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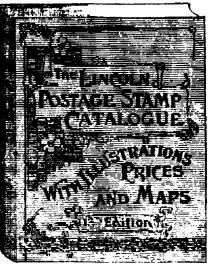
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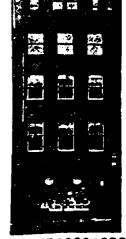
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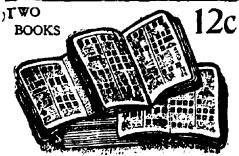
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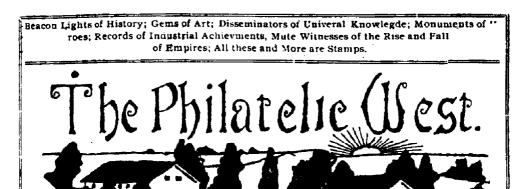
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Of course we can all agree that an immaculate mint copy of a stamp, when perfectly centered, represents the best attainable in condition. That is the starting point, but as soon as we leave it our ideas begin to diverge, the individual asserts himself, looks at the stamp from his own view point and draws his own conclusions. That is why we have no such thing as a standard in condition and why it is folly to attempt to establish one. I am convinced that condition is a matter of individual judgment and preference, and this conviction was driven home time and time again when I was selling stamps to counter trade.

I recall showing what I considered a very fine copy of a stamp to a particular collector. It did not suit him and he purchased another copy that in my judgment was inferior to the one he had rejected. It was weeks later that I learned his reason. He wanted every letter of the inscription readable on all stamps in his collection. If the cancellation covered any part of the inscription the stamp did not measure up to his requirements, and I found that he willingly sacrificed general appearance to gratify his fancy. It was his idea of condition.

A more common view of condition is the same idea applied to portrait stamps. I found it was not unusual, for collectors to reject portrait stamps if the cancellatoin touched or crossed the features of the subject. Others would seem-

ingly pay but slight attention to cancellation, but would demand even centering to the last degree, while still others choose light cancellations and accepted any old centering as a matter of course.

These are not fanciful illustrations of the divergent views of collectors on condition but are actual personal experiences and could readily be enlarged upon. They are cited not as examples of fads or fancies but in support of the contention that fine condition in my case is what appeals to me, and in your case it is what appeals to you.

Perhaps the most popular series of stamps with collectors is "Kings Heads" and among American (and probably English) collectors there is only one King 'Edward the peacemaker'' whose death has cast a gloum over the greater part of A concise list of the portrait issues of King Edward will, we believe, be welcomed by a very large number of philatelists. Unfortunately the world has grown too large for the average collector, sections are not popular and the division by centuries has not met with public approval. Much trash has already encumbered the twentieth century album and the end is a long way off. stamps of King Edward were popular from the start and we advise all members to The issues of George V will undoubtedly lose no time in completing their sets. He is known the world over as an earnest philatelist and it is be very popular. very probable his educated taste will be made manifest on the postage stamp. of He became king at an auspicious date for philately, it being the seventieth anniversary of the introduction of cheap postage, prepaid by postage stamps. Collectors of "George Heads" will be very numerous. We advise all our readers who intend to take up the line to start with the determination of never letting the subject get away from them. At first the issues will be few and far between. This will be followed by frequent issues of large numbers as old stocks This is the danger point but the collector who keeps abreast of the flood will soon find himself in smooth waters with plenty of cash to take in all the diminishing issues as they come out .... Metropolitan Philatelist.

### TWO CENT STAMPS ON HEAYV\_PAPER. \_\_ By K. N. MacDonald.

A late consignment of 2c stamps received at the Pittspurg P. O. in the Federal Bldg. There is such a demand for 2c stamps that the Government endeavors to improve their quality, and on account of many complaints against thin paper both the stamps for Books and sheets have been printed on considerably heavier paper.

An amendment has been adopted by the house in the postal appropriation bill of March 4th, prohibiting the printing of return addresses on stamped envelopes both on account of the expense, and injury to the local printers.

\* A common though not generally known practice of the postoffices of big cities is the recalling of letters by persons and firms, owing to changes in markets, hastily written letters, containing later discovered mistakes.

Any autograph or collector of U. S. official franks, or those who would like to take up this branch should write to me at 1302 Fannis, Houston, Tex., and receive some free or in exchange for stamps.

ERRATA:—After the ad of the Toledo Stamp Co. had been run they reported they had sold out of U. S. Imperforates of 1902 ic green and 2c carmine and cannot supply any more.

## **OUR ILLUSTRATIONS**

- J. L. CHARBNEAU, 2320 Walnut Ave., Seattle, Wash., has been appointed Museum Curtor of The Washington Seattle Art Association who are to erect a grand Museum of Art and Sciences in the city of Seattle in the near future. Mr. Charbneau has had a great deal of experience in this line as he was manager of Ye Olde Curiosity Shop, Colman Dock, Seattle, for four years and previous to that time from a boy of twelve to twenty one traveled in forty different countries, going around the world twice and has visited museums, gathered curios and coins in all parts of the globe. He has been a very enthusiastic numismatist from boyhood. He is 26 years of age now and claims to be the youngest museum curator in the world and perhaps one of the most experienced. He also sells the Official Alaska Yukon Exposition or Seattle Exposition gold souvenir Coins. Look up his ade the past eighteen months in the WEST and buy.
- C.W. HUGHES was born in 1851 at Shreve, Ohio, and has lived there all his life. He has been a collector of relics and curios from early boyhood and has a collection of arms, military belt plates, buttons, pioneer and foreign utensils and curios, coins, medals, political badges, Civil war mementoes, etc., which is quite an attraction to his neighbors. Parts of it have been exhibited at fairs in that section. He is pleased to meet and become acquainted with brother collectors.
- H. B. DYNAS is 25 years of age and has been an ardent collector of post cards for the last 10 years being one of the first collectors in the city where he His first exchanges were largely confined to the larger cities. New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco, but gradually as the craze spread, his exchanges became more numerous and also extended to the European countries then in the last five years the growth of popularity of the Souvenir Post Card has been wonderful and he now has exchanges reaching over the four points of the compass. The change in the style of cards can also be noted as a very great improvement over the first ones he received. They were as a rule small cuts of various scenes printed in black on one corner of a post card and generally none too distinct, now we have cards that are beautiful to look upon, veritable works of art. collection numbers close to 3500 cards and while that is not a great number for the time he has collected, they are a well chosen lot. Cover most all phases of life, customs and scenery from the countries depicted. His advice to a young fellow is to collect post cards, especially through some good exchange, as it gives him an insight to history and geography of the various countries, that he in no other way could acquire and in many lines of business it proves a valuable asset One also comes into a nice collection of stamps in connection to his education. with his post card collection, and also often finds a correspondent who has hobbies the same as he and makes many valuable additions to his collection no matter what it may be. His city while it is practically a new city as compared with many others, they can boast of many historical points of interest and the post card publishers are always ready to publish cards of any view that might interest the He has been a reader of the WEST since 1902 and while not a regular subscriber all the while he says he has never failed to keep in touch with it for he believes a collector, no matter what his hobby, cannot be successful without it.
- A. VAZQUEZ began to collect stamps in 1894 and two years after he had about 2000 stamps, many of them very good but had need to abandon his collection and distributed it among his best friends. In 1898 he commenced his new collection but has been inactive for more than eight years because his occupation gives him very little time to devote to his collection. One year ago when he was ac-

tive in philatelic affairs he had more than 3000 stamps, being actually 3700 in which South America and British Colonies were well represented. He has made a specialty of stamps that are representatives of the artistic work, drawing, engraving and colored, and also collects post cards.

GEORGE GRIGGS, Ph. D. was born at Mesilla, New Mexico; his father was from New Jersev; brother to James L. Mayor of Sommervile, N. J. and nephew of John W. Governor. Mr. Griggs is director of the State Mining Exposition in Chihuahua, Mexico, where he wrote a book entitled "MINES of CHIHUAHUA (388 pp. 8vo) for which he has been made member of over a dozen different Scientific Societies; yet only 35 years of age. This gives an idea what opportunities are to be found in Old Mexico. Mr. Griggs is a staunch philatelist. In 1899 his articles appeared off and on in the WEST. He wrote the "Revenue Stamps of Mexico" that were written especially for the Philatelic West. Owns many thousands of stamps and his Mexican Revenue collection is considered the finest in Mexico.

HARRY T. WILLCOX has been a stamp collector for about twelve years. He began with a small album and with the stamps given him by friends and gradually accumulated a collection of about 5000 varieties in 1905. At that time he was attending High School and to get rid of some of his duplictes started The Wilcox Stamp Co. at Norwich, Conn., together with two brothers who were ardent philat-In 1906 he went into business and no time was given him for stamps so that from then till 1909 he did not collect. Soon after his marriage in 1909 he began a new collection and is now actively engaged in stamp collecting with the help of Mrs. Wilcox, who is also very much interested in stamps. collects both U.S. and foreign but specializes in U.S., of which he has a very fair collection of about 400 varieties. His foreign number about 4000 varieties and he is adding to his collection all the time. He says the most satisfactory method of increasing his collection is by exchanging and has had exchange relations with many of the readers of the WEST. He would like a few more names on his list, especially of people in foreign countries, and thinks that he has a line of duplicates to exchange that will please anyone with a collection of two thousand varieties or less. His addrsss is Jewett City, Conn.

JULIAN T. BAKER is a graduate of the Pocahontas, Va., high school, and is at present taking a scientific course under one of the professors of that institution. He was elected president of the Virginia Association of the Coming Men of America, at the last state convention. He is editing the stamp pages of the C. M. A. Emblem, and has been for over 1½ years. Is connected with several amateur press clubs, and philatelic societies.

In Turbuient Hayti. When President Soloman was expelled from office a few years ago, the stamps then in use bore his likeness. A large stock remained on hand. To destroy them would mean considerable loss. Surcharging would entail an added expense. Some one suggested that the stamps be used as they were but that a rule be made requiring all stamps to be placed upside down on mail matter! All contestants were satisfied, and this was done. In the enforcement of the rule, mail with the stamps right side up, was treated as unpaid and postage collected on it as though it bore no stamps at all. What queer ideas Haytians have!

Philippines, 1906, with the exception of the 2c, 4c and 10c, should be worth getting and perhaps keeping.

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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 mame of firm to Secretary

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT. IMPORTANT.

