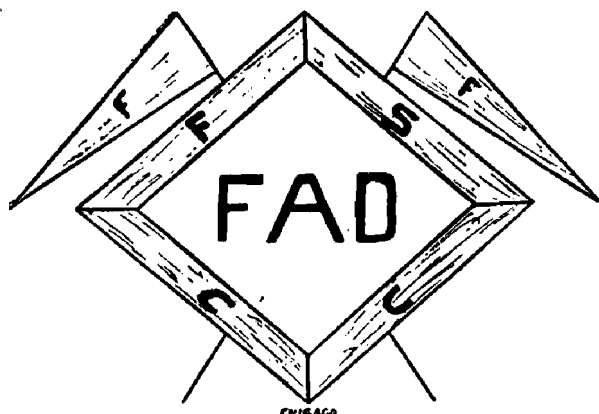
The following memberships will expire during the month of Nov.: 314, 622, 689, 868, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1301, 1310, 1313, 1314.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Please be advised that The Union has established an office at No. 1201 East Alameda Avenue, Denver, and all mail should be addressed accordingly. Our office is equipped with everything necessary to conduct the affairs of the society in a thorough businesslike manner and we will run in connection therewith our own printing establishment, where all the advertising matter used will be published. While our policy has always been to spare neither time nor expense in our endeavor to please our members, we believe you will appreciate the fact that the expenses incurred in making this move are exceedingly heavy, but by giving far better service than we have in the past, we trust that we will be able to please all our members, who in turn will recommend the society to their collecting friends. Mr. Hawes, the present Secretary, will retire from active service, and Mr. James A. Semple will assume the duties of Secretary. Mr. Semple's excellent business ability and his friendly ways will without doubt win for him the heartfelt friendship and esteem of all our members and that The Union cannot do otherwise than prosper.

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On account of the unexpected trip taken by Mr. L. T. Brodstone, unknown to us at the time, it has been impossible for us to have our first report in an earlier edition, and we wish to apologize to all our members for this delay. We wish to make this club one of the largest and best of its kind and in order to do so, we heartily ask you for your membership. Any other information desired, not found in the foregoing, will be promptly answered.

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The publisher or the secretary will be glad to send sample copies of the Official Organ for inspection, upon request, and any other information will be cheerfully furnished by the secretary for the asking. Address all correspondence to

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133. Mrs. Seargant, 99 H. Fairview, Denmark Hill, Couperwell, London, E. C. England, Correspond in English.

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The following memberships will expire during the month of November: No. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21. Renewal fee is 35c; if a subscriber to the WEST, the fee will be 10c. Please renew your membership at once

CONTEST NO. 3.

First Prize: Ten beautiful view cards to the member securing a new member in Mexico, Canada, Cuba or Panama. Second Prize: Fifteen historical cards for a new member in South America, Central America or the West Indies. Third Prize: Twenty views of U. S. lighthouses, for a new member in Europe, Asia, India, Africa, Philippines or any other countries not mentioned. Fourth Prize: Five colored views for two new members in U. S. Contest closes Jan. 1st, 1909.

Dear Members: I am very sorry to announce that with the closing of this report the present officers will no longer be able to manage the affairs of the club, and in consequence of same Mr. Clarence V. Webb, of Perry, Ohio, will hereafter be your Secretary Treasurer, he having been solicited to take that office. With the next report he intends to have the office of Presidents, Vice Pres., and Assist. Secy-Treas., filled by some of the members of the club. After this date he will have full power to manage the club as he thinks best. There will probably be some changes made as to rules, contests etc., but in such a case all members will be notified through the WEST. Since the organization of the club there has been one hundred and thirty-three members joined. We wish to thank you one and all, and hope you will give the new officers your kindest consideration in any dealings you may have with them. Trusting you will all work in harmony for the upbuilding of the club, and with our very best wishes to all, we are

Very truly yours, the retiring officers

per James A. Carr, Jr., Retiring Secy. Treas.

ONLY LIVING MAN WITH PICTURE ON U. S. CURRENCY.

Dallas, S. D.—Hollow Horn Bear, chief of all the Sioux, has returned from an official visit to Senator Gamble at Yankton. The long trip depleted his ready cash, and he today visited Judge Witten, among other things asking through Captain Elliston, his interpreter, for a five dollar loan to buy food for his squaw and children. When Judge Witten produced a five dollar bill Elliston pointed out Hollow Horn's picture on it.

Hollow Horn is the only living man pictured on United States currency. Now Judge Witten would not part with that bill for any money.

Hollow Horn made a famous speech to Congress in 1889, and being a handsome big chief his picture was engraved on both five and twenty dollar bills.

A remarkable literary "find"—a book on marriage, supposed to have been annotated by Henry VIII.—has just been found in London.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

E J Tiene has arrived in the city from Seattle, Wash., for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reinhold. Mr. Tiene has an old family bible in his possession which he brought to the city. It is a very old, unique German bible. The bible is illustrated and is 153 years old. It was printed in the year 1755 —Leavenworth Post

The following interesting report comes from Fowler, Kans:—The largest bones of a prehistoric animal ever found in this part of the state were unearthed recently on the Don Otto farm five miles east of this city. Those bones consisted of the thigh and the pelvis of some huge animal. The lower end of the thigh bone, evidently at the knee joint, was nine inches across, while the upper end measured over thirteen inches across. The pelvis bone crumbled when it was being removed from the earth, but before it was disturbed it was fully forty inches wide. Large bones have frequently been found on Mr. Otto's farm, and it has been his intention to make an investigation at some time. An effort will be made in the near future to discover the head of this animal. A large bone was found near the bone in question but it is impossible to tell whether or not it is a part of the skull.

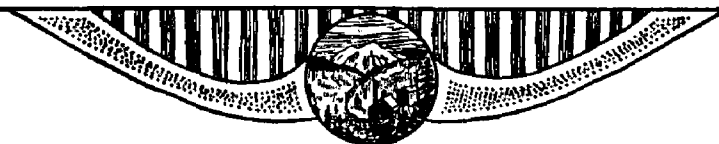
Mr. Charles O. Engel, an enthusiastic collector of Dixon, Ill., writes that he enjoys reading the "Kolumn For Kansas Kollectors," in the WEST. "I know of two ancient Indian village sites," writes Mr. Engel, and I expect to visit these places in the near future. The gentleman who lives near one of these places has gathered together a very large collection. Our neighbor has over 200 arrow and spear heads, and two or three axes, which they picked up on the other grounds. I found six arrow heads this summer on this spot. These sites border along Rock River and near each there is a creek. The real Indian name for our river is "Sinnissippi," but the "pale-faces" named and still call it Rock River. The scenery along this vicinity is something grand. The tribes of Indians were the Sacs and Foxes and the Winnebagos, from what I have heard. The Black Hawk war took place in our vicinity, Black Hawk being the chief of the Indian tribe. Relics in this vicinity were once numerous and are still found from year to year."

The writer has just been informed of a large Indian Mound near Bendena, Doniphan county, Kansas which he hopes to examine in the near future. Doniphan county the ancient home of the Kansas Indians from whom our state derived its name.

Old settlers in Atchison will all remember Henry Stein, who for many years ran a little novelty store at Seventh and Commercial, where the Boston store now stands. He went from here to Salt Lake where he had the same kind of a store and also collected a large assortment of metals, some of which were quite valuable. He became too old to attend to business and the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias lodges, of which he is a member, made arrangements for him to go to the Odd Fellows' Home at Manhattan. Here he has charge of the flower beds, with some boys to assist him and seems to be happy and contented.—Atchison Champion.

The editor of this "Kolumn" used to ramble about the Missouri river bluffs in Northwestern Kansas with Mr. Stein and gather specimens. He was an intelligent collector, and at one time collected for the Smithsonian Institution. Address reports of Kansas finds or inquiries to Geo. J. Remsburg, Oak Mills, Kans.

MINERALOGY



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

Sapphire mining was carried on actively in Montana during 1907, the product having an estimated value of \$299 800 according to Douglass B. Sterrett of the United States Geological survey, whose statistical report on the precious stones of this country has just been published by the survey as an advance chapter from "Mineral Resources of the United States, Calendar Year 1907." Two large companies operated mines containing blue sapphire in its original matrix, and two other large companies and smaller or individual producers worked auriferous placer deposits containing vari-colored sapphires. The blue sapphire in matrix was worked in the Judith river region in Fergus county, at points about 11 and 13 miles west—southwest of Utica; the placer deposits were worked at the head of Dry Cottonwood creek in Deer Lodge county. The auriferous placer deposits along the Missouri river below Helena, once so extensively worked, also yielded a few stones during 1907.

The blue sapphires of Fergus county, often called "Yogo" sapphires, range in size from minute crystals up to those of 4 or 5 carats. Rarely crystals of 8 or 10 carats are found, but the greater number weigh under 3 carats. A large quantity of small sapphires, classed as "culls" is also obtained. This material is in great demand for watch jewels, the flattened form of many of the crystals rendering them especially suitable for this purpose. In color the Yogo sapphires range from light blue to the rich "cornflower" blue characteristic of the oriental sapphire. They make beautiful gems and are highly prized for their color and brilliancy. Probably over 90 per cent of the sapphire is of good blue color and of gem quality. Occasionally purplish gems are found.

The auriferous placer deposits on Dry Cottonwood creek are located at an elevation of 6,000 feet, nearly 1,500 feet above the valley of Deer Lodge river, to which the creek is tributary. The gravels in the gulches are from 10 to 14 feet thick and the beds are from 40 to 100 feet wide. The gold carried by the gravels and recovered from the concentrates is mostly fine, although nuggets worth several dollars are said to have been found. It is claimed that the value of the gold recovered is sufficient to pay operating expenses. The larger part of the sapphire of this locality can be used for mechanical purposes only, but some of the crystals are suitable in size, color and quality for cutting as gems.

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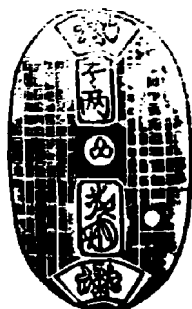
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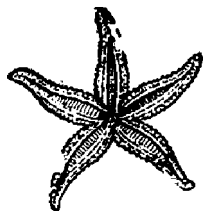
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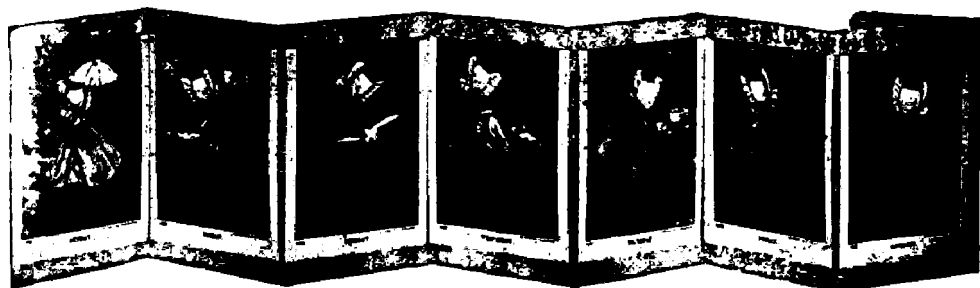
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144 90c carmine	6.00	2.00
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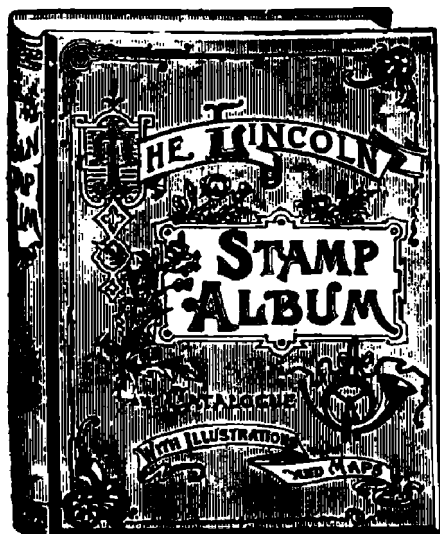
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1000 mixed stamps	.10
Stamps mounted on approval sheets cat 4.00	.75
Coin post cards 5c each, carriage extra. Send	
for my monthly mail auction Circulars. H. E	
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Bargains in Packets.

25 animal stamps	.25
30 scenery "	.45
50 Fr Colonial stamps	.45
100 Br " "	.45
60 Sweden " "	.60
40 Norway " "	.45
25 U. S. rev. 1898 "	.30
50 Africa " "	.45
100 unused " "	.45

Packet lists sent to all answers. Sat-
isfaction guaranteed. Send your want
lists with good reference. Beginners
collection 500 mounted \$1.25. For or-
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Colonials or 10 Animal Free.

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Over 300 varieties 60c per 1000 } Post free
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Not over 10 stamps of any variety.

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A Fine Collection of 160 varieties unused stamps only, nearly all full O.
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x Antiqua 1882 85, 1d no. 13	.05
1903. ½d	.02
Australian Commonwealth dues	
1902, 8d	.27
1902-4, 10d	.25
5sh	.50
x Barbados 1906, 1d	.03
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x 1896, ½a	.03
1903-4, 6d	.08
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Canada 1892, 50c	.10
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x Somaliland Prot. 1904, ½a	.03
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x Trinidad 1902 3, 1d	.03
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x Azores 1898, 1½-15 Or	1.00
x Benadir 1903, 2½a	.12
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same perf 9½	2.75
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x Official 1906 10r	.02
Congo 1894, 5c blue rare	.28
Crete 1900, 5, 10 L	.04
Cuba 1903 spec del	.08
Danish W.I. Dues 1905, 5-50b set.25	

Montenegro Sets

x 1897, set complete	1.00
x 1898, set complete	.98
x 1902 set complete	.98
x 1905 set complete	1.20
x Dues 1894, set complete	.42
x 1905 set complete	.48

Persia

x 1894, 16c scarce	.08
1899, 2k green no. 145	.03
x 1902, 3, 4ch, no. 168a, 168b, each	.35
x 8, 16c no. 169a, 172 rare each	.43
x 50k no. 231- scarce	.65
1903, 12c on 10k no 255a scarce	.42
1904, 20, 30k each	.35
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1902, 1-10k no 394-397	.25

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Approval cards per 12, 20c: 100	1.50
Stamp tongs very handy	.25
1000 peelable stamp hinges	.10
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Read our Special Offers

OFFER NO. 1.

1 Scotts Catalogue	\$.60
1 Packet of stamps	.25
Total	.85
Only 60c post free.	

OFFER NO. 3.

1 Scotts Catalogue	\$.60
1 Set Argentine stamps 11 var.	.16
1 Millimeter scale	.05
1000 Mixed foreign stamps	.25
Total	1 06
Only 70c post free.	

OFFER NO. 5.

1 Scotts catalogue	\$.60
1 " watermark detector	.40
3 Stamp albums	.30
1 Millimeter scale	.05
100 blank approval sheets	.25
Total	1.60
Only 1.20 post free	

OFFER NO. 2.

1 Scotts catalogue	\$.60
1 Stamp album	.10
Total	.70
Only 60c post free	

OFFER NO. 4.

Scotts Catalogue	.60
1000 mixed U. S. Stamps	.25
1 Stamp album	.10
1 set 12 var 1898 U.S. revenues	.18
Total	1.13
Only 75c post free	

OFFER NO. 6.

1 Scotts Catalogue	.60
1000 Stamp hinges	.10
1 Scott stamp album	.35
1 set of Flags of World	.25
1 Scott modern album	1 25
Total	2 55
Only \$2.20 post free	

Have you received our new circulars, special offers etc, if not send a 1 cent stamp with name and address. It will show you how to get stamps free.

OFFER NO. 7.

1 Scotts catalogue	\$.60
1 Scotts 19th century album	1 50
1 set rules coat of arms flags	1 05
1 stamp album	.10
1000 Stamp hinges	.10
1000 Mixed foreign stamps	.25
Total	3 80
Only \$2 85 post free	

U. S. REVENUES.

	Cat	Our Price
1 cent telegraph perf	\$.15	\$.06
3 " " " "	.25	.07
3 " proprietary " "	.20	.07
3 " for exchange " "	.10	.04
10 " " " "	.40	.16
15 " " " "	.60	.23
20 " " " "	1.00	.37
20 " " " imp	1.00	.37
30 " " " "	1.25	.42
50 " conveyance ultra perf	1.00	.33
60 " Inland exchange " "	.15	.06
70 " Foreign exchange " "	.12	.05
\$1.60 " " " "	2.00	.70
\$1.90 " " " "	1.00	.40
\$2.00 Mortgage	.15	.06
\$3.00 Manisest	.20	.08
\$3.50 Inland exchange	1.50	.60

U. S. Revenues 3rd Issue.

	Cat	Our Price
4c black and brown	\$1.00	\$.33
6c " " orange	1.00	.35
15c " " brown	.50	.20
30c " " orange	.25	.12
40c " " brown	.75	.30
60c " " orange	.75	.30
70c " " green	.60	.23
2.00 " " red	.40	.18

OFFER NO. 8.

1 Scotts Catalogue	\$.60
1 " 20th century album	1.50
1 " National Album	1.50
100 Approval sheets	.25
1 set Philatelic maps	.30
1000 U. S. mixed stamps	.25
Total	4.40
Only \$3.65 post free	

U. S. REVENUES 2nd Issue

	Cat	Our Price
3 cent blue and black	\$.35	\$.12
4 " " " "	.60	.23
5 " " " "	.10	.03
6 " " " "	2.00	.75
10 " " " "	.04	.02
15 " " " "	.50	.18
20 " " " "	.20	.08
30 " " " "	.75	.30
30 " " " "	1.50	.46
40 " " " "	.60	.22
60 " " " "	.75	.30
70 " " " "	.65	.23
1.00 " " " "	.10	.05
1.30 " " " "	5.00	2.50
1.60 " " " "	14.00	5.50
1.90 " " " "	3.00	1.25
2.00 " " " "	.60	.23
3.00 " " " "	1.25	.50
3.50 " " " "	5.00	2.00

All orders under 25 cents, postage extra.

Atlas Stamp Company,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

With
The Season's Greetings
To My Collector Friends

May many a real good "find" this Christmas be your lot,
And that in your joy, old friends may not be forgot.
To aid and stimulate your recollection.
I send this Issue to add to your collection.