Dear Fellow Members: Some few responded to my call for Vice Presidents for each state and country. Anyone, that is a member of this society, can be a Vice Pres., for his state or country. When I appoint each person I will send them a bunch of application blanks and letters to help them in securing new recruits.

I. herewith, call for nominations for officers for 1911. All nominations must be in by August 1, 1910.

The convention will be held in Kansas City, Mo., on October 3, 1910, and I trust that we will have a large attendance. All that expect to go to the convention will let me know by Sept., I, so I can write the Kansas City Branch and let them know how many visitors to expect.

I appoint the following gentlemen on the committee of arrangements:...M. O. Canfield, Chairman, C. H. Saint and Mr. Bescher.

Let us see more members get down off the retired bench and get a few new members.

I am, yours for the S. P. A

H. S. Powell. President.

THERE IS STREET

#### CHM'N. RECRUITING COMMITTEES' REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members:—I am pleased to report that another member has come to the front with a dollar. His name is B. Grant Jeffries. This dollar has been given to our President, H. S. Powell to partially pay expenses on some letters he is now mailing out so the balance remains the same as last month. If you can't spare a dollar, give what you can. Step up; don't be bashful.

#### NON MEMBERS.

The Southern P. A. is now recognized as the fastest growing and best, in every way, society for stamp collectors. See what you get for a few cents, if you should join us: Subscription to WEST, our large and grand year book, the largest high class sales Dept., in existence, conducted by a man who knows his business, one of the finest exchange departments America now affords, besides the purchasing department, information bureau, etc., etc. Send to me for blank today.

Yours Fratercally.

Clarence V. Webb.

#### SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

100 books, value	
19 books retired during the month, of which the	ne amount of \$108.68 or 25 per
cent was sold	
81 books in circulation	\$2200.0 <sub>3</sub>
INSURANCE	FUND.
Amount on hand as per last month's report .	\$111.06
1 per cent from retired books	4.35
Total amount	
One serious matter I have to bring to the	attention of members and that is,
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when they find any vacant spaces in a book they must adjust the matter with the member from whom they received the Circuit. This is plainly stated in the rales of the Department, printed on each book. Failure to comply with this provision makes the member, to whom this neglect can be charged liable for the amount.

Respectfully submitted. Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT. APPLICATIONS.

- 1. Arthur Dietel, Perkins, Mich., 21, Section Foreman; Fred Neuorh, Thos. Black. Proposed by L. Brodstone.
- 2. C. A. Mastoller, Box 253, Muskogee, Okla., 25, contractor, Guaranty State Bank. Proposed by H. Wendt.
- 3. James R. Wnite, Kalispell, Mont., 33, postmaster; C.C. Brintnall, John Ponan. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
- 4. Armando F. Ascorve, Gunboat 'Bravo,' Vera Cruz, Mexico, 24, Naval officer; Agustin Gui le, Omar Ortis; Proposed by L. Brodstone.
- 5. F. W. Rothery, 2562 Jones St. Omaha, Neb., 30, office manager; L. Brodstone. Proposed by L. Brodstone.
- 7. Arthur W. Jones, General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y., 44, Mgr. Commercial Dept. Schenectady Trust Co.; E.M. Kinney. Proposed by H.S. Powell.
- 8. Chester L. Knight. 29 Church St., Rockland, Mass., 28, teacher; James S. Hayes, Burton O. Estes. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
- 9. M. W. Lowry 601 Clay Ave., Scranton, Pa., 40, Attorney, August Mack, Any Bank in Scranton. Proposed by August Mack.
- 10. Wm. S. Dod, 2322 Lydia, Kansas City, Mo., 21, P.O. clerk; M.O. Canfield, R. L. Moore. Proposed by M. O. Canfield.
- 11. R. J. Rynning, e-o National Bank of La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis., 22, Bank Teller, R. C. Whelpley, Jos. F. Bartt Proposed by H. S. Powell.
- 12. Herman Boog, 113 Main St., Henderson, Ky., 46, baker; H. S. Powell. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
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- 16. J. E. Mulligaan, Omaha, Neb., 46, Engineer, H. S. Powell. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
- 17. Charles H. Gardner, U. S. Marine Hospital, Wilmington, N. C., 40, physician; L. G. Smith, Thomas L. Vine. Proposed by Wm. E. Ault.

The above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed prior to that time.

#### RESIGNATIONS.

365. J. L Charbneau, Seattle, Wash.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Geo. T. Heath from 1127 Haskell Ave., to 1135 Troup Ave., Kansas City, Kan.

#### REINSTATED.

- 323. Henry A. Fowler, Chicago, Ill.
- 430. H. R. Palmer, 812 E. Stage Ave., Spokane, Wash.
- 461. John H. Heffer, Kansas City, Mo.
- 215. Chas. S. Hibbard, Utica, N. Y.
- 443. Geo. T. Heath, Kansas City, Kans.

#### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

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Total Membership April 25th	*****	362
Admitted May 25th		12
Total membership May 25th	••• ••••	374

DEAR MEMBERS:....Ere this time each paid up member should have in his bands a copy of the Annual Year Book for 1910. I hope all will look this over carefully and if any errors in address are found, report the same to me.

I also wish to impress upon the members the necessity of reading the page which refers to the ruling of the P. O. Dept. which makes it necessary for each member to send his or her subscription to the Official Organ direct to the publisher This point I want all members to observe.

CONVENTION CALL. No doubt out President has issued his call for the 1910 convention in this issue and I hope all members will respond with a nice list of nominations for all the offices. Send them at once, so as hallots and proxies can be mailed at an early date.

Did you notice that big gap to be made in our membership list, 80 delinquent members to be dropped. Lets try and get back the 80 still in arrears. If you lend your assistance it can be done soon.

A supply of new blanks will soon be out to remedy the P. O. rulings, when applying for membership. How many can you use? Hoping to hear from all, I am, Fraternally, R. L. Doak, Secy.

Mr. R. A. Diamant, member of the St. Louis Stamp Society has been showing his friends there his pick-up from an S. P. A. book belonging to a prominent revenue collector. This book has passed through four previous circuits before it came to the St. Louis circuit and Mr. Diamant's name was next to last on the list. It was a strip of 3, I. R. on it which the eagle eye of the collectors escaped. Owing to a part of broken letter imbedded on the lower part of the R. the impression became a perfect B. so that the surcharge is not a smudge but a distinct impression and was probably made on a dozen or more sheets before the broken letter was discovered. The Plate Number is 549.

Mr. Diamant has made many finds which he has showed to the collectors, through being careful in examining all stamps submitted to him and continually advises collectors that the pleasure in collecting is derived from the study of stamps.

"Postal Union Colors." At the 1897 session of the Postal Union Congress held that year in Washington, D. C., resolutions were adopted by the representatives from the different nations requiring all stamps of the denominations equivalent to 1, 2 and 5 cents to be printed in green, red and blue, respectively. The colors of our 1 and 5 cent stamps (1898 issue) were printed to conform with this ruling. Brazil, Canada, Hawaii, Queensland, Victoria and other countries were also obliged to change some of the colors of their stamps.

## Kollecting -- By Rev. A. Z. Myers

(Written exclusively for the WES1.)

Kollecting has grown upon me dangerously of late. I began it as a boy. Stamps, woods, minerals, money and clippings. Never got very much except scrap books and clippings. Most of the others took too much money for me.

Boys and Girls\_listen\_let me whisper a secret into your ears. Begin today to make a scrap book. Get a big one if you can, if you cannot get a smaller one. If you can't get a book today get a pasteboard box and put in your clippings until you can get a book.

An old book that is no longer cared for—old government reports—and many such books will do. I like best white paper blank books—ruled or not ruled. In later years this is what I am using. I buy one for about 25c cloth bound or better and they will stand considerable expanding. Many of my clippings are classified. You begin without classifying until you get specially interested in some line and then keep those separate. Then I can write in when I want to.

Use library paste. Paste only the edges. Later you will find that it will not be difficult to remove the clipping if you want to. Don't, don't use mucilage. Mucilage is a back number. It is objectionable for many reasons. Library paste is or ought to be sold by every stationer.

Trim neatly. Be very careful to make the trimming neatly....not too close will look better.

Begin now too with postage stamps I began—oh. I don't know when, neglected my collection for years. But I held on and since I have gotten the fever my collection is growing rapidly. I may tell you more about it.

Why collect! For its interest at the time you are doing it. It is interesing and makes life wear a new interest.

Collect for the value of what you thus preserve. Years afterward you will find that you have made a find in many things. Things you will have collected will be of great value to you that would otherwise have past out of your life and to rubbish.

Collecting is a hobby that makes friends. You learn of other collectors and they become your friends—often real friends—and you learn to know their better side. Friends are a great asset—that is, good friends. You will not run much risk among the collectors. If I had space I'd tell you why. I have found several interesting addresses and correspondents through the WEST.

The educational value through many years of observing things, thinking, collecting, noting, is of more value than many school days. Some of your collections will seem trifling to you in after years but they will have served a good purpose.

Shall be glad to have you write me. If you enclose stamp will write a personal letter and will be glad to answer questions. Photo post cards—mining scenes and nature studies give me the most pleasure now.

Barbadoes. How many collectors can explain the meaning of the fairy tale picture on Barbadoes stamps? Well, it is the emblem on the colony's seal, which was authorized April 16, 1863, during the reigh of Charles II. The original seal represented the king in royal robes with a trident (scepter of Neptune) in his hand, standing in a sea-shell drawn by two sea-horses. When Victoria came to the throne, the figure of the king was changed for that of the queen.

### St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

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The 135th meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held on April 20, 1910, at 8 p. m. in the Club Room of the Cabanne Library.

Those present were: Messrs. Anschuetz, Bain, Chase, Lewis, Mann, Marston, Millhouse, Myers, Ruedi and Schoeman. The resignation of Mr. E.A. Lipker was received and accepted by the society.

The C. E. Hussman Co. forwarded a letter from Mr. Rolstad of Christiana, Norway, inquiring as to the prospect of members forming an exchange club. The members decided to let the letter lay upon the table so that any member who wished to do so could read the same and take the address of Mr. Rolstad.

After a great deal of discussion the entertainment committee was empowered on a motion made by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Chase to enquire from the Chicago Philatelic Society as to the conditions and full particulars as to the loaning of the C. P. S.'s illustrated lecture on stamps.

Messrs, Chase and Mann had their collections of Cuba on exhibition but neither were entered for the contest, so it was decided to postpone the contest for Cuba until May 10th. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p. m.