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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

W. S. LINCOLN, The oldest established stamp dealer in the World. During our visit to London in search of items of interest for our readers, one of our first duties was to pay a visit to 2, Holles Street, Oxford Street, London W., where Mr. W. S. Lincoln conducts his business, in one the largest store for philatelic trading in England. (See cut on cover). Mr. Lincoln, who can indirectly trace connection and relationship with our revered President of the same name, commenced dealing in stamps as far back as 1859. A glance through some of his stock books was sufficient to

show what an enormous stock he carries, for we hurriedly glanced through some hundreds of his books and were astonished at the huge display and the care and neatness with which they were arranged, and also at the immense value. Practically all the stamps that one could ask for or desire, were ready at a minute's notice. Mr. Lincoln is also the publisher of the famous Lincoln Stamp Albums (a small picture of which we reproduced), which are now known all over the world. As side lines, he also stocks Crests of English nobility, the Army, Navy, Bishops, Towns etc., and crest albums for their reception, and also has one of the finest selections of Picture post cards in London, comprising views of London and also reproductions of all the famous pictures in the London Galleries. These he retails at the low price of 2 cents each. Mr. Lincoln will be pleased to hear from any collector interested in stamps or other articles, and will with pleasure mail illustrated lists, and would also be pleased to enter into correspondence with any philatelists in this country.

Will publish a cut of a relative bearing the same name, whose home is near Hyde Park, and who has a coin, stamp and antique store, C next issue.

Mr. R. JOSEPH THUMIN of Paris, the founder of one of the principle stamp houses of Europe which has existed for years under the name of Thumin Boehm. The firm name has been changed to J. Thumin in consequence of the death of Mr. A. Thumin, who died some eighteen months ago. Mr. Joseph Thumin is a member of the American Philatelic Society. He is one of the founders of the French society of timbrerology and is one of its committee. Having associated actively in the foundation of the Chamber syndicate of merchants, expert in postage stamps of which he is the Secretary and Treasurer, he devoted all his efforts to its enlargement. He is the inventor of a system of binding with moveable leaves for albums and adopted today by a large number of collectors and merchants. In the meantime Mr. Thumin has published many articles critical and humorous, in the Philatelic journals defending the merchants in stamps of which he is one of the most honorable representatives. He also hunts down the dealers of false stamps and other interlopers who are so prejudicial to the stamp business. He also has got out a very fine and large catalogue.

The WEST publisher met him on his trip to Paris. See his ads in this issue.

WALTER W. SCHMUS. 618 W. School St., Chicago, Ill.; president of the Fad Souvenir Card Club of Chicago, a member of 9 souvenir card clubs, two stamp clubs and several other societies will be glad to exchange cards, minerals, fossils and Indian relics with collectors from all parts of the world.

Concluded under Southern Philatelic Society report.

ERRATA:—Sorry to report five ads have errors in this issue. First, Arnold date of first coin should be 1798 not .78; also ad, same column of Tribbett was 40 buttons instead of 4. Dayton of Wis., ad under Uruguay should be letter M instead of St. Se'l'mnts stamp of 1902 should be 3 instead of 2 and Peru 1907 instead of 1800 and approval sheets figure 12 should be left out under Mauritius, date 1800 should be 1900.

J. N. Perkins, Washington, D. C., fine collection 300 should be 3000 at \$25.00. Page ad of H. L. Perkins, Hartford, Conn, Azores 15-OR should be 150-R, Virgin Is date 1804 should be 1904.

Carrying Christmas Presents All over The World.

This is the season of the year in which the world's great postal service is taxed to its uttermost in caring for the immense quantity of mail matter that the spirit of Christmas always produces. While there are large increases in the bulk of the mail matter as the other holidays of the year roll around, none of these approach the record of the Christmas mail, and from one end of the earth to another the army of men who have charge of our epistles and packages are obliged to exert themselves to the uttermost in order to meet the requirements of this festive season.

While the railroads and steamships carry by far the largest part of the mails there have been other modes of conveyance, and there are at this time some variations of the methods employed in transporting the communications of the letterwriting public, and it is a matter worth noting, for it is not generally known, that several of the more interesting means of mail carrying are illustrated on the little postage stamps themselves.

The railroad train has come to be a favorite postage stamp subject. The locomotive as shown on the 3 cent blue stamp as early as 1869, the 8 cent stamp of the TransMississippi issue of 1898 showed a squad of troops guarding a mail train, and the 2 cent Pan American issue of 1901, picture familiar to nearly everybody, showed the famous 20th Century Limited, and was the latest issue of the United States postage stamp showing a train of cars.

A dozen other countries have pictured the mail train on their stamps and the Honduras specimen, which is illustrated therewith, was issued in 1898. Mexico issued a train stamp in 1895, and continued this through several years with variations in the color, paper, etc.

The mail carrying steamships have also played an honorable part on postage stamps. The Pan American issues of the United States presented examples of this, and almost every country that has departed from the conventional in stamp production has illustrated one kind or another of water craft. Very pretty ocean going mail vessels are shown on the stamps of the German colonies of 1900, and indicated the marine supremacy of our cousins across the water, which supremacy it may be remarked in passing, has lately been wrested from them by our other cousins. The Caroline Island stamps, is a type of those gotten up by the German government. The horse naturally plays a conspicuous part in mail carrying, although the almost monopolizing role which it played a half century ago has been largely succeeded by more modern methods of conveyance. Still the equine prominent in the large cities everywhere in collecting the mails and in delivery to sub stations, and he is an indispensable adjunct of the rural deliveries. In some of the mountainous and slightly populated districts of lands on both this and the other hemisphere the horse and mule are principally relied on to transport mails.

The early provisional stamp of the United States pictured the horse, an instance being the Baltimore stamp of 1851. The 2 cent stamp of the regular issue of 1861 showed a horseman at full tilt with his little cargo of mail.

The first stamp of the Roumanian set of 1903 issued in celebration of the opening of the new general post office showed the old Roumanian post, a vehicle drawn by four horses, dashing off on its mission.

The Mexican stamp issue of 1895, which has already been referred to as showing a locomotive and train of mail cars, likewise illustrated other

means of mail carrying, including the stage coach drawn by horses. Another stamp of this series showed the methods of mail carrying by pack animals.

Only last year Bosnia issued a rather large and beautiful series of stamps, several of which illustrated the means used in that land to carry mails from point to point. One of these was the pack mule, another a type of stage employed in that country, and a third was a fine specimen of the modern mail automobile.

Everyone is familiar with the United States bicycle stamp used for special delivery purposes. It illustrates a messenger mounted on his wheel speeding away to deliver the missives that have been intrusted to his care. There are several varieties of these, the differences in which are generally slight, and not universally known perhaps. The most marked difference was a change from blue to orange in the printing of the stamps, a change not long continued.

Cuba's special delivery stamp was patterned directly after that of this country, and shows a boy on his bicycle posting off to deliver the specially urgent mail.

Africa, where the camel is the beast of burden, has not neglected to make this useful creature a part and parcel of the mail service and we find the animal on a number of stamps acting in this capacity. Recent stamps of Sudan picture a long train of camels crossing a desert with their cargo of mail. The early local stamps of the United States were a favorite field for the illustration of mail carrying. Cincinnati had a stamp picturing a carrier tramping the streets with his bundle of letters. The Hartford stamp of 1844 presented the picture of a gentleman wearing a high hat and carrying a bag of precious mail on his back.

Hussey's mail gave an idea of expedition in the service of its patrons by showing mailmen who ran at top speed. Humboldt's mail express pictured a fast going stage coach. A St. Louis stamp was similar to that of Cincinnati already referred to.

The Fresno and San Francisco mail of 1894 made necessary by unfavorable transporting facilities existing in the West at that time showed a bicyclist hurrying across a sunbaked plain at the base of a towering mountain range. Wells Fargo's stamp of 1860 illustrated the pony express.

A number of stamps have shown mythical methods of mail carrying ranging from the service of Mercury to tall-stepping gentlemen who, adorned in the latest styles, tiptoed over housetops with ponderous sacks of letters and packages. An example of this latter was Blood's City Dispatch of the 40's. The picture therein was that of a highhat individual loaded down with bags of mail who was springing from roof to roof of buildings much in the fashion that old Santa Claus travels on his yearly rounds.

The carrier pigeon has been shown on a number of stamps, but strange to say, not illustrated the postal carriers of the one country—France—to which it really did a great service as a mail messenger. The use of the pigeon stamps has been merely typical of the reputation of that bird as a carrier. The service performed in this connection was in carrying letters to the besieged Frenchmen in Paris during the Franco Prussian war. The pigeons were taken from the city in balloons and after being laden with the mail designed for the penned up Frenchmen were liberated at the point reached by the balloons. Scores of them succeeded in making their way back to Paris and they carried much valuable mail. Stamps that show transporting methods interesting studies and a collection is very instructive.

V. S. Notes--By E. R. Aldrich

Chicago permit No. 43 1 cent value, is used by Shayne, the well known furrier.

Gloucester Mass, permit No. 3. one cent value is printed in connection with a view of deep sea fishing on the envelopes used by Consumers Fish Co. of that city.

Duluth, Minn., permit No. 12, one cent value, is used by the News-Tribune Co. of that city.

Among the various objects exhibited at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876 by the United States Post office Department was the ledger in which Benjamin Franklin when postmaster general kept the accounts of the department in 1776.

A French dealer quotes the 6c 1869 at .30, the ten cent at .25, the twelve cent at .25, the 15 cent at .60, the twenty-four cent at 2 25 and the thirty cent at \$1.20.

A reprint set of the 1857 issue was recently offered by an eastern firm at \$60.00, being a little over half of catalog price

A set of twenty-five varieties of stamped checks were recently offered at 75. This was an unexcelled opportunity to start a collection of U. S. stamped papers.

It is announced that the 2c value of the new issue will be ready and in use by the middle of November.

Rumor says that a set of three values of commemorative stamps will be issued for the Yukon Pacific Exposition at Seattle next summer.

In 1793 there were three letter carriers employed by the Philadelphia post office and one in New York City. The addition charge for delivery was two cents.

In June, 1871 the railway mail was first in such shape that a letter could be sent entirely by rail from Vanceborough up in the northeastern boundary of the Maine seacoast to San Francisco.

It is reported that both the one, two, and four cent current issues can be found with the hyphen hole roulette.

The 5c 1847 on original cover was recently advertised by a dealer at \$1.20 and the ten cent at \$2.25. This would seem to indicate that the former is much scarcer in this shape than the latter.

Price reduction may be heartily welcomed by all who wish to buy; especially by the beginner and young collector of our day. Increases are welcomed by those who have the stamps and wish to sell; these, of course, hate to see any reductions. The past however, teaches us that increase and reduction alternate with a natural and therefore continual tendency for larger increases than reductions. A stamp that is now reduced in price will probably rise in a few years, perhaps, to a price higher than ever before; then may follow another reduction and another rise, and after 10 or 20 years the lowest price will be higher than the highest price now. Some stamps form exceptions, and they should, for instance those that by speculation had been driven up beyond all reason; the sooner these come down and the longer they stay down, the better for collectors generally, who may then "make hay while the sun shines."



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The ninety fifth regular meeting of the Society was held in the usual place and time on Tuesday Oct. 27th.

President Myers was in the chair and the following members were present:—Baer, Chase, Chase, Diamant, Humes, Hussman, Millhouse, Myers, Schoeman, Voelker, Wood

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The President wishes a correction to be made in a previous minute where in error it said he would give \$1 00 worth of stamps to the member making the largest purchase from his book in the Sales Department, whereas it should have read he would give 20 per cent of gross purchases.

The President presented the name of T. B. Willard of 5735 Delmar Blvd for reinstatement. Upon motion of Mr. Baer seconded by Mr. Ruedi the same was agreed to. The application of H. A. Borgman, 2302 Salisbury St. presented by Chetser Myers, and Rene Mechin, 5088 Raymond Ave, guaranteed by Gus V. R. Mechin and presented by F. R. Cornwall were referred to the Membership Committee. In view of Mr. Delafield's continued absence from the City, the President appointed A. Strauss, chairman of the Membership Committee protem in his place; and C. E. Hussman a member of this Committee; also W. Bain a member of Entertainment Committee in his place. The President instructed the Secretary to write on behalf of the Society a letter of sympathy to Mr. Delafield. It was decided that the Nomination of officers for 1909 should be held at the last meeting in November. It was moved by Mr. Diamant and seconded by Mr. Ruedi that the St. Louis Stamp Collector's Society extend to C. E. Hussman for the purpose of holding a Mail Auction of Stamps on Dec. 8th, the use of their rooms. The motion carried. It was afterwards made unanimous.

Then the event of the evening took place, the Entertainment Committee having arranged for a talk by Mr. Diamant and it was a most interesting and entertaining one. The Magnetism of Stamp Collecting was his theme at the commencement. He had started to collect as a school boy in '86 and got his first lot from G. F. Gambs who then ran a little stamp store. For want of an album he utilized the edges of the pages of his geography, pasting the stamps down of a country round its map thus bringing him under the displeasure of his teacher. Like many others when he left school he dropped stamps but when abroad some ten years later the magnetism asserted itself, the old fever returned and he went in strong for the little labels and has been an enthusiastic stamp crank ever since. He then branched into a talk upon Canal Zones, a country of which Mr. Diamant can speak with authority for there are few men who have handled as many or know as much about these stamps. Illustrated as it was with entire sheets of every issue having every catalogued variety, error, broken letter, etc a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speaker for his well thought out and interesting address.

One of the most profitable evenings the Society has spent, would be

with the usual informal auction.

Dropped for nonpayment of dues, C. H. Deitering, H. H. Kring, E. C. A. Berger, C. W. Long.

The ninety sixth regular meeting of the Society was held in the usual place and time on Tuesday, November 10th.

President Myers was in the chair and fourteen members were present:—Baer, Berger, Bollman, Chase, Diamant, Humes, Millhouse, Myers, Pokorny, Schoeman, Sisson Sr., Sisson Jr., Strauss Vcelker; also one visitor, Mr. Donald R. Heath.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President brought to the attention of those present the fact that the One Hundredth Meeting of the Society will come on January 5th which being the first meeting of the year will be the election and installation of new officers. Undoubtedly a very Special commemorative program will be arranged for.

The following applications having been passed by the Membership Committee were brought up for action: Geo. E. Anthonisz, Colombo, Ceylon; Chas. Bolbach, O'Fallon, Ill.; H. A. Borgmann, 2302 Salisbury St.; Rene Mechin, 5088 Raymond Ave.; E. J. Reulbach, 5037 Kensington Ave.; Mr. Diamant moved, seconded by Mr. Millhouse that these applications be accepted. Carried unanimously.

The entertainment of the evening provided by the President consisted of two contests. The first was to name the country and stamp which showed the picture of a foreign ruler. Messrs Chase and Sisson divided the honors. The first named the Country—U. S. A., and the second the Stamp Columbian \$4.00. The second contest was to give a list of countries upon whose stamps a ship or a boat appeared. Mr. Myers said he had a list of 76 but with all the mind racking and memory cudgeling that was done the winners, again a tie, Messrs. Chase and Strauss only had 24 points.

The usual informal auction closed a most profitable and enjoyable evening.

Change of address: Elmer C. A. Berger to 1205 Amherst Pl. Dropped for nonpayment of dues, Max E. Boltz.

Don't forget the big auction in the Society's Rooms, Dec. 9. We hope to see every St. Louis Collector present.

GETTING EVEN WITH DEKAY.

In searching for a theme upon which we might even up "jokes" with the publisher of The Philatelic Tribune we have encountered an item in the 'Philatelic Examiner,' for November, 1901, written by Clarence P. DeKay, which reads as follows:

"Collectors may have noticed of late that the front covers of several of our philatelic magazines consist of Advertisements. I am positive that, were I a publisher, I would allow no advertisement to mar the looks of the front door-way of my paper. It might be devoted to something more attractive to our hobby: For instance on the smaller magazines, the editor might make an announcement concerning the present issue or his photograph might appear there (with a few exceptions!)" Seven years later we find Brother DeKay publishing the Philatelic Tribune, and on the front page of the December number—lo and behold—there are just exactly 27 lines of advertising! Verily, consistency is a jewel!

The above was sent us by a friend. Friendly criticism is valuable if taken in a friendly spirit.—Dorpat.

Beginner's Department--Argentine

By L. G. Dorpat

(Continued from last issue.)

Regarding the stamps of Argentina there is a splendid work published by J. B. Moens of Brussels "Timbres de la Republique Argentine et de ses diverses provinces," 1882, 2 vols, French. I am sorry I have that work not at hand. Original research in any position is impossible, and I shall have to glean information from all possible sources at hand. One of these is a monogram by Dr Jose Marco del Pont in the "Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina" 1895, translated by C. Laymann of Montevideo for Seuffert's "Beitraege zur Postwertzeichen-Kunde," 1896, it treats the issue of 1862. If space permitted, I would rather give it in full instead of making extracts.

STAMPS OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Chronologically the stamps of Corricutes were the first, they appearing in 1856. They are evidently copied from the French stamps of 1849. As the story goes, a young baker, who had once been an apprentice in a lithographic institution, was the designer. Mr. Thiele says "The well known stamps of Corricutes, perfect paragons of crudeness, were printed in sheets of 32, composed of four panes of 8 each, arranged in two rows of four—two of the panes being set *tete-beche* to the other two. This arrangement corresponded to their value when first issued, which was 1 real, corresponding to one shilling, the eighth part of a dollar. Thus each pane of 8 was worth a dollar (or peso) and the whole sheet was worth four dollars (or pesos). After the centralization of the Confederation the stamps still circulated in the new Province of Corricutes, but at the value of 3 centavos, the old value being erased from the plate. Hence the old arrangement no longer has any significance. Was it changed later? It may be. If anyone has a complete sheet of the stamps without indicated value for sale, I should be pleased at the chance of buying it." It may be added that there were 8 varieties of type, differing in size and other particulars; that the value was changed from 1 real to 3 centavos on February 8, 1860 by simply crossing out the old value with stroke of black writing ink and that from 1861 on the stamps were printed with no value at all; that they appeared on at least 15 colors or varieties of color of paper, representing various values from 2 to 5 centavos and that finally in 1880 the use of these stamps was suppressed. For particulars see "Phil. Journal of America" vol. X., p. 13-17. The stamps were reprinted on colors differing from those of the originals. Cancellations were frequently made with pen and ink and it requires care to avoid deception. Prices are fair.

In the same year (1858) the Confederation began issuing stamps Buenos Ayres also made an issue. I find very little about it in my library, except some unsatisfactory notes. Major Evans says these stamps were typographed and from a note by Dr Marco del Pont I draw the conclusion that it was done by Robert Lange, the proprietor of the Lithographia San Martin at Buenos Ayres. Mr. Thiele says in the "Adhesive" p. 22 of vol III. "No many specimens of the first issue of Buenos Ayres are to be seen in this country, but down in their home these homely labels are accorded their just appreciation; the Argentine collector affectionately terms them "barquitos" i. e. "little boats." They were printed in sheets of 48, in 6 horizontal rows

of 8. This seems to have no particular relation to the currency—a peculiarity noticeable in most of the early issues of Argentina. The government called for so many stamps in its contracts and left it to the convenience of the printer in what kind of sheets they were to be printed. The issue of 1860, with head of Liberty, was engraved and printed in sheets of 40, which is also an arbitrary number."

Note: I am sorry to say Mr. Thiele has quit the WEST'S staff of contributors, has resigned his ministry, leaves my letters to him unanswered and thus has severed all connections between us. We were friends! (Dorpat)

It appears that originally 4 plates were constructed of the first issue, one each for the 4 values, 2, 3, 4 and 5 pesos, but that subsequently the 4 and 5 pesos plates were altered to produce 4 reales and 1 peso stamps; this was done by removing part of the inscription of value, which procedure being unequally executed, we find quite a number of varieties.

In 1860 (January?) a new design was introduced, and, it seems, the engraving was made in Paris; whether some of the stamps were printed in Paris or not is doubtful; there are clear and rough impressions. In 1862 the color of the 1 and 2 pesos was changed. Gibbon's lists a large number of varieties. The prices of all these stamps are high; only one is quoted at less than a dollar; others are held at \$100.00 to \$150.00. Reprints I find none mentioned, but counterfeits I have seen some myself. In 1859, or thereabout, an essay was prepared showing a landscape with a horseman in the center. Of this the following values are known: 4 reales, yellow; 6r green; 8r violet and 10r blue. It is said they were never issued, though some may have come out and may have passed the mails. They are certainly worth preservation as curiosities. Buenos Ayres was not the capital of the confederation at this time.

About the stamps of Cordoba or Cordova I find nothing except what the catalogues state. There were two values, 5 and 10 centavos, on various papers, all lithographed. A third value, 15 centavos, which is said to have been prepared is said to have never been issued.

Should any of our readers, and I know we have some very good philatelists among them, be in possession of any further facts relating to these Argentine locals, I would respectfully invite them to publish them in this paper. Evidently these stamps are neglected, and there is much that might be written about them if it were only known.

The first issue of Argentina proper, inscribed "Confederacion Argentina," was made 1858 and consists of three values, 5, 10 and 15 centavos. It was printed by the lithographic firm of Carlos Riviere & Co. of Parana in sheets of 96 stamps. If Dr. Marco del Pont is correct, then all the catalogues and handbooks are in error in ascribing the type with narrow border and large figure 5 to a later printing. The Doctor discovered documents which show that the 5, 10 and 15 centavos with large figure were printed first and previous to December 14, 1857. Why the 10 and 15 centavos, large figure, of which a whole box full was found at the Mint in Buenos Ayres, were never put into circulation is not explained; possibly they were simply forgotten in those turbulent times of war. Scott's number 4 ought to be number one, and so in all the other catalogues.—N. B. if Dr. M. del Pont is right.

(To be continued.)

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 varieties 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.

Since my last I have a few new specimens to note.

Through Mr. Brodstone I have received three tax tags from Mr. Stone of Va.

The tags are all of the same design and are $3\frac{3}{8}$ in. horizontal by $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. vertical. The design is composed as follows: A double lined rectangle $1\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. within which next to string end is "Virginia" across the other end is "Fees Paid" in center are two concentric double lined circles the center of the inner circle and all printing is in black the year appears in the center uncolored also "Registered" in small Caps black or in colored tablet. Between the inner and outer circles is "Department of Agriculture. G W. Koiner in manuscript and Commissioner in small caps. Across the right end of the tag outside of the rectangle is "10 to Ton 200 lbs" for one value and 12 to Ton 167 lbs for another value. I do not know if there are more than 2 values for each year.

1906—12 to Ton	on yellowish	from Vanderhoff
" —10 "	cream	Stone
1907—12 to Ton—	Red Brown	Stone
" 10 "	?	
1908—12 "	?	
" —10 "	Blue Green	Stone

If anyone can supply further particulars of date, color or value let us hear from you.

Mr. J. F. Heartwell of Long Beach, Calif., sends me a specimen of the 1894-95 R. I. Mexico surcharged horizontally in blk. "Alcoholos." Surchage is 5×27 mm. Underneath this is Jalpam in Caps $2\frac{1}{2} \times 17$ mm. It is the name of the issuing office I suppose. Mr. Heartwell tells me he has 1 peso R. I. 1895-96 also surch. Alcoholols.

Anyone actively collecting Mexican Fiscals will do well to write Mr. H.

Fiscals give us quite a menagerie. I will list a few British S. Afr. Co., comes first with two animals which I am unable to name.

Tati Concession, elephant Germany, Eagle. Germany, Lion. Argentine Rep, sheep, ox, horse. Australia, W., Swan. Canada, Unicorn, beaver. Columbia, Condor. U. S., bear, eagle, rooster, deer, phoenix, horse, centaur. Isle of Jersey, Jerse, cow. Ireland, dog. Gautemala, quetzal. Malay States, tiger. Mexico, Eagle and Snake. Peru, llama. Persia, camel.

Send on your Fiscal Revenue or Stamp notes.

The German papers are quarrelling about the price reduction in the new edition (1909) of Senf's Catalog. Some think they are wrong, some think they are right and some think they are partly wrong and right. Most of them make the mistake, that is often made elsewhere as well, to overlook the fact that Senf Bros. are stamp dealers and must naturally quote prices, that will enable them to do a profitable business. If it was not for that, they would certainly not publish their catalog, or sell it for so small a consideration as they do. Their catalog does not undertake to say what stamps may be worth to other people; it simply says what stamps are worth to Senf Bros. Thus it is with other catalogs as well.

WASHINGTON, D. C. NOTES

The Official Postal Guide for November contained among other notices, the information that the recently announced new set of stamps, of the denominations of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 50 cents and \$1, would bear the profile head of Washington, with the exception of the 1 cent, to have Franklin's profile. The interesting part of the announcement, however, consisted in the statement that stamp books of the new 2 cent stamps would be ready for issue to postmasters on November 16, 1908.

This with similar notices in the news columns of the daily press, started a large demand for the stamps, so that the office here had to limit the number of books sold to each person. An entirely unexpected sensation was created by the publication in an evening paper, of the fact that the new design did not conform to the terms of the Universal Postal Union agreement, in that the value was not indicated on the stamp by an arabic numeral. The wording on the stamp consisted simply of "U. S. Postage" and "Two cents". The officials of the Postoffice Department appeared to be dumfounded by the criticism, which they admitted was entirely correct, and predictions were made that the stamp would be immediately withdrawn from use, and the comparatively few copies sold became rare and of immense value.

Then the fun began. Bright and early the next morning after the publication of the story of the "Mistake stamps," as they were called, a steady line of people stopped at the three stamp windows of the Washington office, everyone demanding new stamps. The Postoffice took on all the visible appearance of a bank enjoying a "run". Visitors from Manhattan stopped in surprise and wondered if certain well remembered scenes last spring in connection with leading financial institutions of Gotham, were being repeated here in Washington. Even the tempers of the mild-eyed clerks at the stamp windows at length showed signs of wear as the insistent call for stamps "with the word two spelled out" continued. Hurried calls were sent to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for more of the stickers, which all day long sold like hot cakes.

All in all it was a great day, especially for Uncle Sam. Here in Washington the Postmaster reports that the sales of the new stamp the first day amounted to about \$100, while the second day, after the scare notices, approximately 50,000 stamps, or 4,000 books containing 12 stamps each, were disposed of, for a total of \$1,000. Perhaps Uncle Sam can't give a few lessons to the department stores on how to sell goods!

To sum up, from remarks made by the officials, there seems to be no doubt now that the other values of the set will bear their proper numerals; that the 200,000,000 copies of the "mistake" issue will not be destroyed but will be issued in the usual way; that anyhow the clause in the International regulations was only suggestive and in no sense obligatory upon the government subscribing to the agreement. Therefore it is extremely doubtful if any great premium will attach to the new issue. It is certainly a most dignified and artistic stamp, and the Department is doubtless wise in going slow with changes. However, it is stated that the Bureau already has designs made for stamps of the 1 and 2 cent values that include the arabic numeral, and a decision will shortly be made by the Postmaster General as to whether they shall be engraved and used in place of the present design.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORFAT, Box 37, Wayside, Wis.

444. Is there any danger of losing money on stamps? Certainly! Just as well as there is danger of losing money on real estate, grain, lumber, railroad shares or anything else that fluctuates in price. It is altogether wrong to make beginners believe that all losses are impossible, or ever improbable. It takes a very wise buyer to pick out those stamps only that will always rise and never slump; though in general all old stamps and all the rarer new stamps are likely to rise rather than to suffer permanent reduction; and thus there is much probability that a large collection wisely bought will not merely hold its price, but will afford some profit. The very large profits are rather the exceptions than the rule. Small collections made with little or no knowledge are apt to cost more than they will ever bring, unless the owner finds some one who is still more gullible than himself. The best side of stamp collecting is not the sure profit that it affords, but the pleasure which the collector derives from collecting. If we look at it in that way, we shall see an advantage which it has over many other pleasures. You cannot eat your pie and keep it at the same time, but you can collect stamps and keep them for a while and enjoy getting and having them; and then, whenever you get tired of them or want your money back that you paid for them, they will never be quite worthless—as the cigar that you smoked yesterday—but will at least bring back to you part of the money you paid for your pleasure and possibly all or more. So, then, if collecting affords you no pleasure, if you could do it merely for pecuniary gain, then I would rather say: Do not begin; you might lose and might then blame stamps for your own fault.

445. How is it that some small dealers offer stamps at 50, 66 2/3 and even 75 per cent cheaper than Scott's prices? There may be three or four. The first is that Scott's prices are mainly based on the Scott Co's stock; if this stock of any particular stamp is small, the price is apt to rise notwithstanding the fact that somebody else may have a much larger stock of the same stamp, who can and will sell it much cheaper to replenish his stock. Another reason may be that the Scott Co. has a very large patronage and expects to sell at the prices set in its catalogs, while other concerns, in order to build up a patronage, must offer some inducements to buyers and therefore sells in some instances without profit or even with a small loss. A third reason is that the Scott Co. is pretty careful to sell good copies only of good stamps except perhaps in some of its packets, while other dealers may wish to sell so-called seconds, i. e., stamps with a perforation missing, unevenly centered, heavily canceled and the like, which can be sold considerably cheaper than faultless copies. A fourth reason that some sell cheaper, much cheaper than the Scott Co. is that they may wish to rush a sale, while the Scott Co. goes along at its old steady gait, or that the lower prices apply to wholesale lots, while the catalog prices are retail prices. There might be still other reasons without imputation of dishonesty on either side.

In packets and sets and especially wholesale lots the Scott Co. gives itself a large reduction from the prices in the catalog. What is here said of the Scott Co. is practically true of all the other publishers of catalogs. Then, too, they sometimes commit errors just as well as small and cheap dealers do.

436. Mr. Isador Seidman, 50 East 115 Str., New York sends the following formulas for making blue prints and offers to answer any questions relating to photography or chemistry, also to furnish any photographic or chemical supplies. He writes:

For Making Blue Print Paper:

Chem. pure ferricyanide of potassium 256 grs. Water 4 oz. Keep bottle covered with black paper and well covered; 1 drachm equals 8 grains. This solution will keep indefinitely.

A different and more easy way, which should be mixed fresh each time: Citrate of iron & ammonia 80 grs. Water 1-2 oz. Mix equal parts of the above different solutions before coating the paper, and add also to each oz. of solution 1 grain of bromide of potassium. The bromide tends to make the paper work slower, but keeps it fresh.

In writing to Mr. Seidman enclose stamp for reply.

446 Do you want any more counterfeits? Yes and no. Yes, I want them, if they come from honest collectors who would not sell them and have the confidence in me that I shall not abuse but include them in my counterfeit collection. No, I do not want them, if they come from counterfeit makers who try to sell them as genuine stamps or as counterfeits, making a business of such traffic. Nor do I want them from anybody who makes a business of such traffic, or who fears I might abuse them in any way. But this I would like to say to any and all who have counterfeits which they do not wish to keep in their private counterfeit collection, give them to some society that the society may form a counterfeit collection for the use of its counterfeit detector and for the instruction of its members.

447. What is the value of postage paid marks used prior to the use of postage stamps? They have no settled market value. They are useful though to illustrate how the cash prepayment used to be worked on letters before the introduction of prepaid stamps. Collectors of postmarks may value them and so may collectors of autographs, if the marks are on whole letters with the writer's signature. I would not destroy any of such old letters, but would sell them, if I found a buyer for 1 to 5 cents a piece, perhaps for more if I thought that rarity or the autograph justified it. There is a slight possibility that inexperienced persons might confound these postmarks with the costly local or postmasters' stamps of 1845-47. To dispel doubt one should submit his copies to some experienced collector for examination.

Have you ever received a letter robbed of the stamps that had been put on it? If such robbery be committed within the U. S. it is liable to severe punishment, and postal employes have been warned. But how, if the robbery be committed in the international mail where the U. S. has no jurisdiction? The Universal Post Union might take the matter in hand and induce the respective governments belonging to it to make and enforce similar laws as we have here. Who will sign the petition?

Supposed to Contain Dutiable Matter

By L. G. Dorpat

In the November issue of the *WEST* Mr. H. W. Boers expresses some surprise at hearing about the long delay in the delivery of matter marked as above. Mr. Boers is at an advantage in Detroit, where a revenue officer can be called "from upstairs," and so are all philatelists who live in cities in which a revenue officer is located. Wherever there is no revenue officer the suspected letter or parcel must be opened in the presence of the postmaster, and he must send it by registered mail to the nearest postmaster in whose city there is a revenue officer. There the revenue officer must examine the letter or parcel, and pass or tax it as the case may be. It is then returned to the first postmaster from whom the addressee may get it. According to distances and facilities it may take from one to several days, perhaps a week, to complete this process. Here at Wayside, Wis., we receive our mail by a star route eleven miles over land from the railroad station at Greenleaf. The mail carrier stays at our office about thirty minutes and is usually gone before I can get any registered matter. If any of it is marked "supposed to contain dutiable matter" this will lie idle at our office for 24 hours, and the next day it will be forwarded to Green Bay where the nearest revenue officer resides. It arrives there about 9. p. m., and, of course, must wait until the next day before it is examined. If this is done after 7 a. m., it will have to lie idle again until the next day, when it can be brought back to Wayside. Should a Sunday intervene, or should the revenue officer be out of town or otherwise employed, then there may be another additional day. Hence 48 hours is the very least time after which I can possibly obtain such matter. Usually it takes 24 or 48 hours more, sometimes still more—and the whole process is according to the law. There may be places that are more conveniently situated and better connected, but without doubt there are many which have no better, and some that have still worse opportunities, and for all these it would be a great convenience, if postmasters were allowed to pass stamps free of duty without first submitting them for examination to a distant revenue officer.

Another inconvenience is that the officer at Green Bay requires the wrapper of such parcels or the envelope of such letters to be returned to him, which amounts to a confiscation of my personal property. In many instances this may be of little importance, but the principle is wrong, and in all cases where rare stamps, say a Tasmania £1. stamp, were concerned it would be quite an item. I do not think that the revenue officer has any right to demand the return of such envelopes or wrappers, and upon my request, after other four days he sent me back one of the envelopes. But the instance is sufficient to show how annoying the present mode of proceeding may be. Why not simplify it, if that can be done?

All unsealed packages are treated in another way, namely by opening and examining them in New York, Chicago or where else it may be. But all suspected letters and parcels of first class mail are treated as outlined above. I would now like to hear from other collectors and their experience, with a view to making up a petition for amelioration.

The Philatelic Zoo--By K. Nuck

One of the animals that is portrayed upon the stamps of Canada is the beaver. This animal is typical of Canada. for the prosperity of the colony is largely founded on this animal, whose skin has been a valuable article of commerce since the days of the early trappers in the land of the maple-tree. It is, therefore, not surprising that a representative of this interesting rodent is found on some Canadian stamps, i. e., the 3d. of 1851 8 and the first 3c stamp. The beaver (Castor fiber) is a rodent of social habits that was at one time widely distributed over Europe and North America. It is now practically extinct in the former continent, and is said to be in great danger of extermination in the latter where it has hitherto been abundantly represented. Full-grown animals vary in length from thirty to thirty-six inches. They are covered with short thick fur which is of considerable value, and their structural peculiarities are well worth noting. The beaver is furnished with sharp incisor teeth with which it is able to bite through fairly large trees, and its fore paws are very strong. Its hind feet are webbed, so that it is a powerful swimmer, and its tail is flattened, and serves as an excellent rudder. Its ears are small, and when laid back prevent any water penetrating them.

They generally live in colonies, and show remarkable intelligence and ingenuity in the construction of their homes or "lodges" and in the building of dams, where water in the vicinity of their dwellings has become too shallow to suit their tastes. These dwellings are often constructed on the banks of rivers, but the Canadian beaver is particularly fond of building lodges in the center of large expanses of fairly shallow water. These are made of turf, tree trunks and other materials, and are often used as storehouses for food reserves as well as for living in.

A recent incident of the usefulness of these animals is lately to hand. In northern Ontario the government sent engineers to dam up a certain stream. But it was found that the beavers had done the work for them, saving the government the sum of two thousand dollars.

Publisher seen several beavers at London Exposition this year. They drew the largest crowd of any exhibit being in the Canadian Bldg.

The Stamp Journal of Denver though not so voluminous as the WEST, has always something substantial to offer its readers. No. 11 contains some news about the new U. S. gold coins which are now being struck at Denver. It says: "In the newly planned coins the wear will be on the flat surface all over, the design being sunk. This system of counter sinking as applied to coins, is new in numismatics. Bela L. Pratt, an artist at the St. Botolph studio, Boston, is the designer."—It illustrates the 5 centavos Campeche provisional in possession of Mr. W.C. Bellows, and repeats the startling fact that the cut in the Standard Catalog is the cut of a counterfeit, the difference most easily noticed being that the inscription on the original stamp reads—"ADMIN PRAL" (Administration principal) and that on the counterfeit reads "ADMINCRAL" (which is quite senseless). There are other good things in No. 11, for instance a friendly hit at "Brody" for encouraging words regarding the agitation for the A. P. S. Quarterly. The editor says: "It's a great thing to have your neighbors saw your wood for you." We may add: Certainly it is, especially if the neighbors permit us to dig their potatoes for them in turn. The main thing, however, is to keep the A. P. S. Quarterly before our readers, and when that quarterly becomes a reality, we shall bring wood and potatoes together for a picnic meal.

Some Curious and Interesting Postmarks

By W. H. C. of Liverpool, England.

(Continued from last issue.)