F. Millhouse, Secy.

The 136th meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors society was held on May 10th, at 8 p. m., in the usual meeting room in the Cabanne Library.

The members present were: Messrs. Anchuetz, Bain, Chase, Collins, Heath, Lewis, Marston, Millhouse, Morgan, Ruedi, Schellhorn, Schumann.

The Society was honored with the presence of three visitors: Messrs. Eiler, Lacing and Liey.

The minutes of the 135th meeting were read and approved.

Communications from Messrs F. Fuessel, and F. Prescott were received and read.

The applications of Messrs Eile's and Lanning were received and held for the consideration of the Board of Governors.

Through the courtesy of the respective publishers, copies of the Philadelphia Stamp News, Billikins Magazine and the Stamp Journal were added to the Society's library.

The Entertainment Committee reported progress in the matter of securing the shade slides etc., from the Chicago Philatelic Society for their illustrated lecture on stamps.

To close the evening, a goodly lot of stamps were disposed of by auction, and at 9:45 p. m., the meeting adjourned to meet again on May 24th, in the Cabanne Library.

F. Millhouse Sec.

Milwaukee has several fine collections made on modern improved lines, embracing pairs and blocks and even whole sheets of rare stamps. This sounds like a contradiction, for, how can stamps that exist in whole sheets be rare? Where, by rare in this connection we mean 'hard to get,' 'seldom seen' or not to be found in many dealers' stocks', stamps that most collectors would like to get if they could.



# ACROSS THE POND



## Some Impressions of the Congress

The Second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain began on April 27th public meeting in the Caxton Hall, at which the Earl of Crawford, was able to make the gratifying announcement that, in declaring it open, he was acting not merely for himself but as directly representing H. R. H. the Prince of After an address by Major Evans-truly described as the doyen of British philately\_Mr. Dunbar Heath, of Perkins, Bacon & Co., proceeded to describe his firm's process of manufacturing line-engraved stamps, and those present had the satisfaction not only of seeing and handling the original die, roller and plate, but also of carrying away with them a delightful souvenir in the shape of a sheet of stamps commemorative of the Congress, and showing the beautiful medallion of Queen Victoria used for the Ceylon fiscals of 1856 (Moens, Type 12170-1). nection I should say also that the invitation and menu cards of the banquet bore reproductoins from other Perkins-Bacon dies, namely, those of the Van Diemen's Land issue of 1855 and the 1 penny Newfoundland. The poor accoustic properties of the hall were no doubt responsible for some difficulty in hearing Mr. Heath's paper, and if a word of criticism may be added, it would perhaps have been better if the printing-press could have been installed among the audience rather than Mr. Heath's technical exposition was enlivened by his dry on the high platorm. humor, and no heartier laugh was raised than when at the closing meeting, after reading the Prince's letter of thanks for a sheet of the Congress stamps printed in gold, he added regretfully that the only "fly in the ointment" was that the letter was written on paper watermarked "Waterlow & Sons."

Mr. Hayman's reception of the delegates that evening being a private function, I am hardly at liberty to say more than that it came as no surprise to those who know the Veritable genius of hospitality and generous entertainment possessed by the Vice President of the Herts Philatelic Society.

The morning of April 28th was occupied by a visit of the delegates to Lord Crawford's London house, where his collection of Great Britain, United States, and some other countries were laid open in two rooms for the unfettered enjoyment of his visitors. The small portions shown at the last Exhibitions gave but an imperfect idea of the rich accumulation contained in these innumerable volumes. Specialized to the highest degree in one sense, they are yet very far removed from the wearisome mass of trivialities too often associated with that word, and there could have been few of the collectors present who did not feel, as they passed out through the corridor lined with the greatest philatelic library in the world, that

their philatelic horizon had been enlarged.

The first meeting of the delegates was held in the afternoon, and Mr. Dorning Beckton's well considered plea for the advisability of securing greater accuracy in the use of philatelic te ms was referred to a committee, and here it was pleasant to find emerging from a cloud of somewhat profitless talk, a suggestion from Mr. Bellamy of the Oxford Philatelic Society, that counsel in this matter should be sought from Sir James Murray, himself a philatelist. Mr. Melville was successful in inducing the Congress to condemn the sending of approval sheets to boys without the sanction of their masters. His opinions were expressed and supported with an earnestness which evidently appealed to those present and with which it is difficult not to sympathize, but nevertheless I venture to think that the action of the Congress in this matter redounded more to the credit of its heart than of its Mr. Hadlow then read an avowedly inconclusive paper on the question of the duration of guarantees of authenticity, and Mr. Tilleard closed the discussion on it with a speech ending with the quiet tactful assumption that the matter was one which called for no resolution. I at least hailed with relief the knowledge that the Congress recognised, and would let itself be guided by the voice of a discreet adviser

The banquet was brilliantly successful, and with the following entertainment lasted till midnight. Even the discomfort of the inevitable flashlight photography and the strident bellowings of that time worn British institution, the toast-master, passed almost unperceived. The culminating point was the arrival of a sedan chair borne by postmen and inscribed with a witty proclamation purporting to represent "Mr. Henniker Heaton's Dream" as a postal reformer. The chair turned out to be a gigantic boite a surprises laden with gifts for the ladies present—a thought which met with applause. Continental philately was represented by Messrs. Coyette, of Paris, and Passer of Vienna.

On the 29th the delegates visited the Tapling Collection and the second conference took place in the afternoon. Major Evans' motion that a committee be formed to endeavor to prevent the sale of forged stamps could scarcely be rejected. One of the delegates pointed out that the question could not well be divorced from the larger subject of forgeries of kindred articles of virtu. Mr. Hinton's paper on the means to be adopted to prevent substituting in exchange packets was followed by expressions of opinion that the subject did not concern the Congress itself, being a matter for individual societies concerned and unless it was proved to be a pressing evil, it was undesirable to ventilate it in public. Mr. Ward's scheme for founding a universal philatelic union was received unkindly.

The closing meeting in the evening was sparsely attended by the public. Mr. Castle's paper on "The possibility of forming a Universal Philatelic Union of Philatelic Societies to discourage unnecessary or speculative issues' was conceived in a judiciously guarded vein, but it ended with a definite outline of the constitution of such a union, which I must in justice say bore at first hearing a striking likeness to Mr. Ward's. The personal authority of the speaker, and the riper modesty with which his suggestions were submitted, secured the deference, if not the assent, of his hearers. His apparent want of appreciation of "pretty sets" of pictorial stamps was hardly shared by the collectors present, who did not hesitate to applaud Mr. Hayman's vigorous defense of such issues.

Mr Henniker Heaton, who has gained not merely the esteem, but if I may say so, the affection, of philatelists, made the closing speech, and the Chairman declared the Congress of 1910 at an end.—Smith & Sons Circular.

## Foreign Revenue Notes -- By O.T. Hartmann

It is now nearly four years that I have furnshed articles on my hobby, "The Foreign Revenue Stamp" and to do a little advertising on the side I remember well the time that I was the only one you could find in the WEST talking about foreign revenue stamps, but it is different now. You see the ads of differnt firms doing business in the fascinating hobby. There are several big firms in France and England devoted to revenue stamps. Of course the U. S. has been for a good many years a nice field for the collector of its document and proprietary stamps, Match and Medicine, and its various tax paid and not to forget the different state issues. A fact is that U.S. occupies 44 pages in the general revenue catalog, being second or third to Argentine, which leaves all countries in the shade Argentine and its provinces occupy 105 pages.

Now let me tell about my results in this particular field, altho I do this time blow my own horn. When I started to exchange my postage for foreign revenues, my aim was to get a fair collection together. My idea was to pick up whatever came my way and I can truly say that I derive even today just as much of pleasure by getting a stamp cat. 1 or 100 cents, so long as it is wanting in my collection. I had several chances to sell parts, but I refuse and would part only with my collection entire.

Now let us go into a little detail of my collection and here and there are things which may be considered side lines to revenues. Following the French catalog as a guide the first country of importance would be Allemagne, that is Germany. Here I have the German Empire nearly complete. A fair sprinkling of Alsace Bavaria, Saxony, Bremen and Prussia. The balance of Germany needs considerable improving. Germany uses also a considerable iot of stamped papers and different telegraph stamps.

To describe Argentine in detail would be a big job. I have about 1000 different ones.

Under Cordova I have been lucky enough to pick up a few values of which only 500 were issued. I have also a few Buenos essays, and revenues used for telegraph purposes.

Of Austria 400 revenues I need only 15 more to complete the same. stamped papers are used, principally on receipts and bills. By close inspection you can distinguish between these, those which were regularly printed and those which are put on by hand press when needed. Each stamp bears a different num-The values are 1 or 5 kreuzer, or as now 2 or 10 heller. Some of the old time receipt of 1813 and before the use of adhesives are interesting, especially when entire, so the date of issue can be proven, and have quite a collection of Te egraph. I have 3 set with different perforations and one also surcharged specimen. Why they should use this English word I really do not know. there are also some telegraph receipt blanks which bear also an imprinted revenue. But that miserable gum they use in Austria on their stamps certainly tries the patience when you have to scrape it off in order to save the stamp and to keep it from curling up.

With Hungary I have not done so well, about 250 have to do me at present.

Croatien, Lichtenstein and Lombardy are only slightly represented. By the way for information the stamps of Croatien are Hungarian stamps of 1868-72 surcharged with an outlined eagle in brown color. Some of the values are scarce.

Brazil and provinces a e about represented 200 copies. I have several 50.000 reis stamps. Sounds big? In the catalog it occupies 24 pages, so my representa-

tion needs considerable improvement. People down there talk Portugese, and it is pretty hard to get in touch with them. Those Brazil with the head of Dom Pedro, in orange, come with a dot or without in the numerals. The issue of 1895, (Southen Cross) come in wide or narrow perforation and makes difference in price. Between 1899-1903 they used several issues printed on bandruche paper like Austria, and are soluble in water. At least it spoils their appearance. My advice of Brazil in general, is do not expect too nice copies, because workmanship is nothing extra.

Canada is my banner country. Not so much the regular issue, but the old tobacco stamps of 1860. About a dozen and I doubt if there are many in absolutely fine condition. Several years ago I had quite an extensive description of the same in the West. The Justice, Gas, Electric and large diff. stamps of the provinces are beauties. The Quebec Assurance are redeemable today, but foolish to do so, because they are catalogued a good deal higher. Of late years a considerable amount of tobacco band have been thrown on the market. They must be remainders and they look quite fresh. There is no end to varieties. I have been able to put a few essays and proofs.