Many interesting postmarks are in use in America, and the writer finds much pleasure in the study of R. F. D.'s and marks used by the postal servants travelling with mail trains. They are a special study and worthy of more attention—and although one of the "side lights" of Philately, they at times are the means of settling many a knotty point and dispute.

At times many out of the way post marks may be met with. In England we have in use the following postmarks which are postmarks proper and not date stamps. Gone no address. Return to sender. Insufficiently addressed. Found open and officially sealed. Posted too late. Late fee paid. More to pay. Again for delivery, etc. In Canada may be found Return for postage. Return to address and the U. S. A. gives us Advertised for. Rural Free Delivery, etc. Spain supplies us with Pacquebot, this applying to letters posted on the mail boats which ply between England, Canary Islands, Madeira, etc. Many letters hailing from India are handstamped Seapost, and it seems to be a generally well understood arrangement by all nations that a large R denotes registered for registered letters, although I have seen letters from Austria hand stamped Recommendirt. In Cape Colony may often be seen local letters bearing obliterations C. G. H., evidently old ones as the letters signify Cape of Good Hope and the Cape is really not the Colony, far from it. A few years back thousands of letters arriving in Liverpool from U. S. A. were hand stamped red in circle, U. S. ship letter, but I think the practice is falling into disuse. These, and many more out of the way varieties of postmarks form a very interesting collection, when neatly arranged in a large book, but the book must be large to show the specimens off to advantage.

U. S. PERMITS NOT GIVEN BY LONGEE, SENT BY STEWART, WESTPORT, IND.

City	Permit No.	Type	Value	Firm
Chattanooga, Tenn.	20	4	1c	Chattanooga Medicine Co.
Marion, Ind.	1	4	1c	Standad Glass Co.
Same handstamped				
Terre Haute, Ind.	3	4	1c	Hulman & Co.
Decatur, Ill.	4	4	1c	Walrus Mfg. Co.
Indianapolis, Ind.	1	3	3c	Eli Lilly Co.
Detroit, Mich.	83	4	1c	Box 688.
Chicago, Ill.	34	4	1c	Hasterlik Bros.
Chicago, Ill.	424	4	1c	?
Chicago, Ill.	500	4	1c	The Stein Co.
Cleveland, Ohio	1	1	1c	Sherwin Williams Paint Co.
Morristown, N. Y.	1	Handstamped	10c	
New York City	175	4	1c	?
Minneapolis Minn.	45	3	1c	C. H. Lippincott
Peoria, Ill.	5	4	1c	R. W. Kempshall & Co.
St. Louis, Mo.	91	4	6c	Nowell S. H. Co.
St. Louis, Mo.	186	1	1c	

FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES

By Oscar G. Hartmann

Before me, spread over the table are several hundred bills of exchange. Their final destination having been England but coming from all parts of the world. The majority of them have the foreign bill stamp of 1882 from 1s. 6d. to 2£. 10s. The tax seems to be one shilling on every 100 pound sterling or fraction over this amount. Below 100 it is divided and the use of the penny stamps accounted for.

Some of the bills of exchange have 3 different countries' revenue stamps on same. For instance, value of exchange 72£. carries a 25 centavos Peru, 32 heller Austria, and a 9 pence England. Here is another for 162£ with a 20 paras Turkey, 80 heller Austria, and a one penny (common postage) England. The one penny is accounted for England this time being the point of departure. Here one from Odessa, Russia with an impressed tax of 70 kopecks, 10 annas, India, and 9 pence, England.

Another interesting piece comes from Jamaica with some of the Manne Policy of England surcharged "Jamaica". Then several of N. S. W. with impressed duty like 7s, 9s 6d, 11s 6d, 1£ 13s 6d and 5£ 16s. From Victoria, India and many other countries, not to forget a few U. S. of 1898. The impressed bill or note on the entire original, being of domestic origin is also interesting. The highest document on record requiring £15,000 bill or note tax belongs to this class. Mostly you find these stamps cut out of the document and the design is varied enough to suit anybody.

In another batch of bills of exchange Argentine I see the cancellation: A double lined quadrangle with the inscription Oficina Habilitacion de Valores and Direccion G'ral de Rentas and date of record between the two lines. This makes me think that a special officer has charge of this transaction. Then I have a batch of common India bank drafts with many names of missionaries and pound and shilling to pave their way.

Do you know that there are also proofs and essays of revenue stamps? I got 4 kinds of the N. Y. Banhurte Co. The 3 dollar value of Hawal, the original \$50.00 is scarce article and the proofs are worth having, then the design of the 1869 issue of Buenos Ayres, which is another scarce issue, also the finished proofs of stamps of the Philatelic society of Spain, foreign exchange, and finally a set of 3 Dom Pedro of Brazil, a fine proof but never issued. The empire came to an end. The engraving is in every instance a beauty and shows what can be, if a government desires attractive stamps.

Now when you start revenue stamp collecting, bear in mind, that a hole or two punched into stamp is a cancellation and the regulation of that particular country, and without the hole an oversight or neglect. Then the stamps which can be had only used in a half piece. Often you find revenues which have no cancellation whatsoever, but adhering to a piece of document, or no gum. These are considered used.

In next issue a little about double and triple stamps.

Mr. J. M. Thompson of Big Run, Pa., sends out an auction catalogue of stamp papers, in which he offers a large number of complete volumes and some rare single numbers. It seems Pennsylvania is particularly strong in collectors of philatelic literature.

FASHIONS IN PHILATELY

Shrewd stamp collectors who give an eye to the commercial as well as the sentimental side of the hobby, do not need to be told that relative rarity is not a sure criterion of market value. A great rarity of Mauritius, let us say, is not weighed in quite the same scale, as for instance, a great rarity of Peru, or Siam or Portuguese India. It may be that a stamp of Mauritius of which only a hundred specimens are known to exist, is valued at a higher figure among philatelists than stamps from other countries which are known to be considerably scarcer.

Why is this?

A single word supplies the answer—Fashion. There are fashions in philately as in everything else, and the most fashionable article, other things being equal, naturally commands the highest price. In certain directions, as we are seeking to show, fashionable stamps are run up to a price that is in no way based on their relative rarity. But yet the price is a perfectly justifiable one, since it is based on the law of supply and demand. Many young philatelists fail to see this, and it is in response to certain queries to us that the subject is now touched upon here. In earlier numbers we have devoted much space to the values—the catalogue values, that is—of certain typical classes of stamps, and shown how the market is affected by a sudden boom in this or that country or group of countries. A boom of this sort is seldom a good thing save for those who are the first to profit by the rising values. Others who purchase when prices have been boomed to a fictitious level, find, sooner or later, that they have bought too dearly, and must submit to see their purchases “slump” to something like the true level of value.

Of late years booms have been far less frequent in philately. It is a little startling therefore, to be asked whether we can say when the next philatelic boom is coming along and what particular stamps it will affect. Now had we the gift of prophesy we should, ere this have amassed a considerable fortune. Lacking that gift, we can only guess, and our guess is that there will be no stamp boom this year. Next year there may be or the year after; but as to the country or countries that will form the subject of the boom we dare not venture a prophesy.

In such a matter as this, readers, if they will but put two and two together, can do a deal of useful thinking for themselves. Why does a country become philatelically fashionable? There are several conditions to be fulfilled. In the first place, the country's stamps must form an interesting study (as do the stamps of nearly every section.) In the second place, the country must be one that is not too prone to make money out of philatelists by means of commemorative issues, &c., &c.: and lastly, the stamps must be taken up by one or other of the leaders of philately, and written about and discussed and catalogued by philatelists of position and authority. Though we place it last, this third condition is perhaps the greatest force of all in forcing the stamps of any country to the front. The predictions of our most eminent collectors have an extraordinary effect on the stamp market, as any professional will readily admit. Such leading collectors, by their own examples, their contributions to philatelic literature, and their own discoveries, arouse interest in the countries they take up. Frequently a boom is the direct result.

One cannot know when the boom is coming, but one can prepare for it.

and be ready when it comes. To those readers who wish to collect for profit as well as pleasure, and particularly to the many who have asked our advice as to a good country to specialize, we would say this: Don't follow others, don't go where the soil is exhausted, but strike out a new line for yourself. Select a country fulfilling the conditions we have named, a country that is not yet among the "fashionable," but still is not entirely cold shouldered by leading philatelists, and at some time or another your boom will come.

An all round increase of the number of philatelists is, however, the boom that everyone should hope for and try to bring about, for this would work good to all and harm to none. Even though millions come in, there will still be enough stamps to go round—except of the very scarce ones.

OUR NEW ISSUE--By Gustave H. Fabian, J. Ph. G.

Recently the U. S. government printed 200,000,000 of our new issue 2 cent postage stamps. After all had been printed an error was discovered. This error was in expressing the value in letters instead of figures, as required by treaty. It was a very bad blunder to make and some one should be called to account for it.

At first it was thought that the new issue of stamps would be recalled and destroyed, and the expense incurred of a re-issue. Our Postmaster General, however, happens to be a practical man and he has decided that the stamps be used in the U. S. for domestic purposes, and, consequently, they will be available in the United States.

As to their use for foreign countries the question is still open to doubt, and it is possible that a new issue will be made for foreign mail. The Universal Postal Convention expressly stipulates that the value be expressed in figures.

All stamp collectors should watch for this error stamp. Collect all you can, as the day will come that they will be rare.

Mr. Luff, in Gibbon's Weekly, as repeated by The Postage Stamp for August 29, says: "I have always contended that one of the first ends of stamp collecting was the amusement of the collector, and if he fancied the stamps of any particular country or group, that was sufficient reason for to collect them, and his so doing was not the affair of anyone else, whatever our personal likes or dislikes might be. So long as stamps are issued under due authority and are used for postage, even to the most trifling extent, the catalogs are bound to recognize them. Their standing being thus established, anyone who chooses to collect them should be at liberty to do so, no matter how unfavorable an opinion of their merits the rest of us may hold". That is undoubtedly a word in the right spirit. Why should any one part of the collecting world assume the right to dictate to any other part? I would even go a step farther than Mr. Luff, inasmuch as I think that every collector has the right to collect what he pleases whether it be recognized by the catalogue or not. Uncatalogued varieties and issues have even a special attraction and under certain circumstances may prove highly gratifying objects of collecting.—Dorpat.

Mr. T. L. Renant says that during the last three years he has sold 100 tons or 220,000 pounds of stamps for the Bethlehem Missions. He is one of the advertisers in The WEST.



Reviews and Comments

By Verna Weston Hanway

(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 Dallas, Pa.)

Acknowledged with thanks: The Stamp Journal, Denver, Colo.; Chicago Collectors' Monthly, Chicago; DeKay Stamp Circular, Florida, N. Y.; Philatelic Flashes, Geneva, Iowa.

Philatelic Esperanto is in the interests of the Esperanto speaking collectors of the world. In a scheme of life in which far too much attention is paid to purely commercial success it is refreshing to meet with a little magazine like this, so obviously a sheer labor of love. The September issue of Philatelic Esperanto is even better than its predecessor, which we reviewed in these columns a few months ago. A few changes in the sizes of types has resulted in a quite material typographical improvement; although good in this respect before.

In a little essay in the Department of Philately, Mr. Park takes the affirmative side of the question having to do with the status of the Aquinaldo stamps. He considers them as much entitled to listing in our "Scott's" as the stamps of the Confederate states, the Carlist stamps, and certain others. A reference list appended to the article will prove of service to numerous philatelists.

There is much else of interest in the fourteen pages of this magazine, but in passing we wish to mention a little essay on Ik Marvel as of considerable merit.

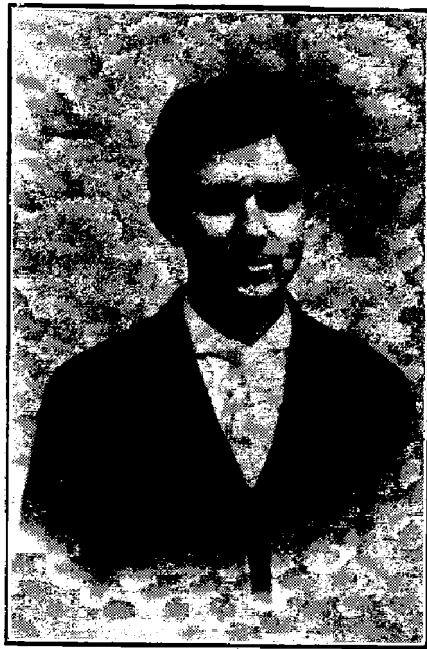
Altogether Philatelic Esperanto is deserving of words of commendation. We would urge any of our readers who are interested in languages, and in Esperanto, to lend their support to E. S. P. C.; and we do not speak in a partisan spirit, but merely as a disinterested outsider appreciating the worth of the society, and its meritable magazine.

Canadian collectors, on the authority of Vol. 1, No. 1, of the "Canadian Collector" are to have a journal of their own. This maiden number of twelve pages (about the size of the defunct "Perforator") is heralded as an "advance copy," and the publishers promise that the succeeding issue will be the "best of any stamp paper published." On the strength of this promise collectors will await the appearance of the October number with pleasant anticipation. See the oldest Canadian paper has ads in this issue.



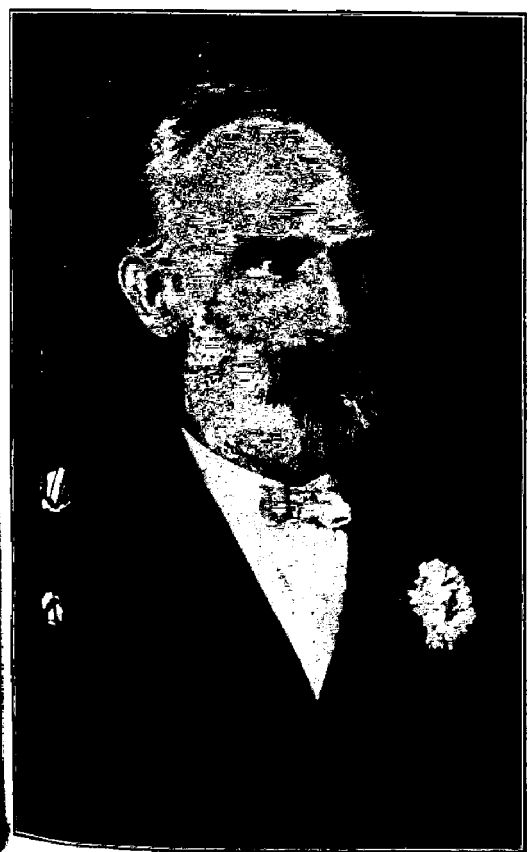
Wallace. Gilder. Hughes. at work in Sarpy Co., Nebr., last July for Indian Relics.

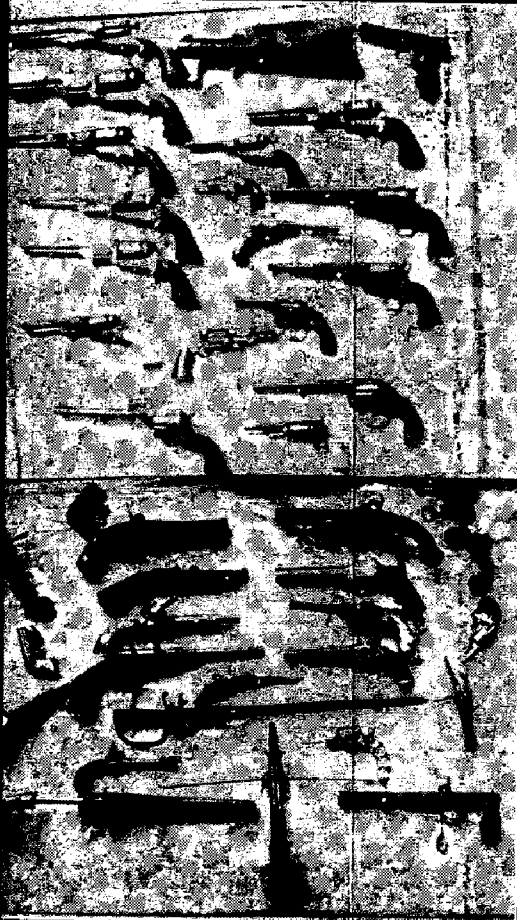
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See article on Indian Relics, next issue.



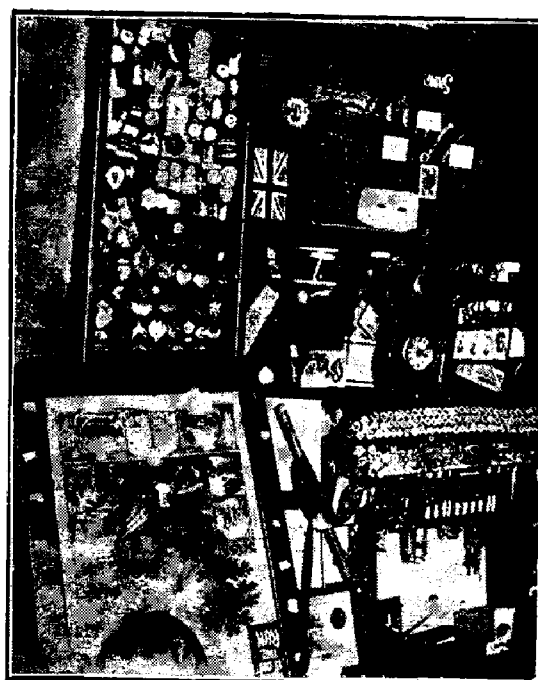
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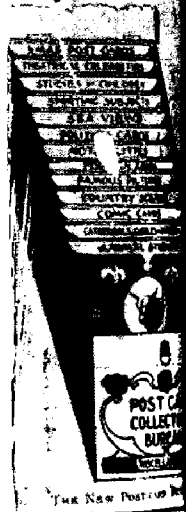
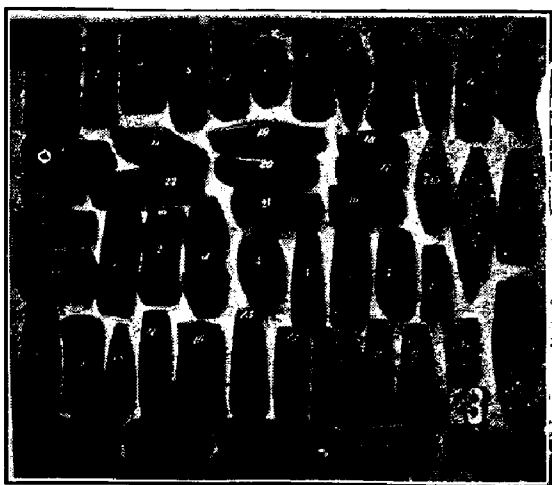




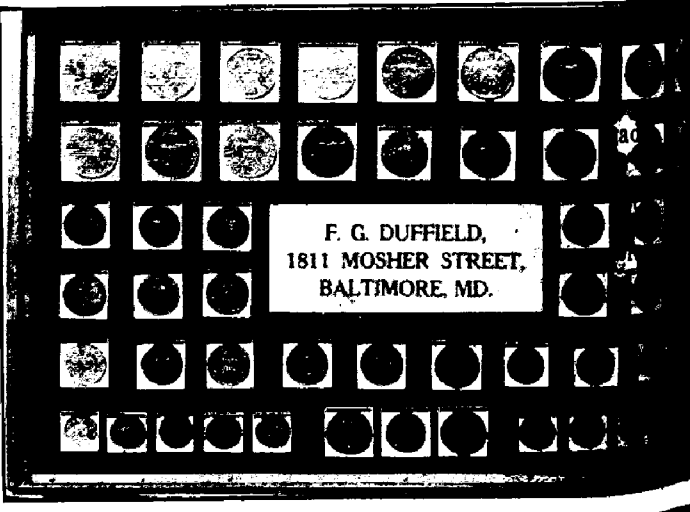
Rare Collection of Old Pistols owned by
 John Van Rensselaer, Houston, Delaware.
 Right and below, Rare Spears and Ceremonial
 Objects, of A. D. Grutzmacher, Mukwonago, Wis



The Rarest Stamps
 Collection of Badges
 etc., of Harry F. Blum
 South Glens Falls



Card given at A. N. A. Convention Philadel., '08



F. G. DUFFIELD,
 1811 MOSHER STREET,
 BALTIMORE, MD.



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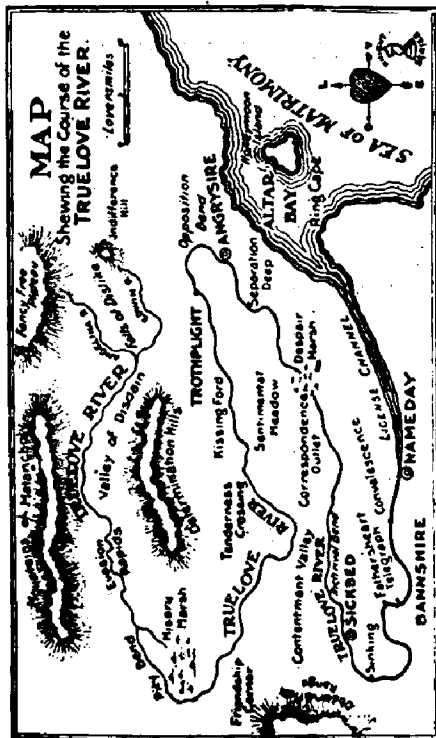


Collection of Indian Relics of
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 See his ads in this issue.

Below a popular English Post Card.

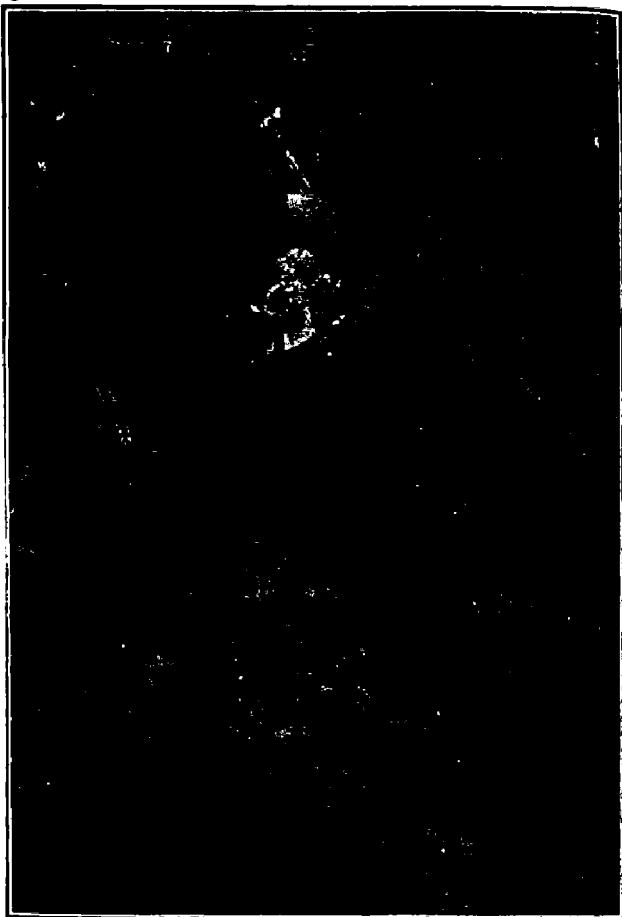


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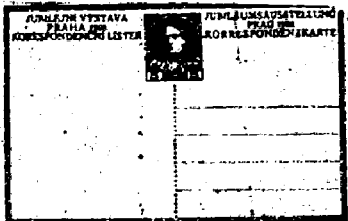


MAISON J. THUMIN, Paris, France
See his ads in this issue.



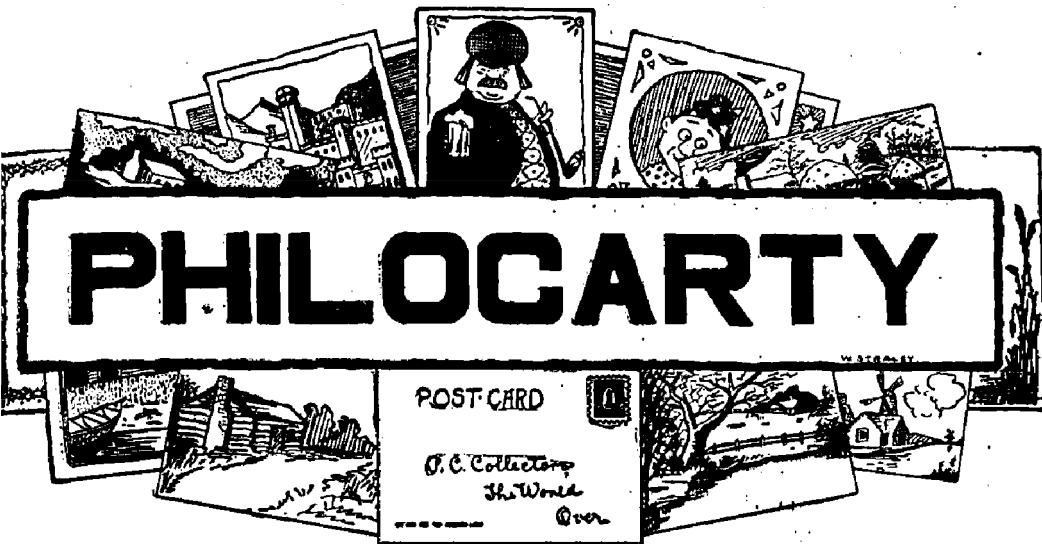
"HANDS UP", Collector of Kansas Bill, along the Missouri River

We illustrate the face side of both the Jubilee post cards of Austria. The illustration of the card is for the general issue, the special issue for the Prague having a different view at each side of the emperor.



W. TOEPFER
Toledo, Ohio.





Railways & Picture Postcards of Europe By *W. H. Clark of Liverpool, Eng.*

Some wise old sage has said that there is nothing new under the sun—but the writer begs to differ from him, for after considerable trouble and research, which would almost exhaust a British Museum, I fail to find any record of picture post cards on railways, having been seen "here before" in England.

As a general rule anything of an artistic nature is seldom associated with our railways, and when one comes to think of grimy cuttings, tunnels and engine smoke, with badly painted stations, we must admit that the seamy side is fairly in the ascendant and somewhat responsible for the idea prevalent.

However the object of this paper is not to deal with or analyze sanitary matters, but to show that what a railway lacks in beauty it makes up in utility, may even at times be somewhat out of place as a sentiment and the majority of our British lines can each boast some redeeming and artistic feature after all. You will have noticed gentle reader that the ways of railway companies although very much permanent are likened unto a flock of sheep for when any individual company makes a "put at anything" all the others do likewise—" 'tis strange but true." And many instances can be given in proof of the assertion but—to our picture post cards, the history of which although far from ancient is worth a passing thought.

Picture post cards first made their appearance about 30 years ago in Europe, many good cards hailing from Ulm in Wurtemberg, followed by others from Vienna in Austria and Boulougne in France, but at the time only three quarter views were published, followed two years later by cards issued in our own country, showing very small views from two to three inches square, but as the post office people were speedily shown the error of their ways and allowed the front half of a private post card to be used for correspondence. This gave to publishers a great opportunity, that the whole of the back of a post card could be used for illustrating and from that time

forward the picture postcard has never looked back.

Just twelve months following the issue of cards in this country the "craze" caught on in America, and here for once we can charge our cousins across the pond at being behind time in lacking creation, and some of the first picture postcards they produced were worse than our own and very primitive objects in black and white, with views about 1¼ inches square.

The next stage in the history of Philocarty was taken by private firms each having an axe to grind, who were not slow to illustrate the beauties of gay Matlock, or any other lock, also a slight hint that whilst on tour there, it might be beneficial to try Beat-a-ls Cocoa or Drinkits Whiskey. Then steamship companies suddenly discovered that they had saloons to advertise and it would be just as well if they put them in color on the back of a postcard, just to show the quality of the goods for disposal, followed by the companies quoting for "best lards" and giving a good view of the establishment from which the said lards were produced, and warranted "home made" at that. From Colliery to the railway is a step in the right direction and at last it just as suddenly dawned on our conservative and liberal railway management, that they might as well be in the fashion as out of it and it actually came to pass that our premier railway the L. & N. W. Co. was the first to dabble in Philocarty (the new name for picture post card collecting) although the Midland Railway Co. ran them very close in the matter, and I recollect some years ago purchasing for one penny a stamped Midland Post card illustrating Millers Dale from an Automatic postcard delivery machine in Southampton West Railway Station and should be pleased to learn that the machine—which took the form of an attractive Pillar box painted bright red) was still at work there. The L. & N. W. R'ly Co. issue a good many sets of high class picture postcards, the sale of which has reached over eight millions yearly and are issued in neat packets generally six cards for two pence, but the Company's emblem, coat of arms or guiding angel printed on the illustrated side, destroys the card's value somewhat, and if they will only take a gentle hint from the writer, this enterprising Co. will do its advertising on the blank side in future, and so add to its already enormous sales yearly. The subjects range from Tunnels to Saloons, Signals to Mail Vans and Scissor crossings to Steamships.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Co. issue some highly colored views illustrating "show" places along their line. The production is excellent, two cards particularly, Kirkstall Abbey near Leeds and Lockwood viaduct at Huddersfield are well worth mention. Moreover this company has an eye on the main chance and prints its emblem of usefulness on the front of the card, between the words post and card. By this means an eyesore is avoided, for we all admit things of beauty are joys forever, which category includes picture postcards.

Many other companies have issued good and cheap sets of postcards, and I am told that some of the railway managements give a small commission to the booking clerks on the sales effected, by way of encouragement.

Some railway Co's whose wishes are not exactly based on Art Gallery principles, send out cards showing views of docks, coal tips and goods warehouses with miniature ground plans of sidings etc. Others more active desire to remind Mr. So and So that his season ticket expires on the following Saturday and will thank him for early renewal. Then again we are told by another hustling railway Co. that the undermentioned goods are awaiting our esteemed instructions at such and such a place, pending disposal. More-

over, that cheap trips are issued as over to Wind by the Sea, on the W. and S. line, very cleverly illustrated in colors for our benefit on the particular postcard sent.

And so the writer could go on, but I think sufficient has been written to show that even a simple picture postcard can be turned to good account; also, that it has a mission to fulfill and may be ever a source of pleasure to the receiver, and profit to the sender, escaping as much railway matter does, in the end, the simple W. P. B. of fame.

When the picture postcards came out a few years ago, originating in France, you thought they were a distinct novelty, didn't you? queries the Kansas City Journal. If you had been living about 1865 in this country and had occasion to handle a great deal of mail during these troubled times you would know that such was not the case. A species of picture envelope answering all the purposes of the modern postcard and almost as decorative was very much in vogue in those days. A collection of the picture envelopes, about 300 in number, has just been presented to the Kansas City museum by Mrs. Madison W. St. Clair and are on display at the public library. They were collected by her husband, the late Madison St. Clair. The pictures occur invariably on the side of the envelope on which the address is written. Among the most handsome are several decorated Union flags on which the address was supposed to be written between the red lines. Most of the pictures, which are in brilliant colors, are of a patriotic nature. Pictures of popular leaders such as Lincoln, whose picture occurs more times than any other, McClellan, General Butler, and others. A bit of verse is frequently printed below the picture. Benjamin Franklin's likeness is most popular, next to Lincoln's. A few comics are found. For instance, one drawing portrays a hog, representing the United States, with the legend, "Whole or none." Only a few of the envelopes seem to have been got out by the Confederates. The Confederate flag makes a handsome appearance and the picture of Jefferson Davis is also found often.

POSTCARD CODE FOR SWEETHEARTS.

In cold type Captain D. H. Bernard of London has issued "The Postcard Code," with the avowed intention of enabling "business or tender messages" to be exchanged by postcard. "No longer," he promises, "will the servant or postman be able to read your private messages: no longer will parents scowl or the sister's brother tease her." The emotional combination of figures are elastic enough to include the almost slangy 17,509, "What What?" and the semi-tragic 18,994, "Engagement can not be kept secret any longer." A sample post card would run as follows: "19,863, 19,037: 18,104, 17,871 and 18,271, 17,500, 18,808. Henry." Translation—"Would you be annoyed if I ask you to elope? Please make all necessary arrangements for marriage. I beg to offer you myself and lots of love and kisses Will you?—From your own ever-loving Henry." In case the stern parent should possess himself of a code-book the author obligingly suggests that a preconceived number should be added or subtracted to baffle unwelcome investigators. Thus, if twenty be the number agreed to be subtracted the heart-throbs of "18,270 (which condenses 'Kisses galore, these, and a thousand and more') becomes the chilly, non-committal "18,290," which merely states, "I shall keep this matter before me." If the "Postcard Code" smooths the "path of true love"—17,539—it will not have been in vain.

Address of Lyman H. Low, at Phila., Pa.

(Continued from last issue.)

A buyer who gives an unlimited bid for a lot in an auction sale, runs a dangerous risk of disappointment. It is equally a mistake to instruct your commissioner to use his judgement, unless some intimation of value is communicated. Purchases made under such conditions too often result in dissatisfaction, and sometimes in unpleasant feelings,—the views of the buyer and his agent not concurring. The better way is first to obtain an opinion as to what the lot or piece, in the judgement of the dealer, may sell for, and then make a definite offer for it, and stand by the result. Again, too much care cannot be given to preparing bids for a sale. Make your figures plain and unmistakable, and be sure that the lot numbers are the ones you desire to bid on. Much confusion follows errors in this direction, and they are very difficult to adjust. The matter concerns not only the buyer, but the owner who has been informed of the results as well as the expert and those who have made unsuccessful bids, which would perhaps have secured the lot but for the error.

A word on Books of Reference. Much satisfaction and success is obtained by the collector who forms a Library and reads it. What others have learned by their studies, recorded and put into print, particularly those who have treated some special series, is at his command, and is of value to him. One may intelligently collect by such a guide, besides saving a great deal of time. He who reads with care, certainly has the advantage over those who do not have, or fail to consult, text-books. It is not too much to say that every branch of the science has been reviewed and in some instances by many authors. With very few exceptions the most modern compilations are considered the best. They generally gather the good results obtained by their predecessors, eliminate or expose their errors, and record the new theories with additional facts which have been carefully worked out. Generally, however, the pioneer furnishes the foundation, besides giving information that might be very difficult for later students to obtain. New and old authorities should be sought for and searched by students, and what one author has omitted may be of special interest to others.

The field for collecting is very large, and indeed practically unlimited. It is often the case that a beginner seizes everything, particularly if the "attack" upon him is severe. It is more than likely, as time goes on, that he will settle upon some branch that has proved specially attractive to him, and then his best efforts will be developed. Collectors like these furnish welcome contributions to the literature on our favorite science. Many dark ways have thus been illuminated and mysteries solved:—

On counterfeiting and impositions. The incentive to imitate rare pieces as always been present and in the United States series the field has been large. From 1793 to 1856 every rarity of note has its imitations. Electro-types when artistically made, are the most apt to pass without suspicion, but the sealing of the two parts together,—for the obverse and reverse must of course be produced separately—will reveal their falsity. Those not so skillfully made may have very good surfaces, but the edges will be found to have fine lines, the mark of a file running around the circle, not crosswise.

The most dangerous imposition is made by the mating or muling process of two pieces. The obverse or reverse is bored out or cut to the edge,

in cup form, and into this, one side of another coin is fitted. The border line or circle hides the insertion, and thus the original edge—usually a guide in detecting frauds—remains intact.

Casts are the most easily detected. They simply require close inspection, when the coarseness of the surface will be observed. They are frequently tooled, but such attempts to improve, seldom deceive a careful eye. False pieces are occasionally holed and sometimes gilded or silvered, they are so defaced that their condition may further parry suspicion. Amusement is now and then the parent of counterfeits, especially electrotypes; but downright fraud with the intention and hope of gain, is the incentive in most cases.

Finally, the counterfeits of Colonial pieces struck from dies, made by J. A. Bolen, and the half cents of 1796, made under the direction of Dr. Edwards, are not easily distinguished from genuine pieces, inasmuch as the workmanship is excellent: they are splendid imitations and of a very different style of execution from those previously mentioned.

Much more might be said on this subject, but it is of sufficient importance to be discussed in a carefully prepared paper or address.

It is a good rule not to accept, as genuine, any piece which meets with your disfavor upon first sight. However slight your suspicions are, I assure you they will never be improved or removed.

A hint upon the use of a magnifying glass. The natural eye in its youth and perfection, is unequal to the critical examination of pieces, in the search for varieties and peculiarities in dies, and for the detection of alterations and forgeries. Accustom yourselves to this helper, which leads to ease, comfort and knowledge.

In the matter of ephemeral issues especially, too little is thought of the events which evoked them. While we are in a position to obtain facts in detail, we should secure and record them. They may prove of vital interest—if not to us, to some future collector. How much value, a knowledge of the occasion of some of these pieces would give to local history, no one knows better than he whose search for information has been baffled in spite of his most strenuous efforts, but which some careful collector might have permanently recorded when the piece appeared. We may laugh at the obsequious adulation of Boswell, but without his record of what others thought were trifles, how little should we know of the private life of his ponderous idol, the famous philosopher, Dr. Samuel Johnson!

\$18,000 FOR TWO VASES.