In Cape of Good Hope my luck was with me, because I picked up before the time of catalog a few of the rarest. The late issues must be carefully handled. Do not like water. If you readers of the WEST, do not stop me, I shall continue with my harangue in the next issue of the WEST.

#### STAMPS ENGRAVED BY A BAKER'S BOY.

We give here the interesting history of the origin of Corrientes stamps.

Corrientes is a province or state of the Argentine Republic. At the period to which this story relates, the financial system of the Republic was in a very confused condition, so much so that Corrientes issued its own paper money. The dollar was the lowest denomination in circulation and many different arrangements were devised for facilitating the exchange of small sums.

Postage stamps at that early date were a novelty. The director of the government printing establishment suggested to the Governor that postage stamps might relieve the difficulty arising from the lack of small money.

The governor welcomed the idea and commissioned the director, Mr. Coni, to execute the plan. But after a diligent search, no engraver could be found who was conversant with stamp engraving.

One day, Mr. Coni was relating his discourragement to a friend when the baker's boy arrived with the daily supply of bread. The boy overheard the conversation and at once offered his services, recommending himself by stating that he had been apprentized to an engraver in Italy, before emigrating to South America.

Mr. Coni was elated. He gave the boy a copper plate and a French stamp (Liberty head type) for a model, and directed him to copy the design.

The boy returned in a few days with the plate, on which he had engraved eight stamps. The boy did the best he could. However, Mr. Coni was disappointed by the rude engravings. He had expected a more artistic production. But the design was shown to the Governor, who promptly accepted it and gave orders that the stamps be printed and issued.

The name of the baker's boy of Corrientes has been forgotten, but to him should probab'y be given the distinction of being the first, and possibly only, boy stamp engraver.



## New Issues Column

## By W. S. Lincoln London, W., Eng. 2 Hollis St.

THE OLDEST ESTABLISHED STAMP DEALER IN THE WORLD.

Since making my last offer to my readers to supply the GREAT BRITAIN. 4d Great Britain to anyone who cared to send over 8 cents which is face value and two cents extra for cost of postage, we have received another surprise over on this side, that is an enitrely new value which has just appeared for this country, namely a stamp of 7d which equals in U. S. A. money 14 cents. This stamp is very well printed by Messrs De la Rue and is in a dark shade of grey on white paper. Again the same policy is pursued of not showing the name of the country upon it, so I have had the pleasure of showing it to a number of collectors here and they have wondered considerably where on earth the stamp comes from as the value of 7d is such a surprise to us. The value is shown in the two upper corners on either side of the Imperial Crown and King Edward s Head under this with the words "Postage and Revenue." Owing to the terrible event of the death of our beloved King, these stamps will necessarily be withdrawn within a short period and will then be well worth having. To any of my readers again who would like to have a specimen of this stamp and will send me over 14 cents which is face value and 2 cents for postage I shall be pleased to send over one to add to their collection.

SICILY. Another novelty of the month is a pair of stamps which are issued by the Italian Government for Sicily. It seems strange that after a lapse of so many years and seeing that in our collections "Two Sicilies" has become an historical memory, that it should now be my duty to chronicle a new issue. There are only two values in the set, 5 and 15 centesimi and the designs are identical for the two stamps. At the top of the stamp are the words "Francobollo Postale Italiano" and at the bottom the dates 1860-1910, showing that this is the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Sicily. In the center of the stamp is a very handsome portrait, beautifully engraved of Garabaldi and beneath it are the arms of Sicily. These two stamps, although representing face value 5 and 15 centesimi respectively, are both sold at an additional cost of 5 centesimi, which extra amount goes to swe 1 the funds of some celebration festivities which are to be held.

5 centesimi, green

15 centesimi, red.

SPANISH MOROCCO. 1910. The 2 centimos of the new issues of Spain has just been received surcharged 'Correo Espanol Marruecos', in red.

2 centimos. brown.

SPANISH GUINEA 1910. A set of three stamps inscribed "Territorios Espanoles del Golfo de Guinea" is just issued, bearing a portrait of King Alphonso on either side of which are palm trees. The following is a list of the values:

1 centimo brown. 2 centimos rose. 5 centimos, green.

No B. N. A. Reprints. Young collectors are sometimes suspicous of the bright colored, unused stamps of the two British North American provinces. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Most of these unused stamps, which are more common than those in used condition, are remainders—stamps remaining on hand when their use was discontinued. When the various provinces joined the Canadian confederation, individual stamps were no longer used. In the case of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Is and, the stamps remaining on hand were sold to stamp dealers.

## **FASCINATION**

From the boy in the schoolroom desk, who has just purchased his Lincoln album and his packet containing "100 varieties, all different," to His R val Highness, the Prince of Wales, with his elaporate series of magnificent albums and his innumerable rarities, every stamp collector feels the fascination exerted by phi-None who has felt it This infatuation is not an ephemeral thing. No. would dare to say that it passes, for his remark would instantly be contradicted He would be in a minority, in a hopeless by a score of enthusiastic collectors. minority of one. I am not speaking on a matter of which I am ignorant. On the contrary, I have been. I might say under the spell exercised by the harmless looking postage stamp, from my cradle. Let him who is not yet bewitched and whodoes not desire to be so, take care. For it need be but a trivial thing which might transform one who scoffs at Philatelia as a fooilsh and vapid waste of time to a diligent votary of the hobby of hobbies. A cursory glance at a stamp which he has been told is worth a large amount of money, a hasty perusal of a friend's album, the reading of a page of The WEST, have all been known to act as witches' potions: Like the flash of lightning, the fascination is felt in an instant but unlike the flash, it remains.

It is useless for one who has felt for a moment the fascination of philately to endeavor to throw it aside, for instead of the desire to possess a collection subsiding, it becomes an obsession. The bewitched one dreams of stamps by night, and thinks of them by day, until at last he enters a stamp dealer's shop, in a half guilty way, with a glance at either side to see that his action is not being observed by any one who knows him, and he purchases his first packet of stamps. From that moment he is beyond recall. He has jointed the ranks of stamp collectors

My personal experience teaches me that while the fascination never diminishes, it is evanescent, changeable. Before one may call himself a true philatelist in every sense of the word, he must pass through several stages. The young collector begins by making a general collection. He collects English stamps, Japanese, Greek, Fijjan, Ichian, American, Turkish, and all. He is fascinated, one might say, in a large way. My adjective "large" will be seen to be justifiable, when I say that it has been computed by one who evidently had a great deal of patience that the number of stamps issued throughout the world approaches. the grand total of 192,000. The lad continues forming his general collection, falling short of making it complete by about 191,000, when he discovers that the stamps of certain American States are very desirable, and consequently, he begins to collect these primarily. He deletes the words, Great Britain, from the top of one of the pages of his album, and he places Nicaraugua there instead; for Spain, he writes Honduras; for Canada, Equador. He is fascinated anew, and this time it were better, had he never been fascinated, for he is now in danger of collecting beautiful but useless pieces of gummed paper. He is warned by a stamp collecting friend in a more advanced stage than is he, and he resumes the right road, by disposing of the 'gum-paps.'' The fascination increases daily. goes in for one country in particular; at another time, for another country.

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## DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



uestions 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 I. G. DORPAT. Box 37, Wayside. Wis,

- What Stamp Album with the loose leaf system has the pages illustrated and numbered according to Scott or Gibbons and is provided with stubs to prevent bulging and tissue paper to prevent rubbing, and if so what is the price and where can it be obtained? I do not think that any album with ALL these features exists, but I presume that it could be supplied either by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., or by Stanley Gibbons. The price would be something like \$25.00 to \$100.00 according to arrangement and binding. I would prefer one of the blank Lincoln of London has fine albums.
- What U.S. 3 cents red is worth \$100.00? None that I know of. If we include the pinks, lakes and scarlets as well as the various grills, we find prices quoted from \$20.00 to \$80.00 for unused perfect copies. Some, as the 3c scarlet, are not priced used. These might under certain conditions—being found genuinely used on the letter and in prime condition be worth \$100 00 each, but such is only a supposition, as they are not known to exist in this condition. of the 3c red are not worth one cent each, tho' some are worth a dollar or more. It all depends on the variety and condition.
- What is the best way to sell a stamp collection? This query turns up again and again, and it is impossible to answer it satisfactorily once for all It is difficult to give the answer for any one particular case. Too much depends on uncertainties. In a general way we can only give a few suggestions. It is better, for instance, for one collector to sell to another collector than to sell to a dealer, because thus the two collectors may divide the profit, that otherwise would have to go to the dealer, between themselves. Advertising a collection for sale is good, but the advertiser must know how to advertise; he must give a good and true idea of what he wants to sell, and his price must be correct; otherwise he cannot reckon on success. Selling by the help of an auction manager is also good, if the collection contains any real rarities and the seller has neither time nor ability to manage the sale himself. It is much like selling eggs. you must have the eggs, and they must be of the right kind that is wanted, then you must be a practical salesman or you must find one for you, and lastly you must find a market. Selling to dealers at a low price is generally the quickest way to effect a sale. But why sell at all? Keep your stamps as long as you can. Otherwise you may wish them back, after they are gone.
- 602. Mr. W. S. Lincoln has sent us a sample box of his Stamp Hinges. They are fine and very neatly packed. Price 16 cents post free. Better try a box! 2 Holles Str. Oxford, Stree, London W., England. page ad.
- 650. Are there any stamp papers published in South America? Dr. Rommel lists the following: Revista de la Sociedad Fil. Argent. \_\_Cas. Cor. 1103. Buenos Aires, Rep. Arg. Uruguay Postal, Julio Ariz., Salto, Uruguay. Noticias Filatelicas, Cas. A., Santiago de Chile. Chile. ish Guyana Phil. Journal, ... A. D. Ferguson, Georgetown, Br. Guyana. There used to be one coming from Bogota, Colombia, but I have not seen it nor heard from it

for some time.