At London the china collection of the Earl of Lauderdale, removed from Thirlestone Castle, Berwickshire, Mr. Asher Werthelmer paid \$18,000 guineas for a pair of Sevres vases and covers with fine gros blue ground, each painted with Cupids in a landscape in an oval panel, and on the reverse a view of a river scene with buildings and peasants.

A fan, of the late seventeenth century, painted with classical figures in gilt foliage borders, and with handle of rock crystal set with diamonds and emeralds, was sold for \$770.

Several stone cists which have been declared by archaeological experts to belong to the Bronze Age, have been dug up in a garden at Stevenston, Ayrshire.

MINERALOGY



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

The Scientific American says that a German firm has brought out a new process for melting silica and for molding it in various forms, using the principle of the electric furnace. The silica (quartz, etc.) is fused in a special type of furnace, and to this end it is placed in a carbon tube which is mounted horizontally or vertically as desired. This tube forms one of the electrodes of the furnace, and it is inserted in a larger tube which is used as the second electrode. In the place between the tubes is placed carbon powder or other conducting substance. One end of the inner tube is closed by a removable stopper. The outside of the large tube is closed by a cover which has such shape that it can be inserted more or less in the melted matter of the inner tube. A suitable housing of firebrick incloses the whole. The current is passed between the two carbon pieces and the heat causes the melting of the silica in the best manner. When the silica is entirely fused it can be taken from the mold in the form of a solid block. On the other hand it can be molded by using an inner core which is placed in the above mentioned tube, so as to compress the silica within the latter. Steam or compressed air can be used to give the needed pressure for the molding process. At the conclusion of the process the end of the mold is removed and the silica is driven out by means of the movable piece.

The New York Museum of Natural History has recently obtained a gigantic duckbill dinosaur from Wyoming. The skeleton was found by cowboys at a point about 135 miles from Miles City, Mont. Barnum Brown, one of the museum fossil hunters, was informed of the find and after examining this skeleton purchased it as it lay in the ground. The bones were unearthed after about three weeks of careful digging and it was found that the skeleton was nearly complete. Some idea of this gigantic monster may be had by comparing it with present day animals. The position in which the skeleton was found showed plainly that it must have sunk in the soft ooze of a river or lake. It was covered by deposits of sediment and during the ages it petrified. It took two weeks to haul the fossil remains to the nearest station. The skeleton shows a large head four feet long and two feet wide, and almost 2,000 teeth. These animals were principally aquatic, wading in and living around the rivers. The tail was deep and narrow, and was used principally as an organ for swimming, acting as a propeller. The tail also probably served to balance the body when the animal reared up.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollektors

By George J. Remsburg

Cy Smith, toll collector at the Atchison bridge, collects something else besides bridge toll. He has a very interesting collection of curios at his home in Northwest Atchison — Atchison Daily Champion

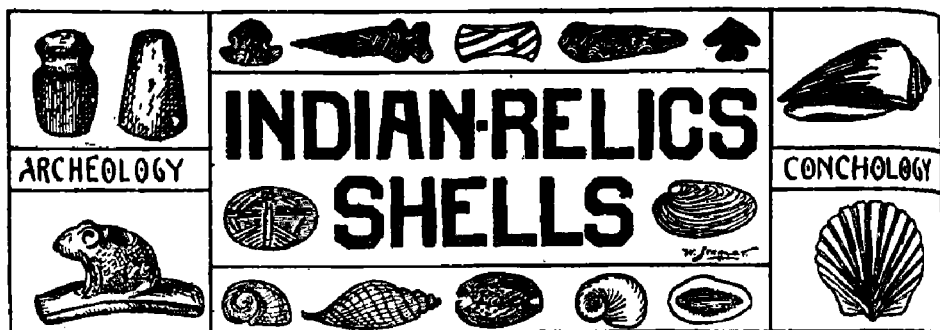
Will Blomberg, of 1503 Atchison street, is secretary-treasurer of the Collector's Union, an organization of curio collectors. This society has members in all parts of the world and its object is to stimulate an interest in natural history, philatelic, and all branches of scientific collecting and study. Mr. Blomberg is an enthusiastic collector. — Atchison Daily Globe.

Mrs. J. P. Adams, of Atchison, has among her family heirlooms, a book entitled, "The Wonders of the Little World and a Complete History of Mankind," printed in 1671, by Rev. Wamley, which she prizes very highly. It will be one of the interesting exhibits at the relic display given by the Daughters of the Revolution, in Atchison, this winter.

Benjamin P. Unruh has signed deeds to several acres of property on which stands historic Pawnee Rock in Barton county, and delivered them to Mrs. John S. Simmons of this city, president of the Women's Kansas Day Club, and her associates. By this transaction this historic spot becomes the property of the state of Kansas, to be a public park. The property involved is about ten acres in extent, consisting of a five-acre tract on which the famous rock stands and a driveway to the park from the village of Pawnee Rock. Except for a few acres embraced in the driveway, the property is a free gift of Mr. Unruh to the state, in consideration of certain improvements to be made on the property by the Women's Kansas Day club. The cost of these improvements is to be \$4,000 of which sum approximately \$3,000 has already been made. Of the \$3,000 already in hand \$1,000 was subscribed by the citizens of Pawnee Rock, about the same amount raised through the efforts of the Women's Kansas Day club, the Daughters of the American Revolution and other patriotic organizations and individuals and about \$1,000 worth of materials contributed to go into the improvements to be made on the site. Pawnee Rock is a sandstone promontory projecting out at a height of 20 feet or more upon the Arkansas river bottoms. It is a famous camping place on the Santa Fe trail and the face of the rocks are covered with the names of many travelers, and at one time even bore numerous Indian hieroglyphics. Tradition has it that a great Indian battle was once fought here.

Several more skulls from the Gilder mound at Florence arrived at the Nebraska University museum recently. R. F. Gilder has been working on the mound for several days and he has unearthed several new specimens which are in a better preserved condition than the previous ones. Whether or not the skulls prove anything definite about the early men in Nebraska, Professor Harbour will not express himself until he has made a more thorough inspection of the bones. All of the skulls are different from those of the white man but it seems probable that they are only the skulls of a now extinct race of red men.

The famous collection of butterflies and moths belonging to the late Herman Strecker of Reading, Pa., has been sold to the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, by Mrs. Strecker for \$20,000. The collection is said to be the finest in the world.



EDITOR'S NOTE The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines, books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archæology and Conchology for review; also would appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address, W. Staley, Nelson, Nebr.

Otis T. Mason, head curator of the Department of Anthropology of the United States National Museum, Washington, D. C., died November 5, as a result of paralysis, at the age of 70 years. He was the oldest scientist of the Smithsonian institution. It is said that Prof. Mason's first specialty was "the relation between the physical conditions of Biblical lands and the history and character of the various races which have ruled them;" and that he had mastered the Oriental languages. He was prevailed upon by Prof. Henry of the Smithsonian Institution to give up the study of Orientalism and take up the American Indian, past and present. "It was a hard blow to be advised to abandon the studies which had been pursued so assiduously, but Prof. Mason appreciated the wisdom of the remarks, and started life all over again as a student of American aborigines. He began by rearranging the anthropological collection in the National museum under the direction of Prof. Henry, and with this as a basis took up the history of the American aborigines and their arts. He has become the foremost man in his specialty, and his word is accepted as decisive upon all matters pertaining to prehistoric America." All students of the American Indian and the archæology of the continent owe Prof. Mason much for the vast amount of information and literature left behind as a result of his many years spent in research.

Supplement 1, Bulletin 51: A List of the Publications of the United States National Museums, 1901-1906. is a very handy pamphlet to keep at your elbow if interested in the researches and doings of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Indian scare has died out. The facts are that the alarm arose from a small band of Cheyenne hunting in western Kansas. Governor Nance received today full assurances that no hostilities were in the state, and no depredations committed. Indignation is felt that the authorities should allow Indians to wander through the settled portions of the country so recently raided. The fright was natural and excusable.—Hebron Journal, September 22, 1882.

In summing up the results of recent archæological study in America, Doctor Capitan, who occupies the chair of American antiquities in the College de France, remarks that the evolution of the primitive peoples of the

New World was identical with that of the earliest inhabitants of Europe. In the beginning they lived a wandering life, and were particularly occupied in defending themselves against large and fierce animals which are now extinct. America has its kitchen middens precisely like those of Denmark. The relics of primitive industry found in these shells heaps are also identical in form, although those of America are often more perfect in execution. The succession of out stone, polished stone and engraved stone implements is the same. In America as in Europe a race of cave dwellers succeeded the early wanderers who had no fixed abodes. Some of the modern dwellers in the rocks, especially in Argentina, perpetuated the fashion of their remote ancestors in ornamenting the walls of their caverns with sculptures and paintings.



The 58th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Nov. 6th, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following members were present: Messrs Baker, Loer, Ripstra, Lewis, Kelly, Jerrems, Green, Verkle, McDonald, V. M. Brand, Simpson, Excell, Leon and Doctors Merrill and Bert.

Messrs. Oliver Leon and A. T. McKay were present as visitors. Messrs. Albert Roehling, A. T. McFay and H. S. Rosenberg were elected to membership.

Under exhibits Mr. Leon showed a copper pattern of the \$5.00 piece of the Massachusetts and California Company; and Mr. Brand a gold 6 ducat piece of Berne, a 100 crown piece of Austria and 50 stivers of Holland in bronze, silver and gold from the diés of the silver piece.

Magazines received were the Philatelic West, Spink's Numismatic Circular, Numismatischer Verkehr and Mehl's Monthly for October. Auction catalogs were received from Elder, Green, Dr. Hirsch (3), Low and St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co. A priced catalog was received from Green.

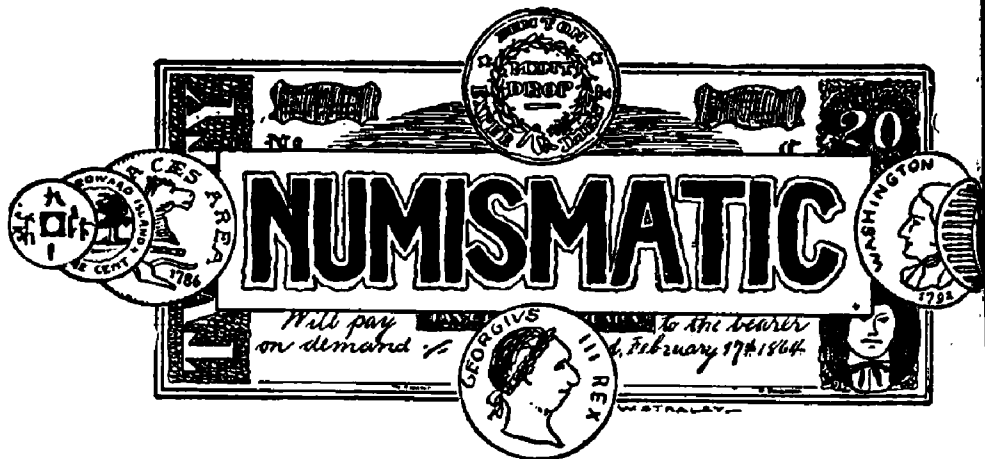
Adjourned to meet Dec 4th, 1908

B n G. Green, Secretary.

THE FINDING OF A PETRIFIED FROG.

One spring morning in 1907 I went out for a morning stroll and happened to go to a place where there had been limestone mined for use in this vicinity. I was of course looking around to see something of unusual interest and found several pieces of stone with fern impressions in them which gave evidence that where the lime stone mine was now that centuries ago was a mountain of ferns and shrubs as not only ferns were found but deep impressions in the stone of small trees, bugs, etc. I was just about to depart from the place when my eye caught on to a stone sticking out of the mud which resembled a frog's foot. Upon seeing this I hastily uncovered the supposed frog and found it to meet far better than my expectations. It was a petrified frog that happened to be covered over with dirt or clay just as he was about to leap, and caught in this position he had perhaps been buried there for centuries. — Harr F. Blanchard, South Glens Falls, N. Y.

At a sale of curios at London sale rooms, the skull of General Bellingher, with two bullet holes in it, was sold for \$2 60.



Inscriptions Found on Old Colonial Coins

By E. G. Brown, Courtesy of John A. Bash

The motto "E pluribus unum" has done duty upon nearly every United States coin issued since the establishment of the mint in 1792 and even goes back to the days when individual states struck their own coins. The origin of the motto is rather uncertain. There is evidence that it did not originate in the colonies, nor was it brought into being, as many have supposed, by the conditions which existed in this country in the latter half of the eighteenth century. It seems to have been derived from a foreign source. The motto is found on the title page of an English publication, the *Glatternans' Magazine*, about 1690. It was first used in America on the copper cent of 1786, issued by the state of New Jersey, and known as the *Nova Caesarana* cent.

In 1786 a law was passed by the legislature of New Jersey for coining copper cents, which were to be made 'in the state, of such device and impression as should be directed by the Justices of the Supreme Court, or any one of them.' Whether the justice had anything to do with the selection of the motto is uncertain. They seem to have taken very little interest in the matter, and left the design to the first New Jersey mint master, Walter Mould, a coiner at Birmingham, England, who had emigrated to America and set up his plant at Morristown. The motto was borne by all the many varieties of cents struck by Mould and other coiners in the state during the three years of coinage, 1786, 1778 and 1788.

In 1778 Ephriam Brasher adopted the legend for the famous New York doubloon, struck in gold, which has since become the highest priced coin in the world, \$6,200 having been paid for it about a year ago at the Stickney sale. On this coin, however, there is a slight variation in the reading of the legend, "Unum e pluribus."

Several issues of the New York copper cents dated 1787 bore the motto "E pluribus unum." It appeared on the "Immune Columbia", series dated 1787, the Kentucky cent dated 1781, and one variety of the Washington cent of the same date.

The early engravers were fond of placing mottoes upon coins, usually in Latin. On the Maryland coins, known as the coinage of Lord Baltimore—shillings, sixpence, groats and pennies,—the legend generally used was

"Crescite et multiplicamini," "Increase and multiply."

The New Hampshire cent of 1776, said to be the first coin used by one of the United States, bore the inscription "American liberty," with the pine tree as one of the chief devices

The New York cents struck at Newburgh usually bore the motto "Inde lib," "Independence and liberty," which inscription was shown by the many varieties of cents struck in the state of Connecticut. One variety of New York cents, bore the inscription "Virt et lib," "virtue and liberty."

A number of states issued "Immune Columbia" or free Columbia cents. The reverse die of this piece seems to have been used in conjunction with one of the regular dies used in Vermont, New York and New Jersey. The design represented the goddess of liberty, seated, upholding with one hand the seal of justice, with the other grasping a flag which falls from a liberty staff, surmounted by a liberty cap.

The inscription on the Massachusetts copper coinage was simply the word "Commonwealth." A rare Massachusetts coin bears the inscription, "God preserve New England." An extremely rare variety of the Massachusetts copper, dated 1776, contained the legend, "Liberty and virtue," and is supposed to be the first pattern for the Massachusetts cent.

The Carolinas were credited with a coin of the same character as one of the Massachusetts issues, it having the same form of elephant on one side; but the inscription reads, "God preserve Carolina and the lords proprietor." The coin was issued in 1694

The copper coin known as the Louisiana cent, struck in France as early as 1721 for use in America, bore the inscription "Benedictum sit nomen Domini," "Blessed be the name of the Lord." This was the favorite inscription with the French engravers, and many of the French coins of that period contained it. The first Continental dollar, one of the rarest of American coins, a silver specimen of which sold for \$500 some time ago, was dated 1776, and inscribed "American congress—we are one." This coin, together with theugio cent of later issue, bore the motto, "Mind your own business." One of the rarest of the early coins, showing an Indian seated upon a globe, and holding a bunch of tobacco in his right hand, and dated 1778, has the inscription, "Non dependens status" "Independent of position"

An extremely rare and interesting copper of the "Confederate" series, shows an Indian standing beside an altar, his right foot upon a crown, arrows and bow in hand, surrounded by the inscription, "Inimica tyrannis America" "America hostile to tyrants." This coin possessed an added interest for the reason that the reverse in all probability a working out design for a crown, one coin in a series suggested by Robert Morris, financier of the Revolution. He suggested that a gold crown be struck, which should bear the design of an Indian with his bow in his left hand, and in his right hand thirteen arrows, and his right foot on a crown with the inscription, "Manus inimica tyrannis" "The series was to comprise quarters, pence, bits, dollars and crowns—ten quarters to make one penny, ten bits to make one dollar, and ten dollars, one crown. A specimen of this coin recently brought \$800. One of the rarest Washington coins, 1786 shows the general's portrait and the inscription, "Non vi virtute vici," "I conquered by virtue, not by force." Another rare copper showed an Indian, and the inscription "Liber natus libertalum defendis," "Being born free I defend liberty." This is one variety of the rare series of cents struck for use in New York, and a specimen sold for \$850 last summer.

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AUTOGRAPH TALK

From the Collector.

Coin collectors, stamp collectors, china collectors and collectors of many other kinds have their societies, most of which are flourishing. There is no society of autograph collectors, nor is there likely to be any for a long time to come. Autograph collectors range in variety from the autograph fiend who persecutes celebrities for their signatures and delights in responses to requests for autographs, to the "ignorant rich" collector whose money enables him to accumulate any rarity that attracts his wandering attention. The first puts almost no money into the pursuit, the latter puts a great deal and generally wastes the most of it in foolish prices. Both are about equally deserving of respect.

There remain three other kinds of autograph collectors who may be classed as the collector of signatures in series, the collector of letters, and the collector of historical documents. A few hundred signatures placed at random in an album is not of much interest but a large collection arranged in sets, or by countries with portraits, clippings, etc., is a valuable possession. Still better is a collection of letters. A man's character may be expressed by his signature, but a letter is much superior as an index of character, as it expresses his thought, and shows his handwriting more completely. It is also much rarer.

The best of all is a collection of letters and documents of interesting historical contents. These are of value to the historian, and shed a bright light on the times on which they were written. They bring much higher prices at sales.

How could these five varieties of autograph collectors be brought together into a society? Would the St. Louis collector who pays \$1000 for some item worth \$25, consent to associate with any collector who expects to get the value of his money? Would Mr. Morgan, who seems to be trying to corner sets of the Signers, care for a collection of cheap signatures? An autograph collection is a very private personal collection, for the peculiar and separate enjoyment of the owner. As a rule he doesn't say much about it. He doesn't care to be classed with the fiends. He likes to go over it in secret. When he reads some book and finds the name of some celebrity, it is a pleasure to turn to his collection and read over the letter he has of that man. It brings the man right alongside of him. If he finds he has no specimen and can afford to get one, he starts out after it. Few people have ever seen the great collection of Simon Gratz of Philadelphia. He has pretty much everything and its value must run up into the tens of thousands. It is to go, I understand, to the Pennsylvania Historical Society, after Mr.