- 651. Are any stamp catalogs published in South America? I know of none.
- 652. Are there any Stamp Papers published in the West Indies? Not to my knowledge. There used to be several, but I have not heard of them for a long time, and think they have discontinued to appear. If any or our readers know otherwise, I would thank them very much for letting me know. Publishers might also take notice.
- 653. What kind of Shell is that, watermarked in the stamps of China? It is no shell at all. It is Ying-Yang, two fish copulating, the emblem of fruitfulness. The stamps of Corea, if I am nor greatly mistaken, have the same emblem for the central design, issues of 1895 to 1900, but somewhat modified.
- How is the exchange of stamps effected between collectors? be done in various ways. A sends 50 or 100 loose stamps to B and B sends a like number in return to A, taking care to send about the same quality and wo th. Another way is to mount single stamps on sheets or in books and to mark the price A sends his to B, and B selects the stamps that he of each stamp below it. wants to keep, sending the rest back to A with a book or sheets of B's from which A selects what he wants to keep. If there is any surplus or deficit on either side, that is adjusted by subsequent exchanges, or by settlement in cash, so that the amounts taken by A and by B will balance. A third way is to send want lists. A sends a list of what he wants to B. and B sends a list of what he wants to A. each stating also what he may have to offer. After each knows what the other wants and offers, it is easy to agree on a satisfactory exchange. Care should be taken not to misrepresent, nor to deceive in any manner. Never should a mounted stamp be removed and replaced by another without the owner's consent. and strict honesty should prevail on both sides, which will insure lasting satisfaction and prolonged relations. When three or more collectors enter into an exchange combination they may save postage by letting their exchange books , make the circuit of all before returning them to the owner. Thus an exchange club may be organized, in which case, however, it is desirable that one member should act as exchange superintendent or exchange manager, keeping accounts and helping the others along.
- 655. What stamps would you advise me to buy on speculation? None at all! Decidedly, none at all! As long as you have to ask anybody else for what stamps you should buy, you are pretty sure to fail in any attempt at speculation. If on the other hand you know by study and experience what stamps are apt to rise in value, you will not ask anybody else, but you will also know that speculation is always risky.
- 656. Who can give the addresses of any that wish to buy or exchange U. S. Cash Permits? Mr. O. L. Halvorson of Gunder, Iowa, would like to know. If they will send their names to this department, they will be published, and all parties interested in this kind of postal marks may come into nearer relations, perhaps to the formation of a Permit Society.
- 657. What is the value of a "Bishop City Post" Local Stamp? There are two of these stamps listed by Scott, one without any value expressed, the other with a large "2" in the center. Neither is priced, and the market value can only be guessed. Much, of course, depends on the condition of any particular specimen and the chance one has to find a buyer. I should estimate a fine copy at about \$50.00, a very fine one on the original envelope and letter at \$75. to \$100.
- 658. Who can give the address of the Secretary of the British Post Mark Society?

# A Few Pointers on Building up a Stamp Business-By Cynic

Most every collector has had at some time or other, an overwhelming desire to launch forth into the dignity of a dealer. The ambition is laudable in itself, but how many have had the necessary indomitable perservance to stick to it when the tull realization of just how much hard work is connected with such a business begins to dawn upon them? There are so many petty details to be looked after, so many chances to be taken, which, if one does not choose rightly means a loss, that the erstwhile budding philatelic merchant soon begins to feel discouraged and ere long gives up in disgust with the oft-repeated assertion that there's ''nothing in it.''

That is just the place where the would be dealer makes his first grave mistake. There is "somthing in it," but only for the one who possesses the necessary amount of stick-to-it-iveness and good judgment to profit by the mistakes of both himself and others and who possesses at least an intelligent amount of know ledge regarding human nature. For often the novice in the stamp business fails to appreciate the fact that everyone does not follow rigidly the teachings of the old adage regarding "Honesty being the best policy."

This failure to realize his fact has been the rock on which many a fine stamp business has been wrecked. Not alone in the stamp business, but in all commercial lines, it is a well proven fact that you can't trust 'All the people all the time,' and it takes but a very few breaches of trust to bring about a financial crisis that few are able to successfully withstand.

One of the first pieces of advice which I should give to anyone about to begin business as a stamp dealer is this:

Don't do an approval business. I know this seems a poor policy considering the fact that there are hundreds, yes, thousands of dealers all over the country to-day who are conducting business along the approval line and who seem to be making money at it, too. I am willing to admit there is money to be made in the approval business, but I am just as positive that there is too many chances of loss to be met with that the dealer just entering the business can ill afford to sustain. My idea regarding the proper upbuilding of a stamp business is this:

First, be sure you have an infinite amount of patience and a capacity for detail work of the most exacting character. Be sure you have the necessary perseverance to carry you through the many petty annoyances and disappointments that are sure to arise and do not be easily discouraged.

Second: Try to build up a business along some certain line. Make a specialty of dealing in the stamps of but a few countries, and carry as complete a stock of these countries as your finances will allow.

Third: Try and build up your sales through advertising in some good stamp journal of reliable standing among collectors, and as such as The WEST.

If I were to begin dealing in stamps again, I should each month, have a number of sets or a large number of single stamps which I should offer at as low prices as would afford me a reasonable profit and I would make my offers direct to the buyers through the columns of the stamp journals. I would sell them on a guarantee of 'your money back if not satisfied,' and would be explicit regarding the exact condition and character of the goods offered so that there would be no chance of a charge of misrepresentation.

I would, if I could not afford to expend sufficient for advertising space to list

all of the stamps which I had for sale, have a neat price list printed containing an inventory of all stock that I had to dispose of, and inclose one in every letter sent out, as well as to all who sent in a request for same.

By this method you stand but very small chance of conducting your business at a loss. You don't have to do an excessive amount of bookkeeping to, find out just where you stand and, if you truly give 'value received' you educate your customers to the true mail order principle of doing business, the principle which has enabled the big Chicago mail order houses to become today the greatest dividend payers in the world.

Of course, there are many points to consider regarding the up-building of this kind of a business. You must expect to expend quite a sum for printer's ink before returns that seem commensurate begin to arrive but remember that no really good business was ever of mushroom grow and that the most lasting is that which develops with time and hard work.

Two of the main things I want to impress upon you, though, are these. Patronize only the high grade stamp journals if you wish your advertising expenditures to net you the returns you have a right to expect for the money you invest in publicity. A cheap advertising rate is often the most expensive in the long run and remember if 25c an inch is all that is asked it is often a great deal more than it is worth to you. As a rule, the publisher who sets a good, livable price on his advertising space knows that it is worth all that is asked for it, and sometimes a great deal more. A glance at his columns should enable you to judge if it would pay you to also place your ad there. If he has lots of advertisers the chances are 100 to 1 that they have tried out his publication and have found that it will bring full returns for the amount expended.

Another thing, and this is as important as the other. If you do have any printed price lists, letter-heads, envelopes, circulars, etc., for goodness sake see that they are well printed and of good quaiity. Don't be cheap! Your customers are impressed either favorably or unfavorably by the character of your printed matter and it is haid to retain as a permanent customer one who has adjudged you as a "one horse" concern from the appearance of your printed matter.

Remember that your catalog and your stationery are your salesmen and you wish them to make as good an appearance as possible and reflect credit both upon yourself and your business. First impressions are usually lasting ones and you can't afford to take chances of heing able to eradicate impressions after a lapse of time.

If you have a desire to engage in the stamp business, then be sure to rememher these few things and you will be doing all in your power to ensure a successful career.

Do no approval business, or at least as little as you possibly can

Let the collector know the true character and condition of your goods and let him 'send first.' Use only the good, proven, reliable journals if you wish to reach the most people at the smallest outlay.

Have classy printed matter and stationery and don't be afraid to spend your money for printer's ink. The WEST is the oldest Philatelic monthly in the U.S.

All the paper for the millions of postage stamps used in the United States is manufactured at Mechanic Falls. Maine. Once a month the firm recives a requisition for one million sheets of the paper, and each sheet will make three hundred and sixteen stamps.



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From the Stamo Collectors' Fortnightly we take the following about the first issue (1907) British Soloman Islands stamps. They were lithographed in Sydney, Australia. The ½, 1 and 2½d were printed in 60,000 and the 3, and 6d and 1s in 30,000 copies each. The average daily use amounted to about 1000 stamps, so that the whole lot would have lasted about 330 days. When the engraved issue took the pleac of the lithographed issue, the remainders of the latter were burnt. Of these there cannot have been very many, because considerable numbers of unused stamps had been bought up by dealers, and it is more than likely that of some values there were no remainders at all. Genuinely used some of the values are quite scarce. For the specialist there is a number of minor varieties. Those desiring to learn more about these varieties will find an elaborate list in the Fortnightly.

In the report of the meeting of the Germania-Ring at Gotha August 7-9th, 1909, 36 societies with 1364 and 17 individual members with 85 votes were represented, or 1449 votes in all. The total of all members of the Ring is 76 societies with 2344 members and 365 individual members, or 2709 in all. One of the most important steps taken by the Ring was the adoption of a definition of the word 'Neudruck' (Reprint in English). We may translate it thus: "Reprints are impressions of postage stamps obtained by using the original plates at a time when the printing of like postage stamps for postal use had already been denfittely discontinued." This includes under the term 'reprints" all impressions made for other than postal purposes even at a time when the original stamps are yet cur-If we apply this definition to the Seebeck stamps, for instance, we get the Suppose there were two printings of any particular stamp, one made in September or October and intended for actual postal use in the following year. the other in July or August of that year and intended (not for postal use) for replenishing the stock of remainders of that stamp for sale to collectors; then the imrpessions from this second printing would, according to the Ring's definition, be clas ed as reprints, even though the impressions from the first printing were yet current for 5 to 6 months. If the second printing were required to replenish the stock of the post offices, then, of course, it would be different. Whether this definition will be universally accepted remains to be seen. We are inclined to favor it.

MELVILLE STAMP BOOKS. NUMBER SIX. HOLLAND.—Is a worthy successor to the splendid five numbers that went before. What REDFIELD'S WEEK-LY says about No. 5, "The Stamps of Nevis" might be repeated almost word for word in regard to No. 6. It says: "We have so exhausted our vocabulary of praise and commendation on previous issues of the Melville Stamp Books that we are inclined to give up in despair any attempt to do further justice to the series, represented this month by an admirable handbook on the stamps of Nevis. There is but one Melville, and the Melville Stamp Books are unique and unapproachable. The Nevis handbook, like its predecessors, is a skilful and readable condensation.

of all that is known to Philately on the subject of which it treats. If Mr. Melville lives long enough (and he is still, we believe on the sunny side of thirty, so that there is every reason to believe that he has many years of activity ahead of him we may reasonably expect in time a whole reference library from his pen, which will supersede for the cesual student, at least, all else that has been written—a gloomy outlook for other authors but one over which collectors who love authoritive stamp literature in tabloid form are not likely to repine." A higher praise, without prevarication, is just about impossible. The series is though, indeed, worthy of the praise, as every one of the six books so far issued is a delight to the philatelic eye.

GUSTAV SCHMIDT'S TAUSCHVERKEHRBUCH fuer POSTWERTZECHEN-SAMMLER...is an account-blank-book to be used by collectors in excha ging sin-There are 12 columns to each page with the following headings: Date, kind of stamp, country, face-value, color, issue, catalob-number, used or unused, remarks, catalog-price, retained, returned. There are 39 lines to each page, which means room for the record of 39 stamps. The book contains over 100 pages 8x11, making room for the record of 3900 stamps. Of course, for the exchange of stamps that are worth a few cents only it would not pay (neither in time nor in money) to keep such a reco d, but where stamps of higher value are considered such a systematic re ord becomes evidently valuable It shows exactly from whom any stamp was obtained, when and at what price, and all this is kept in handy form, SEPARATE FROM THE COLLECTION. The text is printed in the German language, but it may easily be understood and used by anybody, whether he understands German or not. The book is bound in cloth, and the price is 2 francs and postage, which will be about 90 cents in the U. S. It may be ordered through the editor of the INQUIRY DEPARTMENT: Rev. L. G. WAYSIDE, WIS.

Mr. George Ward Linn of Columbus. Ohio, has for many years aimed at accomplishing the publication of a first class stamp paper, and now, in the Stamp Collector of which he is publisher and editor, he is realizing his ambition. paper was good from the start, but every succeeding number is a slight improvement over the one before. There is original matter, not in wording only, but in ideas. The latest, is an American Philatelic Academy, patterned after the French Academy, to consist of the best philatelists in America is to be self perpetuating. The name and process does not seem to matter much in Mr. Linn's mind, if the object be attained, namely, the serious cooperation af all truly scientific philatelic We believe the idea worth taking up by all true friends of the study of stamps, and would suggest that each of the big national societies at their meetings this year, appoint a committee say of three men, to communicate with similar comimttees of other societies. After a year's consultation among these committees an organization might be effected. Another way would be a confederation among all stamp societies of the United States for the express purpose of creating a national scientific board. This Board might fix its own standard of labors. philatelic research, decision of philatelic questions, etc. etc. As Mr. Linn suggests, the body whatever its name or organization may be, should not be dominated by a few, but should be representative and built on the broadest basis.

Our friends who have neglected to remit their subscriptions—no matter how condial our relations—will unfortunately never see another copy of WEST if they fail to heed this warning: "Do it now!" Don't blame us if we cut you off. We can't help it. It's orders. Two months due is all we allow. Send today.

### Some Cancellations

While sorting over a batch of common U. S. stamps a few years ago, I came upon a very unique cancellation. The stamp was the 2c brown, 1882 issue, bearing the profile of Washington. The cancellation was a mere black daub, but it shape and position on the stamp gave it an exact appearance of a black, fringel hood on the head of an old lady—a Grandmother Washington, in fact.

I have since paid more attention t) cancellations and postmarks, and have tound much that is interesting about them.

The cancellations of our own countrry are by no means uniform. There are countless varieties and variations. The old "Paid" hand stamp, used before postage stamps made their bow to the public, was sometimes used to cancel the early postage stamps. The circular dater, giving the name of the city with date is the common cancellation on old U. S. stamps. Later the dauber, (the stamp canceller), was added to the date stamp, giving us the postmark as we now have it. The date stamp has remained practically unchanged, but the dauber is found in a great variety of designs. Cogwheels, concentric circles, rings, oval and circular designs of parallel bars, shields, and scores of other emblems and singular designs are among the cancellations of hand stamps.

The daubers of the automatic cancelling machine are longer and in straight and wavy lines, oblique and vertical bars.

Foreign cancellations have comparatively little variation. The early British stamps of the mother country were used in some of the smaller colonies until special stamps were provided. These stamps are distinguishable only by the canceller which bore a distinctive number. A few of them are: AO1, Kingson, Jamaica; AO2, Antigua; AO3, Georgetown, British Guiana; AO5, Bahamas; AO4, Nevis; A11, St. Lucia; A15, Grenada, etc. The offices of the large towns in England, corresponding to second class offices in our country, use numbered cancellation stamps very similar to the old colonial marks.

The postmarks of European countries are uniform in general appearance, though of course, there are many varieties.

In examining cancellations, wide differences in the quality and kind of inks used will be noted. Different colors as well as many varieties of black inks an in evidence. Some Oriental countries and also a few in Europe have used inks of chemical composition that make penetrating stains in the paper, sometimes bleaching or destroying the color of that portion of the stamp obliterated.

BLOTTING PAPER. If you are next with your collection you will have found blotting paper a great convenience and aid in preparing stamps for the collection.

All extra paper should be removed from the backs of stamps before placing in the collection. If the stamps be in used condition, they may usually be placed in water to soak. When the paper is loose, biot off all surplus water with one set of blotters, then place the stamp between two dry, clean blotters and under weights or in a book press until dry.

It is best to leave the stamps to dry for several hours. If they are taken out while yet damp, are liable to curi and warp, and will not present the pleasing flat appearance of the pressed stamps.

The average collector will find a half dozen clean white blotters sufficient for his needs.

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## New Coins and Stamps

#### BRISK DEMAND FOR THE NEW 7D. STAMP OF KING EDWARD.

With the accession of a new Sovereign, a change is necessitated in stamps and coinage. In due course new designs will be made bearing the head of King George V, both for the Mint and the stamp departments, but it will be some time before the first George V, coin or stamp is struck off.

The Edward VII. issues will be continued until the dies of the present King are ready, but only the quantities which are absolutely necessary for the carrying on of public business will be issued.

The new 7d. postage stamp, announced a short time ago, bearing the late King's portrait has been on sale. Printed ni grey, the King's head is surrounded with scroll work, the leaves going up to the side of the crown, and the value is printed in each top corner.

This is said to be the first time a new stamp has been issued immediately after the death of a monarch, and there was a great demand for the issue, both on the part of dealers and the general public.

King George is an ardent philatelist, and the Inland Revenue officials are expecting him to take a peculiar interest in the new issues. When he was in Canada he personally arranged with the Postmaster General of the Dominion for the issue of the Canadian stamp, and after reaching London he sent a specially taken photograph of himself from Marlborough house to the engravers of the die. The King possesses one of the most valuable collections of stamps in the world, including the famous first Mauritius stamps—the penny red and the two-penny blue.—Fortnightly.

#### WHAT THE EMBLEM SAYS.

' Bright & Sons' "A.B.C." Descriptive Prices Catalogue of the World's Postage Stamps, Part 1, Eighth Edition. For the second time we have been favored with a copy of this popular English catalogue, which now in its eighth edition is being recognized as a worthy rival of Gibbons. We will not enter into details in reviewing this catalogue, for such would be a task most difficult, but a few words descriptive, etc., will not be far amiss. Bright's Catalogue, in scope and style is somewhat similar to Scott's, but we prefer the latter for the reason that the illustrations are more distinct, and the system of excluding minor varieties is more concise. The lists of Nicarauga and Salvador have been re-written by a special-Special attention has been given to Holland, also several of the Indian Native States. Owing to the increase in the number of pages the publishers have increased the price of the catalogue. The price now, postpaid is 2-10 (seventy cents). This catalogue, thoroughly revised up to the date of going to press, contains 5000 illustrations including about 200 of U.S. stamps. American collectors will appreciate Bright's for this reason, if for no other. Well printed on thin glossy paper, and bound in dainty blue cloth, Bright's Eighth Edition forms a neat and useful handbook and should enjoy a large sale in this country as well as in England." This catalogue or Lincoln's given with the WEST 1 year for a dollar.

Auction sales are amusing things. There is a certain excitement about them which pretty much every one enjoys. There is quick, sharp bidding on desirable items, while poor things can barely get a bid. There is always the hope of making a good turn.



Anyone who sets himself to make a BOILED collection of the world's Postage Dues would find it a hard matter; in this subere collection of the world's Postage Dues DOWN there are occasionally wonderful opportun-

A dealer who makes a specialty of

the stamps of any particular country will be likely to provide some uncommon kinds of that country; two pages of a certain wholesale list to hand are devoted to the stamps of one country, per hundred, and the items are delightfully interesting in their extent and fulness.

Selections of stamps that can be described as "odds and ends" probably stand little chance of attracting purchasers; perhaps the best selling sheet is that on which regular issues are set out in the older in which they occur in the catalogue.

It is stated that the craze for original covers dates back to the time of Ad-If that is so, Noah must have been the first collector of pairs.

Dealers in current issues find it an advantage to have a correspondent on or near the spot, some reliable good fellow, who is simply a gatherer of stamps for the purpose of exchanging them for others outside the sweep of his own net. likely as not he will pick up many an out-of-the-way stamp and send it along where he possesses it in duplicate.

New Zealand Officials above the 1d value are an interesting quest, though apt to be not too fruitful in results.

The new issue for Portugal has led to a search an ong old correspondence for addressed of neglected exchange correspondents in that country, and one hopes some of them may prove to be still in evidence. Still, the cheaper sorts will put in an appearance in other quarters in due time.

At plan that usually pays is to fix upon some denomination of any new set that is likely to be scarce, and get correspondents to use that value in superabundance on all their letters, thus providing oneself with a supply of that particular stamp from the outset.

There was a lot of talk about the Merry Widow stamp at the time of its sudden withdrawal, but up to the present 15 cents is the mark reached (face value 8 cents). Of these Mr. Morris says, 'Only four plates of these stamps were prepared, and they were only put to press three times, and as is well known, a very few postoffices ever had a supply of them prior to their withdrawal from circulation."

Philatelically speaking, the death of King Edward will make great changes. When we consider the large number of "King's Heads" for Great Britain and her Colonies that are now in use it is readily seen that many new varietis of stamps will soon be added to the catalogue. The boom in 'king's heads' will assuredly have a great impetus and this just as surely means the birth of many more stamp collectors.

You will be doing us a great deal of good when buying stamps from our advertisers if you will kindly mention that you saw their advertisement in the The WEST for sixteen years has been greatly supported by the trade, owing to its large circulation and the business done with its readers. In asking you to mention the WESI our advertisers are able to find that it pays to patronize our It costs 2c a word, 3 time for the price of 2. It pays big.