Gratz's death. Dr. Thomas Adlis Emmett was always glad to show his collection before he sold it for the Astor Library. John Boyd Thacher of Albany put his wonderful collection of the French Revolution on exhibition at the Lenox Library. But as a rule little is known about the collections of America. Sometimes long articles are published in newspapers about collections which are described as very wonderful, but which are as a rule of very little importance.

There are large and very valuable collections in Cleveland, Ohio; Youngstown, Ohio; Baltimore; South Orange, N. J.; Philadelphia, Altoona, Pa., New York, Syracuse, Utica, Washington, Boston, Montreal, Albany, Patterson, N. J., New London, Conn., Alliance, O., San Francisco, St. Louis, Lancaster, Pa., Green Bay, Wis., Marietta, Ohio, New Haven and Brooklyn. It would not be fair to mention names. There are scores of very interesting collections scattered all over the United States. These collections are growing, as when a collector once gets really interested he never stops while life and money remain to him. No good collection is ever made without money. When you see a collection of which the owner boasts that it has not cost him anything, you will generally find it is mostly trash, not worth house room. Good things are quickly discovered and properly valued. Mr. Croker in his book on autographs boasts that he never bought one, and gives a one page reproduction of the Washington he got for nothing. It is a good facsimile and shows a miserable forgery by Robert Spring. If Mr. Croker had bought his Washington he would have had a genuine one. Ben W Austin of Sioux City accumulated a large collection by representing falsely that he was acting as agent of a Trinity Historical Society. He wrote to celebrities announcing that they had been elected honorary members and requesting donations of autographic material. He got in this way a lot of good things. He died in an insane asylum, and his collection was sold at auction and went into honest hands. As a rule a collector must expect to pay a fair price for a good autograph. You cannot get any autograph letter of "Washington" for ten dollars, unless Robert Spring wrote it for you. Your \$5 Byron is generally the Gallignani letter about the "Vampire."

Beware of very cheap letters of exceedingly interesting contents. Very fine letters such as Lincoln's famous letter to the mother who lost five sons in the war, are always reproduced, and lithographing is very deceptive, especially when you are anxious to believe the letter genuine. There are many lithographs of Scott, Irving Burns, Lincoln, Washington, etc., masquerading as genuine in collections. Hardly a week passes without some being offered to me. A lithograph may generally be told by the evenness of color, and softness of paper used. The ink also is indelible under acid.

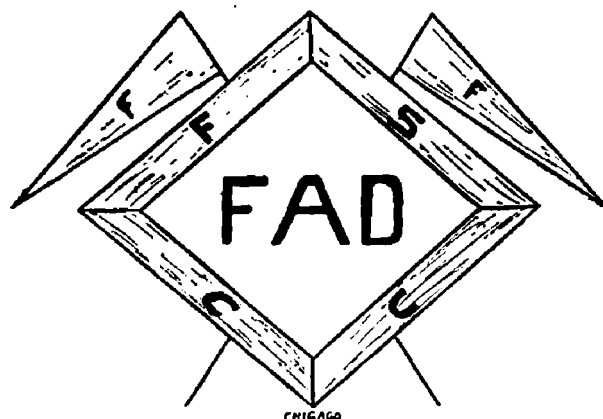
Forty years ago autograph collectors knew each other better than they do today. Many obtained their specimens by exchanging with each other. This was easily done as there were no fixed values and it was a letter for a letter, and the collector who knew a rarity came out best. Today specimens would have to be exchanged on a money basis, and it would be troublesome and embarrassing. Collectors therefore prefer to buy what they want at auctions and from dealers. Often when they get duplicates they send them to auctions or sell them to dealers. As a rule however no collector who does not frame his autographs, objects to duplicates. Personally I have always been fond of comparing a letter written by a man in 1826, with one written by him in 1876. It is curious and interesting to note the changes and similitudes.

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Dear Members:

We want to make "The Fad" the one large organization, devoted to the interests of postcard collectors, and in order to do so, we ask you to put your shoulder to the wheel and aid us all you can, and you will be well rewarded. We want to give all members their "money's worth." If any of the members have small circulars they want circulated send them to the Secretary, and they will be mailed along with our mail free of charge. Anything that can be done in the way of helping our members will be cheerfully done. Now, try your best for the success of "The Fad."

Yours fraternally,
Elmer O. Arends, Sec'y.

More About Aboriginal Life, By L. Rojot

The interesting article of Mr. Francis in the Nov. WEST reminds me of a fire place I found on the Platte River about six miles south of Denver, Colorado.

The place seems to show that the river was flowing near the camping place but is now over 150 feet above the bed of the river and half a mile away. I found in the ashes fragments of pottery (very crude) two arrows with defects, and two very small ones perfect. The flint chips were abundant, and mostly petrified wood, but as I went away from the fire place the chips became coarser and at the far end of the camp were soft rock, limestone and sand stone.

My impression was that the chiefs of skilled men were near the fire and the awkward and unskillful farther on. It looks as if, even at that time the tribe or family was exercising a certain degree of selection among its members, leaving the less useful ones on the outskirts of the camp. It is certain that, at one period, the majority of the flints were poorly worked but in this case, all degrees are shown at the same time.

A USELESS TASK.

From time to time no doubt the readers of the WEST have seen the following exchange notice:

Wanted, to Exchange Postal Cards of State Capitals. Address

Looks good, and the intentions of the party are also good. His hopes of making a collection of these are bright, and the cost will be but a trifle. After this appears, he waits for results. Along come a few cards, but mostly of big states. A little longer wait, and after about one month has gone by he finds he has about 25 cards among them are about eight duplicates. The condition of the cards are far from being what he likes. Here is one all torn on the edge, another one has the sender's address on the back, another all finger marked, and so on. For every one received he sends one in return,—say he sends 20 cards which cost him 50c, adding postage on them makes 70c, all told, but the cards are not coming from every state, as he expected, but more duplicates are coming, and what is the result after three months of waiting to complete a set. He still lives in hopes, but the hopes are shattered as it is useless to try and complete, by means of exchanging. This has been my actual experience and there are others. The exchanging is very unsatisfactory. If you want a set of state capitals write to the advertiser of the postal cards and buy a set, then you will have them clean and from every state in the Union, and all of one publisher. The amount a set costs would not be in it with the other way. I tried to get a set, but finally bought one and had what I wanted,—it will save time and annoyance.

This does not apply to Capitals only, but to most any collection where there are sets to be obtained.—Herman W. Boers.

The German empress, during a visit not long since to a pottery, noticing a fine model of a dog's head was informed that it was the work of a little son of one of the foremen. Soon afterwards her majesty sent for the boy and promising that he should be properly trained has sent him to an art school at her own expense.

Farmer Collects 100,000 Insects

Sent by H. W. Boers, Detroit

ECCENTRIC HOOSIER ALSO WHITTLES ARTISTIC WOODEN TOYS.

The two hobbies which for 45 years have occupied the attention of Isaac B. Woods, a farmer of this place, Summittville, Ind., are insects and whittled objects. He has been a devoted "insectologist," scornng the title of "entomologist," until now he has in his collection fully 100,000 insects classified and under glass, labeled with the common name as well as the scientific name in artistic letters.

Mr. Woods will, without a second's hesitation, tell the peculiarities of every insect in his collection, describe their food, how and where they breed and give a complete family history of any of the members of his immense collection, many of which he has hatched out in his "breeding cages" and in his "bug house," a one story building which he built for an insect store-room.

For the last five years Wood has, during his spare moments, been whittling on woods of all kinds, until now he has another collection which is as interesting as his insect collection. It is undoubtedly the finest collection of miniature farm and household belongings in the United States. An old time log cabin, barn, corn crib, well sweep, surrounded by a pole fence, within which is arranged the farmer's tools of pioneer days, is but a beginning of the 10,000 pieces in the novel collection.

Among the belongings to the old time "whittled" farm are the ash hopper, lizard, harrow, bobsled, grain flail, cane mill, hog gallows, hand rake, ricks of poles for wood maul and wedges and innumerable other things all true in minutest detail, correct in miniature proportion, and finished with artistic touch. It is, however, in the construction of a carpet loom that his ingenuity is best shown, he having made everything that goes with a loom, including cards, distaff, flax brake, reels and a dozen other bits of machinery that are a mystery to the generation of today. It is all in correct working order, all geared up to one wheel, and every one of the hundred or more wheels, shuttles and spindles runs when power is applied, weaving a strip of carpet about six inches in width.

PLATES THAT GROW.

"If you could eat your dinner off a service like this, now!" said a collector of porcelain, taking a strange, bright plate from a cabinet. "Why such a service would be worth \$100,000 or more."

The plate's surface was covered with an irregular and glittering crystalline growth a half inch high. Beautiful crystals, in their graceful outline suggesting quaint pagodas and gnarled trees, rose up everywhere from the porcelain pattern. It is," said the collector, "a growing plate. It is one of those plates whose clay, containing aluminum and magnesium, causes an outgrowth of crystals under the enamel. Such plates are very rare. I paid \$2,000 for this one. Only a half-dozen growing plates are known. One, that belongs to a Boston collector is valued at \$4,500. Another, that had belonged to a poor New York woman who attached no value to it, sold at auction in '91 for \$3,700. It is interesting to have a growing plate in your collection. This specimen here has put forth three crystals under that little blue mountain design since it came into my hands."

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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.

1. 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 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, or else notify the society that 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 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.

ROLL OF HONOR. Our Five Leaders.

96. L. W. Dison Points to date 33 903. Arnaldo Ghisla Points to date 13
 868. Mrs. John Hoffman 12 314. Miss M. Hays 8
 546. Pierson Hardwick Points to date 7

The following members have secured one or more points during the month just ended. One point is allowed for each new member secured.

Previous New Total			Previous New Total		
206.	John J. Lee	1	1 629.	Miss E. M. Carroll	3 2 5
690.	J. C. Jennings	1	1 916.	L. W. Dison	31 2 33
1030.	Allen L. Thompson	1	1 1400.	W. A. Brushoff	1 1
1510.	D. W. Martin	3 1	4 1521.	Pedro Tanchanco	1 1
1531.	Ira O. Dow	3 1	4 1578.	Mrs. H. S. Graham	1 1

NOTICE

Please take notice that the General Offices of THE UNION are located at No. 1201 East Alameda Avenue, Denver, Colorado, where all communications for both the Secretary and the General Manager should be addressed.

LISTEN

Are you surprised at the large number of new members this month?

Next month and each month thereafter we can have five to ten times as many new ones, if each of our active members will convince one of their friends that card collecting is an educational pastime and that THE UNION a progress of science. An increased membership means a larger field for exchange, and as THE UNION is strictly coöperative, it rests with each individual member how large our society shall become and how large a field its members do such cover. Please send in a request for 5 to 100 or more of our descriptive and action blanks, circulate them to the best of your ability, and watch THE UNION grow.

ATTENTION!

THE UNION would be very pleased to obtain the photographs of as many of our members as possible, particularly of our foreign members, together with a short history of your life and a description of your card collection or other hobbies in which you may be interested. These will be reproduced as soon as consistent in THE PHILATHELIC WEST, and we hope all our Members and Representatives will help us make this a permanent and successful feature of THE UNION. Who will be first?

WHY NOT BE OUR REPRESENTATIVE?

We again call attention to the fact that we are desirous of completing our list of Representatives in Canada and the United States at a very early date. There are still quite a number of American States and Canadian Provinces in which THE UNION does not have an official Representative.

If you reside in one of these, kindly communicate with us at once regarding the appointment as Representative. You will be surprised at the liberal remuneration allowed our Representatives in consideration of the small service required.

NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST.

After considerable delay the new membership list promised November 1st has been published, and includes all new memberships shown in this report. A stamp mailed to the Secretary will bring you a copy.

RENEWALS.

- 460 Mrs. Lillie T. Dobson 122 Hamburg Ave., Patterson, N. J.
- 556 Mr. F. C. Greenleaf, Warren Park, Waterbury, Conn.
- 171. Miss Victoria Semple, 254 S. Sherman St., Denver, Colo.
- 776. Mrs. E. B. Frost, R. F. D. No. 2, Dover, N. H.
- 861. Miss Mayme Duffey 68 William St., Rochester, N. Y.
- 868. Mr. John Hoffman, 1604 10th St., Walbrook, Baltimore Md. foreign only.
- 999 James A Semple, 254 S. Sherman St., Denver, Colo.
- 1030. Allen L. Thompson, 3 Pine Street. Oneonta, N. Y.
- 1261. Reuben F. Chase, 102 West Irvington Place, Denver, Colo.
- 1279. Miss Mary A. Lanagn. 405 5th Mt., Hannibal, Mo.
- 1300. W. Hall Crowell, 455 S. 55th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 1303. Miss Elsie Fox, 116 10th St. Sunbury, Pa.
- 1310. R. Van Benschoten, Box 59, Schenectady, N. Y.
- 1312. E. A. Graham, 336 E. 2nd St., Mansfield, O
- 1314. A. T. Phelan, 102 Ambrose St., Rochester, N. Y.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 1611. Albert Newstrand, 1151 Payne Ave., St. Paul., Minn.
- 1612. Miss Elizabeth R. Heitmuller, 1037 14th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
- 1613. Miss Marian R. Heitmuller. 1307 14th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
- 1614. Miss Mayme McCrummen, Box 225, Lubbock Texas.
- 1615. Cesar Caboller, Nueva Caceres, Ambos Camarines, Philline Is.
- 1616. G. B. Rappa, 340 Serangoon Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements.
- 1617. Miss Mar. V. Eckhardt. 1601 Light St., Baltimore, Md.
- 1618. Miss Anna M. McDowell, Nyack, N. Y.
- 1619. Elmor Mohring, Poole, Nebr.
- 1620. Miss Zabelle Assadourian, 195 Hopkinson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 1621. Robert Oestreicher, XIX Hardtgasse, 21, Vienna, Austria.
- 1622. Wm Barnard Sonder, 4128 Cambridge St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 1623. Khoo Peck Hock, 18 Tank Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements.
- 1624. Miss Ethel Gilbert, 33 Sellie Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements.
- 1625. C. T. Eam, 36 Transgin, Road, Penang, Straits Settlements.
- 1626. Steohen H. Freeman, Deer Island, Ore.
- 1627. Robert Larsen, 928 State St., Racine, Wisc.
- 1628. Antonio M. Brea (hijo) Jose Reyes 32, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, will send first.
- 1629 Mrs. Sargenat, co Mr. E. H. Frewin, Denmark Hill, Camberwell, London, S. E. England.
- 1630. John U. Perkins, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.
- 1631. Burton Williams, R. F. D. Box 155, Rocky River, Ohio.
- 1632. Frank Coffey, P. O. Box 1116, Lyons, N. Y.
- 1633 Oswald A. Maltass, Imperial Ottoman Bank, Larnaca, Cyprus

will send first.

1634. Miss Helen Nevin, 2090 S. Clarkson St., Denver, Colo.

1635. Homer Simpson, Clifton, Texas

1636. Roble D. Libby, R. No. 4, Auburn maine high buildings and street views.

1638 Charles Knudsen Jr. 220 W. Virginia St. San Jose Calif.; colored views only will send first.

1639. Forrest E. Jewett 3 Madsion St. Ashtabula O. colored views.

1640. A. Gani 77 Arab Street Singapore Straits Settlements

1641. Miss Catherine Holmes, 21 Giddings Ave, Ravenswood, Chicago, Ill.

1642. Miss B. McNair, Glengyle, Kodaikanal, Madura, District, So. India

1643. Maurice J. Lecomte, Apartado, 11' Mexico, D. F. Mexico.

1644. Miss Mildred, Garham, 21 S. Emerson St., Denver, Colo.

1645. Lee Pang Chuan, 302 Killiney Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements.

1646. Miss Beryl Coombes, Rowell Road, Singapore, Straits Settlements.

1647. Chan Chin Ek, Seremban, Federated Malay States.

1648. Miss Helen Singleton, 211 S. Emerson St., Denver, Colo.

1649. E Coellier, Montlouis, Indre-et-Loire, France.

1650. Randolph Gibbs, co Eugene Boissiere & Co, Trinidad, B. W. I.

1651. Arthur Sundin, 147 S. Logan St., Denver, Colo.

1652. Jack Conrad, 44 S. Lincoln St, Denver, Colo.

1653. J. Orteugren, Mellerud, Sweden.

1654. Philip Cox, Ulu Sungai Bintangor, Kuching, Sarawak, Borneo.

1655. Robert Woodman, 35 Lincoln St., Denver Colo.

1656. Miss Blanche I. Richmond, 33 Grove St., Oneonta, N. Y.

1657. A. M. Kelly, 2045 7th St., Baker City, Ore.

1658. Miss Jean Burgess 3342 Langley Ave., Chicago, Ill

1659. F. A. Mellick, Box 241, Orangeville, Ont., Canada.

1660. Miss Lucille Hamilton, 1348 Glenarm Street, Denver, Colo.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

990. Lloyd G Cline, from 1451 S 9th St., Denver, Colo., to 1200 4th Ave., Hutchinson, Kansas.

1459 Theo. Heyl, from 336 E. 66th St., to 415 E. 33rd St., New York, N. Y.

Expired memberships.

The following memberships will expire during the month of December. We shall greatly appreciate a prompt renewal. The renewal fee is but 50 cents, which includes a year's subscription to the PHILATELIC WEST: 1392, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1325, 1326, and 1327.

Secretary of the Navy, Metcalf, received a specimen of the postcards issued by the Japanese Department of communications as a souvenir of the visit of the American battleship fleet to that country. It bears a picture of a warship surrounded by the intertwined Japanese and American flags. It was addressed to the "Secretary of Marine" by Keinosuko Horita, who describes himself as a 12 year old scholar of the primary school of Tokio. The card was found to bear this message: "The battleship fleet of your esteemed country has just entered Yokohama harbor. We long for a closer friendship with your noble nation. Prosperity and happiness to your excellency.

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Always remit by money order. Address all correspondence to
 Clarence V. Webb, Secy—Treas.,
 Perry, Ohio.

SPECIAL.

If you are already a subscriber to the WEST, you may have membership for only 10c. Note our rate of dues and see how cheap this is, besides our regular dues. Send coin wrapped well. This special rate goes into effect December 1, 1908 and continues till Feb. 1, 1909. Join now—here's your chance.

NOTICE TO REPRESENTATIVES.

This society wants no drones upon its Rep. list, so we are making this offer for good work instead of expelling all of them right off.

If you bring in one new member before Feb. 15, 1909 your name will not be banished from our list, otherwise it will be. New, joining while this is in effect will be allowed to be representatives without regard to above rule.

ALWAYS REMEMBER.

When writing the President, Vice President or Secy-Treas., to enclose postage This above rule must be obeyed. Remember.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

There will be a new membership list published Jan. 1, 1909, all members sending 2c stamp will receive it. Let us know what we can do for you. Contest No 3, will be dropped.

COMPLAINT.

79. Mr. Geo. Reid Jr., kindly send Dr. H. E. Jones two cards in return to his of June 13th. Have you any complaints?

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

67. Thos. Heyl from 3376 E. 66th St., New York City, to 415 E. 63rd St., New York City.

12. Miss Ella Borgen from Snyder, Colo., to Littleton, Colo.

NEW MEMBERS.

134. O. L. Prentice, Perry, Ohio; will always send first.
135. Mrs. Emogene Webb, Perry, Ohio " "
136. D. J. Webb, Perry, Ohio " "
137. Willis Nolan, Madison, Ohio " "
138. Lloyd G. Cline, Hutchinson, Kans., high grade actress cards, reproductions of old paintings; also cards showing customs of people.
139. Frank Brendell, 1243 Battery Ave., Baltimore, Md., good colored cards—no comics.
140. Emil Pecher, West, Iowa, views from everywhere.

RENEWALS.

12. Miss Ella Borgen, Littleton, Colo.

Dues for renewals are only 50c for U. S. and Island colonies and 75 cents for foreign countries. Dues for renewals when paper is not wanted is 35c in U. S. and Island colonies and 45c foreign. Will Nos. 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25 and 26 kindly renew before next report is sent in.

Notice change in Renewal fee.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Pan Am. S. C. C. has now two official organs Philatelic West and Philatelic Flashes. If you are not a subscriber to Philatelic Flashes say so when sending in renewal or dues. Representatives will no longer be published. As you will notice this club is giving you everything the other club is giving, besides giving you subscription to two papers and defense under the Defense Plan which this club originated. I am sure we will make 500 by Jan 1910 and I believe we will make it easily. Mr. Nolan, our President, seems doubtful. Yours Respectfully,

Clarence V. Webb, Sec'y-Treas.

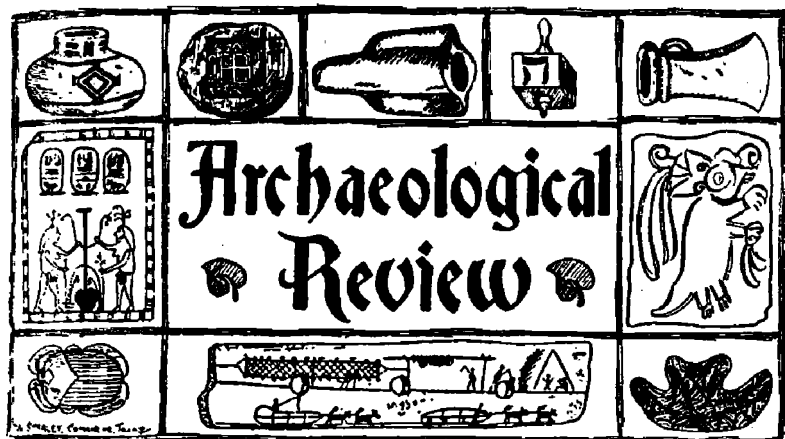
THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Fellow Members:

Our Society has already entered upon the second year of its existence. The first year was a very successful one, because over one hundred new members were obtained—an achievement, which has not been accomplished by many societies during their first year. But let us not be content to rest with this good record. We surely ought to be able to better it this year, because collectors have learned by this time that the Pan-American is a society that is going to stay. I hope I am not placing too high a mark when I say that we ought, anyway, to have three hundred members on our list at the end of our second year. If each member secures one new member during the year, we can easily reach the mark. Can not each one of us secure one new member? Our society is one of the best of its kind, and, in order to keep up its good name and to increase its influence, we must obtain as many new members as possible. It is up to you my fellow members to do this. The officers will do all they can if you only do your part, but without the help of the members the officers cannot make the society all that it should be. Show your interest, by sending either to the secretary or myself for a bunch of application blanks and distributing them among your collecting friends. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,

Sincerely,

Willis Nolan, President.



EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents.
David B. Emert, Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.

St. Louis, November 24 — Hu nan bones believing to have been those of sixteen mound builders, were found at 2nd and St. Clair Avenues, East St. Louis, today by workmen who were digging an excavation for a hay ware house. Despite efforts to keep the bones together most of them were carried away by persons living near by. In the bottom of the chief's tomb were found five pottery bowls, two flint arrowheads and a stone hatchet.

OWNS CURIOSITY SHOP

Chares F. Alkire of Mt. Sterling is the proud possessor of a curiosity shop. In it he has stored all manner of curious things, from Indian relics to Colonial clocks. First he started collecting stamps, then turned his attention to rare coins, and year by year has widened his researches, until now he takes anything that is of unique interest as a relic of bygone days. Here are stored firearms of a variety of patterns and historical epochs, flags of war Indian utensils of battle a wooden sausage mill, an Italian water yoke—in fact, interesting curios from all over the world gathered in a lifetime. Every year or so Mr. Alkire sells off some of his duplicates or exchanges for some relic not already in his collection. It is conceded that his collection of arrowheads is even better than the state's display at Columbus, and he is adding to it all the time. It will well repay any visitors to call on "Charley" Alkire to see this wonderful collection and also to meet the odd genius who is the father of it. —London Times. He takes The WEST.

KING OF ITALY SENDS HIS BOOK TO ROOSEVELT.

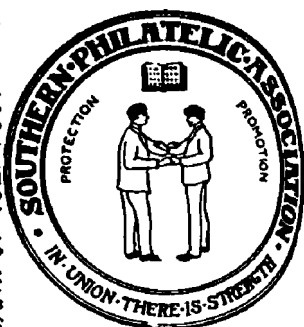
The volume dealing with Italian coins, in the compilation of which the King of Italy has been occupied for ten years, has just been published. The book containing phototypes of 120,000 coins. The King has sent copies of his work to the King of England, the German Emperor, the King of Sweden, Mr. Roosevelt, M. Falliers, M. Loubet, and to the Czar and other sovereigns.

A remarkable coincidence is noted that the Pope has contemporaneously published an analogous work, dealing with medals and coins to be found in the Vatican

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 All officers by virtue of their office, are members of this committee.

To members of this Association who receive unsolicited selections of stamps, with no return postage are requested to return same by express "COLLECT" and send name of firm to Secretary

To the Members of the S. P. A.:

Before retiring from my present office, I am compelled to announce the resignation of the Chairman of the Recruiting Committee, one of the most active members of our Association, and one whom we have to thank heartily for all he has done for the S. P. A., Mr. L. L. Dickerson, there is one consolation that in spite of ill health and overwork, Brother Dickerson promises to do all he can to aid the Association in its upward flight, and let us wish that he will regain his health in a short while.

My promise, to give a recapitulation of what has been done in the last few years and a short history of the S. P. A., I am sorry I cannot give in this number as business prevents me, but in the very near future, I will have the same ready. With best wishes to my successor, and hoping the coming year will keep our secretary busy issuing membership cards, I bid you all a hearty farewell.

Fraternally yours,

Fred G. Fuessel, Pres.

SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT.—APPLICATIONS.

1. Henry J. Dicke, 1783 1st Ave., New York City, clerk, Ralph L. Mutz, A. P. A.
2. Geo. E. Authonisz, Havelock Town, Colombo, Ceylon, 42, commission agent, Charles Roemer, A. P. A.
3. E. A. Hemphill, 426 Poplar St., Abilene, Texas, 26, traveling salesman, R. L. Doak, Trader's Bank.
4. Ezra C. Bailey, Box 91, Holbrook, Mass., 19, Stamp Dealer, R. L. Doak, Willard O. Wyllie.
5. E. J. Dempsey, 593 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y., stamp dealer, R. L. Doak, Wm. L. Beneke.
6. Christie G. Heck, 1501 West 6th St., Racine, Wis., 16, student, R. L. Doak, Christian H. Heck.
7. Herbert C. Scofield, Reno, Nevada, 41, Supt. of Const. U.S. Buildings, L. G. Cline, H. W. Huskey.
8. C. Staub, 1151 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, Ill., 23, stamp dealer, Frank B. Breuer, United Stamp Co.
9. Nathen Johnston, Box 86, Monroe, La., 19, cashier Famous Dry Goods Co., Charles Roemer, G. C. Hill.
10. Fred Hagen, 182 Pitt St., Sydney, N. S. W. Australia, 48, stamp dealer, L. T. Brodstone, A. P. S.

The above will be admitted within 20 days, providing there are no objections filed with the Secretary prior to that date.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

239. Karl Longee from East Tilton, N.H. to 321 Pike St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Members:—I am pleased to state to our members that the S. P. A. is now thoroughly organizing for the 1909 campaign. The new corps of officers begin on Jan. 1st and it is my sincere hope that all will use every effort in furthering the S. P. A. We have a work for 1909; we want to double our present list and this can be done if all come forward to the rescue of those already using every effort. Brighter prospects were never viewed by the S. P. A. than for 1909. Our success is assured and there is but one "If" "If" our present members will but realize and take advantage of every opportunity this new year of extending an invitation to all fellow collectors, do it earnestly and enthusiastically when 1910 dawns the result will verify every proposition or prophesy I have made. Please understand that **WE DEPEND ON YOU**. We are building our structure of success on you. When we win yours will be the glory, the fruits of the victory will belong to you. We can only fail through indifference and neglect of our members.

I am utterly helpless without your co operation. Your chief contribution to the Grand Old S. P. A. will be your prompt work in soliciting members for the Association; which is a credit to every honest philatelist.

Will you stand back idly, and leave a few do the work? I feel sure the members of this Association are of a more loyal nature and will freely respond and aid us in our Undertaking.

Mr. Brodstone informs me that there has been much dissatisfaction resulting from the clerk who managed the WEST during his trip to Europe. I have had many complaints about not getting the "WEST". Mr. Brodstone desires each member who failed to get his WEST to write him stating the number or numbers missed, and he will supply them if on hand. So those who failed to get WESTS please take up the matter with the publisher. He promises justice to all.

DUES:—As 1909 is near and our present year ends Dec 31st, I ask all member to look up their card and if it read "This card expires Jan. 1st, 1909," kindly remit your dues which is the small sum of 35c in U. S. and possessions and 60c to all other countries. Hoping all will respond at once and save me the trouble of notifying each member personally. Blanks free to all. How many can you use?

Best wishes Compliments of 1909.

Prof. R. L. Doak, Secretary.

RECRUITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:—This committee having been established but ten months ago, has attained a record of fortyfive members. Since Mr. L. L. Dickerson's time is so engaged that he has not ample time to take up this work, I have consented to steer the work of recruiting for the ensuing year. We members have a work before us, one that requires the effort of every member. Our list **CAN BE DOUBLED** if only we use a little energy. Why not ask that friend collector to enter our ranks? Tell him wherein he is benefited by joining. 1. That all the various departments are at his disposal. 2. That the WEST (a 50c journal) is sent him each month free of cost. 3. That the dues are only 35c per year and the initiation fees but

15c. We want more workers and our committee is bound to grow. If you are energetic and can do some good work for the S. P. A., let me hear and I will supply you with blanks and see that your name goes on the list of workers. Hoping all will go to work and make the January report a monstrous one,

I am, fraternally,

H. S. Powell, Chairman, Storm Lake, Iowa.

EXCHANGE DEPT.

30 Books Received	Catalogue value \$28 69
47 books retired	Catalogue value 59 52
26 Books on hand	\$219 17

Members Wake up! Do you realize what you are missing? Don't you know a good thing when you see it? All members sending for books to enter stamps in my Dept. in the next 30 days, and promising to fill the books and participate in this Exchange will be supplied with 2 books free of charge. Will all members who have sent for books kindly send them in at once?

This department has been very much retarded by slowness of our members to take advantage of the excellent opportunity to exchange their duplicates. Wake up! Let me hear from you.

Wm. E. Ault, Jeffersonville, Ind., Mgr. Ex. Dept.

Sales Superintendent's Report, Oct. 20th, 1908.

75 books in circulation, as per last month's report, value	\$1506 03
8 books received since, value	78 04
83 books in circulation, value	1584 07
5 books retired during the month, of which the am't of \$12 62 was sold.	46 88
78 books in circulation, value	\$1537.19

Insurance Fund.

Amount on hand as per last report	\$92.00
1 per cent from retired books	.47
Total amount	\$92 50

It is my painful duty to report that I have had several complaints from members, who have books in the Department, that some of our members are substituting stamps. This is one of the most contemptible acts that takes place in a stamp collectors Society. It has got to be stopped if it is not, action will be taken against certain members. During the summer months quite a number of members dropped out from the Sales Department; if they desire now to receive circuits again, they must so inform the Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

Note. Above report should appear in the November Number, in place of Mr. Cass' report of the Stamp Collectors' Protective Association.

Nov. 20th, 1908.

78 books in circulation, as per last month's report, value	\$1537.19
15 books received since, value	\$1782.25
9 book retired during the month, of which the am't of \$68.17 was sold.	151 92
84 books in circulation, value	1630 33

Insurance Fund.

Amount on hand as per last month's report	\$92.50
1 per cent from retired books.	1.52
Total amount	\$94.02

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Superintendent
Report of Auction Manager, for December.

Fellow Members:—This month I am advertising the first Auction sale

of the S. P. A. and hope to have your most liberal bids on any lots you can use, as we wish to make this department a success. Anyone, whether a member or not, may bid at the sale, but stamps are **SOLD ONLY FOR MEMBERS**. Any member having stamps should address the auction manager for terms etc.

B. L. Voorhees.

Our Illustrations--Concluded

AN ENVELOPE COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL PENNY POSTAGE bearing on its face a unique design to commemorate the establishment of the "penny rate of postage" between the United States and England has been received. The envelope is one of 6,000 similar souvenirs, containing appropriate communications, sent out to stamp collectors in the United States by a philatelic society of London, by the first mail leaving England after the penny rate went into effect. October 1. In the upper left corner of the decorative design on the envelope is an ocean steamship, 1908. In the upper right corner is the one penny, red English stamp, bearing the head of Edward VII., in place of the two and a half pence stamp usually seen on letters from England. In the center at the top appears the British coat of arms, and under it the legend: "Penny Postage Link the English Speaking Peoples of the World". At the bottom in the center is the United States eagle and shield surmounted by a design of one of Columbus' ships and the date 1492. Below are the American and English flags. At the left the name Victoria and at the right Washington, each with appropriate dates. Maps of the British Isles and of the United States are included in the designs as well as scrolls bearing important names and dates. Besides Edward VII, and Roosevelt is the name Dockwra, who in 1680 was identified with the establishing of the first penny post in London, England. Then there is the name E. Burritt, referring to the American "learned blacksmith," among whose advocated reforms was a cheaper postage. The name of Rowland Hill also appears, because it was under his administration as postmaster general in England in 1840 that the history of postage stamps in national use began. Benjamin Franklin, who was postmaster of Philadelphia in 1737 and who became deputy postmaster general for England in the colonies in 1753, is also among those respected by philatelists. The name Buxton is a tribute to Rt. Hon. Sydney Charles Buxton, postmaster general of England since 1905, and the name Von Meyer to George Von Lengerke Meyer, postmaster general of the United States under whose administration penny postage became a reality. A 2c postage to Germany comes in first of next year.

CARRIES VALUABLE FOSSILS EAST.

Dr. Holland of the Carnegie museum in Pittsburg, Pa., who spent the entire season in northwestern Nebraska, conducting expeditions in the fossil region, has left for the east. He took with him the largest load of fossils ever carried from the state. The material found in the Agate Springs fossil quarries are of considerable importance to Mr. Holland, as they will enable him to set up, with very little restoration, the skeletons of several very ancient animals, long since extinct, which will add greatly to the collection in the Carnegie museum at Pittsburg.

Post Mark collectors may be interested to know that a special post mark was used to commemorate the visit of the American Fleet at Yokohama, Japan, Oct. 18-24, 1908.

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To Members C. P. S.:—

Since last month I have received the following applications:

174. Louis W. Bartel, D. M. M., 2117 N. Garrison Ave, St. Louis Mo.
 Ref, Commercial Trust Co and L. T. Brodstone.

175. W. Hadlow, 12 Adam St., Strand, London, stamp auctioneer, Pro.
 by L. T. Brodstone.

176. A. G. Laurent, 74 W. 45 St., New York City, Pro. by R. J. Mundell.

177. J. W. Scott, stamp dealer, 36 John St., New York City. Pro. by L. T. Brodstone.

178. Lewis May & Co., Stamp Dealers, 15 King William St, Strand, London, member Junior J. P. S. Pro. by L. T. Brodstone.

Will those members whose names appeared last month kindly remit the balance of dues to the Secretary—25 cents. I expect in the near future to announce a plan of campaign that will bring us many new members Watch for it.

R. J. Mundell, Secretary, Box 773, Montreal, Que.

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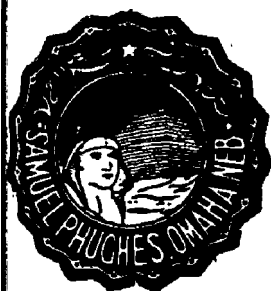
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MINUTES.

The 45th regular meeting of the J. S. C. of Denver, was held Nov. 6th, at the residence of J. C Skinner, 2219 W. 33rd Ave. With 7 members present the meeting was called to order Vice President Skinner in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read. Resignations of S. A. McManus and O. T. Hartmann accepted. Verbal resignation of C M. Snyder as Treasurer was accepted. J. Jackson was nominated and unanimously elected Exchange Manager, vice S. A. McManus resigned Committee reported that \$1.38 due the insurance fund had been turned over from the treasury. An auction sale was then held netting several dollars. There being no further business the club adjourned to entertainment which consisted of the first of the series of prize stamp exhibits, U. S. and U. S. Revenues. Following were appointed judges: E. Rider, F. W. Kline, A. L. Nell. F. Fellows' collection won first, 9 points; J. C. Skinner second, 6 points; J. Kramer third, 3 points. Next exhibit will be Cuba. Refreshments were furnished by Skinner.

A. L. Nell, Secretary.



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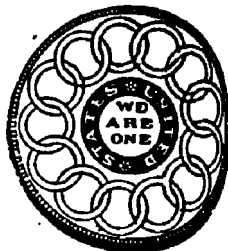
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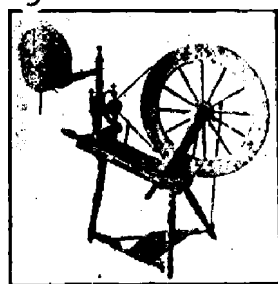
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