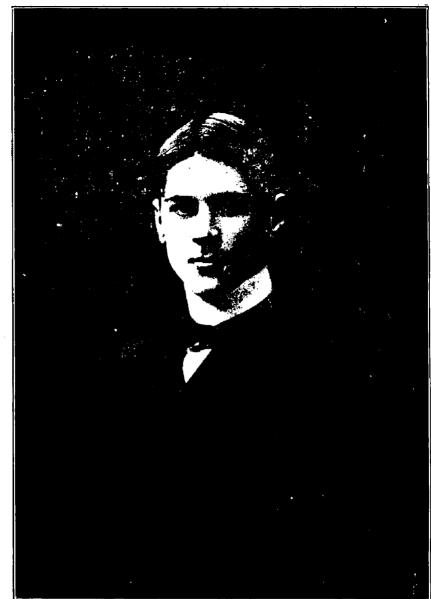
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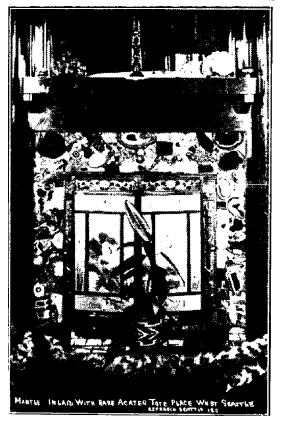




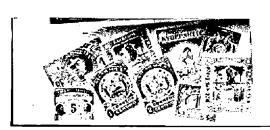




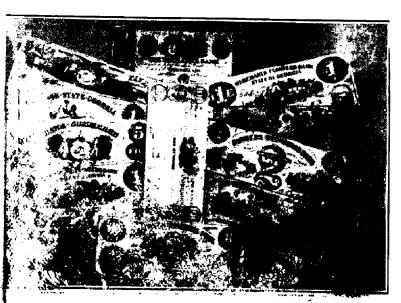
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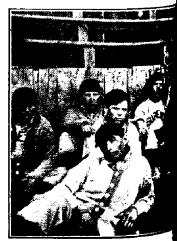
Collections of the old Curiosity Shop. 8



A bunch of stamps taken from a packet. Bills of J. H. Harmon, Hay Springs, Neb.

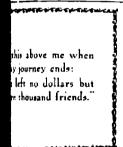


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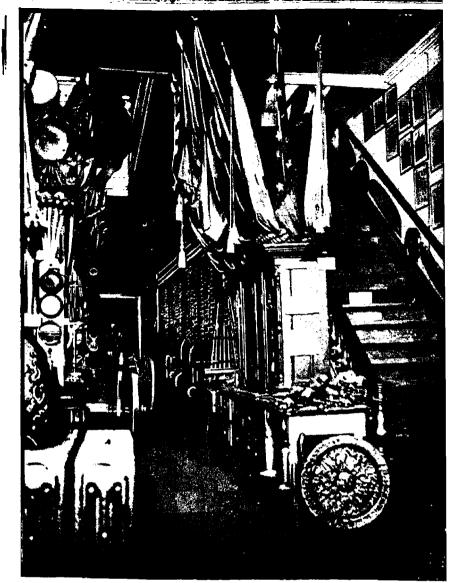


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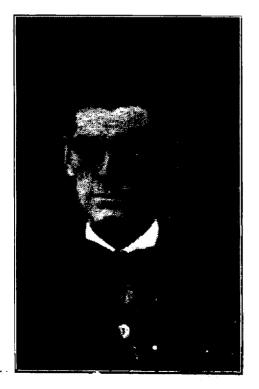
One of Francis Bannerman's large sales rooms, New York City
See their ads in this issue.

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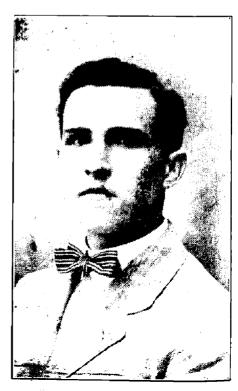


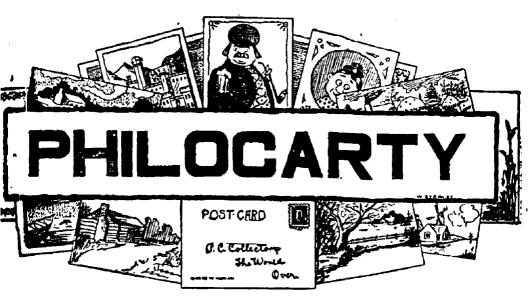


George Griggs, Ph. D., Chihauhua, Mexico, noted collector and writer. H. B. Dynes, Indianapolis, Ind.



J. T. Baber, Pocahontas, Va.Student and Collector.A. Vazquez, Havana, Cuba.





Let us one and all become real recruiters. Let each month see new ads, new names on the post card club list, new deeds of all sorts, helping one another in the various pursuits of the large field of Hobbies. One of our leading card and stamp papers, published in Winnipeg, Canada, is called "The Hobbyist," and is an official organ of one of the leading Canadian card clubs called the "Hobby Club." I cannot comment enough on the appropriateness of said name for such a paper devoted to all branches of collecting, same as The WEST. It has been advertised in the WEST and it would pay to subscribe for the same.

How many of you have seen the Annual Post Card Directory, publisted by the Philatelic & Cartophilic Printing Co., Rotherham. England? It is the lest book of its kind. It embraces all fields of philocarty the world over giving names of collectors, publishers, societies, printers, also reviews, also gives assists in the loreign languages to enable anyone to correspond in at least 4 different languages, using the necessary phrases in card exchange purposes.

"Things seen are mightier than things heard or read." So said some wise man once, and this applies to the card exchange. The view depicts to our eye at once a place or scene we could not grasp half as well and quickly through words alone as can the view card with only a greeting enned to it by the busy friend abroad, or wherever he may be, with greetings such as these: "Hello, old boy! See where I'm at Wish you were here with me", etc. It is certainly impressionistic! The picture is conveyed in the right spirit and thus the scene is perfected in our mind's eye.

How many have seen the sets of cards from Canal Zone? These are a rarity, show the great Panama Canal, work in progress. The cards are beautiful in rich colors, consisting of various interesting scenes on the Canal. They are most perfect, finished in "photochrome" style. These show native homes and natives at work, negro quarters of workmen on the Canal, Chagres River and high level locks of the Canal, stone crushers, dredges at terminus, sections of the Panama Canal, great monster steam shovels at work hoisting tons of rock and soil in a most impressive manner. The steam shovels are much the same as these used in our country in building rarlway.

Notice the card ads in the WEST as most of them are good ones.

## A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

## By George J. Remsburg

Ex-Senator George P. Morehouse, of Topeka, who is much interested in arch eacological and historical subjects, has made some interesting archaeological developments in the Diamond Valley, in the southwestern part of Morris county, Kans.

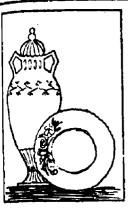
An interesting find is reported from Doniphan county, as follows:

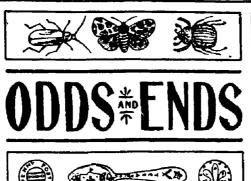
While Loyd Dawson was plowing on the top of a hill near Eagle Springs, his plow struck something which proved to be a human skull. The entire skeleton was brought to town and can be seen in a glass case at the drug store. strave were found bells, arrow points and a great ball of war paint, which, when the air struck it, crumbled to ashes, but was carefully collected and the color is still a vivid hue. No doubt of this being an Indian burying ground as other graves were found, one a child's with beads and other ornaments. The sketeton is of large proportions showing the Indian to have been almost a giant and probsably a chief of his tribe by the amount of finery buried with him. spre these skeletons had lain there since long before the white man invaded this territory as the land on which it was found was first settled in 1856 by John Alfrey, Jr., and has been continuously cultivated since. The dirt has gradually washed away by the natural wash of time and cultivation until the buried bodies became exposed."

Did you ever hear of anyone making a collection of patent medicines before' In these days it is a rad to make a collection of something or other," says the Stockton Record, 'but the most curious collection we have heard of is that of Mrs. Fannie Lewis of this city. Her tastes ran to patent medicines and toilet preparations, and with her accustomed energy and thoroughness, she has succeeded an gathering into one place samples of nearly everything known to modern nos-For a long time she haunted the local drug store for samples, but as her collection grew her insatiable ambition led her into wider fields, and she pored over the advertising pages of magazines and medical journals, hunting for something new, and when she found it she would write for a sample. way she has built up a museum of unnatural curiosities or a medical junk shop That will be a mine of information for the pharmaceutical antiquarian of the fu-She is now receiving a heavy letter mail from manufacturers all over the country asking if she has benefited by the remedies and requesting testimonials for publication."

County Clerk H. L. Petterson, while plowing upon his farm in Logan township. Mitchell County some years ago, found two coins of the reign of King Charles III. of England, bearing the dates of 1663 and 1671, respectively. The coins are of copper, and from the inscriptions and characters upon them, were probably used in the British East Indian trade. How they ever came to Mitchell county, kansas, will, of course, never be known."

Kansas collectors are requested to send the editor of this department and motes that they may deem suitable for publication therein. Address P. O. Box i. Potter. Kans.







The anthropological department of the Peabody museum at Yale has received from Prof. Kollman, who holds the professorship of anatomy at the Anatomical Institute at Basle, Switzerland, an interesting relic. It is a human female skull found in a peolithic lake dwelling near Neufchatel.

A pair of Charles II, table candlesticks with fluted nozzles and large octagonal wax cans sold for \$7100 at a sale of silver in London. A James 1. goblet with original gildings, weighing 6 oz 12 dwts, realised \$3000.

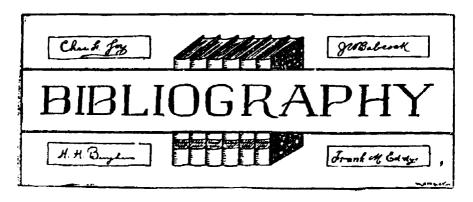
The duchess of Bedford is an enthusiastic ornithologist. In an article in British Birds she gives some remarkable instances of longevity among birds in her own collection. A Barbary dove which has been in the duchess' possession for fifteen years was left her by an old woman who also owned it for fifteen years and who always said it was an old bird when it was given to her.

Perhaps the most interesting and valuable heirloom in South Dakota is owned by James Kelton, a prominent resident of Henry. It is in the form of an old clock, which was sent to him by a relative in Massachusetts. The great, great, great grandfather of Mr. Kelton brought the old clock from Scotland prior to the year 1635. Thus the old time piece is known to be over 275 years old. An interesting feature of the matter is that the old clock yet is running and keeps accurate time as any new and modern clock. Naturally the clock is regarded by Mr. Kelton as priceless and is considered his most valuable possessions.

Some interesting relics were disposed of at the London auction rooms the other day. Three thousand dollars was paid for an old mahogany desk on which Robert Burns wrote many of his poems and lyrics. The purchaser was Bertraud Quaritch the famous book seller of Piccadilly, who secured it after keen competition. A mahogany desk and oak stool which were used by Charles Dictens fetched \$117. A first edition of "Don Quixote" in two volumes, printed at Madrid in 1605 and 1615 realized \$1,250, and a first edition of Homer, printed at Florence, 1488, was sold for \$1,225.

An interesting sale of books relating to America is being held in London. The subjects dealt with in the collection include accounts of the early settlements, Indian tribes, Mexico, West Indies, South America and the American Revolution. Included in the sale are a number of valuable books from the library of a nobleman, and rare manuscripts and original drawings from the collection of the late M. T. C. Blofeld.

A Charles II. tankard sold for \$680 recently in London.



## AUTOGRAPH GALK

An English dealer writes to me: " • • • There is a run on some dozen names and their letters sell at once as soon as offered, but names which have been celebrated in the past seem to be forgotten. There are very few good students nowadays, and the names of even celebrated personages are often quite unknown. Every year the old clever collectors die and here are none to replace them. This is a privolous age—all hurry and bustle; people have no time to think and money is all they care about."

I have often said the same thing—as all this is quite true of the United States—but I had supposed it was different in Great Britain. With a far greater percentage of wealthy and cultivated people than a new country like the United States could possibly have. I thought that there must be, of course, many more autograph collectors. But it seems there are not and that the outlook is not good. The dealer further said that the best place to sell a good thing was at auction—in other words, to catch the transient ignorant rich buyer.

There are many multimillionaires in England and the United States who are hunting around to find opportunities of getting rid of their surplusimoney. are ready to buy anything if told that it is rare and desirable. They think it looks well to have a large and finely bound libray....so they plunge heavily in books at auction sales, and also take a fling at autographs now and then. It needs a rich bait to entice these buyers. It must be the library or collection of some nobleman or famous collector. Then they flock in and bid each other up to fool-Exactly the same items without the glamor of the famous name would not attract them at all. In other words, they know little of the books or autographs themselves and are simply buying on the name of the seller. the same in this country. It is the advertisement which sells, not the merit of the article.

Fortunately for myself there is a sufficient number of intelligent and cultured people in this country who like autograph letters to warrant my continuing in business, and there are times—by putting things in auction sales—when I can get some of the money of the ignorant rich. For all of which I am duly thankful.

There are any quantities of good autographs in the United States. There are not enough fine letters of Washington, Lincoln, Poe, Hawthorne, etc., to supply all who want them, hence the prices are forced up by the competition of buyers. But of the lesser lights like Longfellow, Holmes, Whittier, etc., there is seemingly an endless supply. There is not the slightest reason for fighting over them at auction.

The trouble with the American collector is, when he wants a things he wants

it at once. If one dealer has not got it he applies to all the other dealers, and the result is they are all after it for him; and if one turns up at auction there is here competition and up goes the prices. The old collectors were patient. They wher enjoyed collecting, and did not expect to finish it up in six months. Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet was over twenty years ext a illustrating his 'Lossing's field Book of the Revolution,' and would be at it yet had he not sold it with his wher books to the Lenox Lib ary.

"If you are extra-illustrating Irving's 'Life of Washington' there is really knurry about getting it to the binders. Take time about it, do it soberly and wisty, then it will be done right and you will be proud of it.

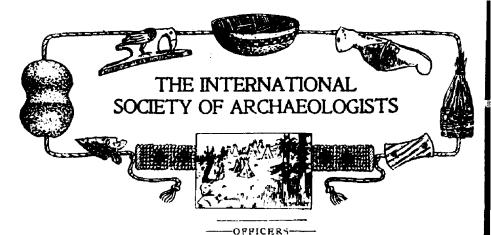
Every now and then sets of books extra-illustrated with prints and autographs am up at sales. They are unbound and ready for the binder. This purports to the labor of some years, but the truth is that some dealer spent a few hours at a putting in what cheap prints and common autographs he could find readily at and. It pretends to be in the same class with the labor of love on which some elector has spent years while extending some famous work. Of course it is not. In it catches some rich fool and that is all that was wanted.

While many foolish prices are paid at auctions it does not follow that all rices are high. There are many items which go at reasonable rates and some The thing to do is to keep your head and know something hith go cheaply. boot what you are buying. It is the auctioneer's business to try and work up extement, so as to increase competition. This should be guarded against. mat present four auctioneers who sell autograph letters. These are Stan V. lakels, of Philadelphia; Walter Scott and Geo ge H. Morse, of New York, and ilen H. Bent, of Boston. Mr. Henkels has been doing it for twenty years and a had wide experience. He knows a good deal about historical and political ligraphs, but has not had much to do with other varieties. —From The Collector,

#### PICTURE POST CARDS IN EDUCATION.

The advent of the picture post card has provided a cheap, abundant and vabisupply of pictures which can be freely used in teaching History, Geography, of English Literature. To use these to the best advantage, obtain a has and have a hinged back attached so that the contents may be easily changed. tastiff cardboad mount and, having decided on the number of cards to be disand at one time, cut holes in it, silghtly smaller than the ordinary card. fumming a small piece of cardboard at the base of each hole, to prevent the id from slipping down, the preparations are complete A few words about the Should a passage from Shakespeare be liction of cards will perhaps be useful. Whith a set of views of the poet's birthplace, church and tomb should be dis-The birthdays of other great men, dates of battles, and other important tals could be impressed on the scholars' minds in this way, the exhibition be-Recompanied by a few words of explanation. In some cases the scholars will emelves give or lend cards for exhibition, thus increasing the interest taken in Some cards are especially useful to teachers, for use as above, bewe they contain much useful information as well as very interesting views. loped that future issues by all publishers will bear plenty of information, as rducational advantages of the cards will be thus increased, e. g. with the porlit of a poet or writer should be joined date of birth and death, names of chief ris, etc. Look up the WEST card ads.

If you don't believe people have money to spend, try an ad in the WEST.



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#### SECRETARYS' EIGHTH REPORT.

Fellow Members:....Just a few words this time. . I am very busy right m (May 17) working on the May ARCHAEOLOGICAL BULLETIN. Very few realize how much work is connected with this office and editing the Bulletin, or the would be a greater effort on the part of more members to assist me in the eco I do not like to be personal, but I hope you will realize the extent of the work when I tell you that my daily work and this together has compelled me put in 16 to 17 hours each day, and nearly every Sunday since last August that time I have written nearly 1,000 communications concerning the society well I am glad to be able to do the work but you have no idea how I would approximate assistance from YOU in the way of working for new members. Must I ask 50 Remember, the larger the membership, the better the Archaelogical 54 again? letin.

The following members have recently donated 50 cents each for the General Funds of the society. I take this means of thanking them again for their bid ness: Arthur Hunt, Chicago, Ills. Archibald Crozier, Ashburn, Mo. others have contributed lesser amounts. Lack of space prevents a statement Due credit will be given in time.

Below is this month's list of applicants. A few more than last month, let us make it still larger for next month. YOUR help is needed to do ilmember. I have the BULLETIN work on hands.

#### APPLICANTS.

J. M. Ebbert, 316 West King St., York City, Penna.

- 149. Hamlin Barnes, Wellsville, Ohio.
- 150. Ed Cornelius, Georgetown, Ililnois.
- 151. Herbert E. Poulson, Box 25, Bedminster, N. Y
- 152. W. H. Woods, Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska.
- 153. A. E. Neely, R. F. D. 1, Box 47, Morgantown, W. Va.
- 154. John A. Sterling, 300 West Adams, Lawrence, Kansas.
- 155. W. H. Rayner, 712 S. Fountain Ave., Springfield, Ohio.
- 156. E. B. Rayner, 712 S. Fountain Ave., Springfield, Ohio.
- 156. E. B. Rayner, Box 361, Piqua, Ohio.
- 157. E. H. Marriott, LaMoille, Illinois.
- 158. Townsend L. Bishop, Portlandville, New York.
- 159. Hen y E. Lee, Pierre, So. Dak.
- 160. Homer P. Rogers, Box 51, Jamestown, New York.
- 161. T. D. Shipton, P. M., Hanover, Illinois.
- 162. John W. Tweed, Ripley, Ohio.

The above applicants will be admitted to full membership in thirty days if somplaint is filed with the Secretary prior to that.

For application blank address the Secretary,

Allen Jesse Reynolds, Box 534, Council Grove, Kans.

#### ABOUT MUTILATED COINS.

Mutilated coin is redeemable at the United States Assay Offices and the Inited States mints; gold coin at the former, and silver, nickel and copper coins the latter. No matter what state of mutilation a coin may be in, it is redeemble at its bullion value only. If all its original weight and fineness exists, its ollion value will be its former face value.

The face value of silver and smaller coins is determined by the government tamp upon them, although that value is about twice their bullion value. If they are mutilated without any of the coin having been removed, and are genuine sited States coins and not counterfeits made of the same metal, they will then endeemable at their face value in amounts of not less than \$3.00 If.however, portion of the coin has been removed, no matter now small (as for instance, a lugged coin), it can be redeemed at its bullion value only. If any portion of a little or copper coin has been removed it is practically destroyed, as its bullion talue is of no moment.

It is a crime to again circulate coin from which any portion has been taken, ilversmiths and jewelers have been forbidden the practice of punching a hole in gold or silver coin, to be used on a bangle, or to file smooth on side, as for a utton, for the reason that some day the coin thus mutilated might become separted from its attachment and be the means of defrauding some innocent person, ewelers, cannot, however, be prevented from soldering on a small eyelet or ring, by so doing they have not taken any portion from the coin. Further, it is not tainst the law to mutilate or plug a nickel or copper coin, because such mutilaten or plugging destroys it as a coin. One quite noticeable defect in genuine and coins, especially in five dollar gold pieces, is the occasional absence of ring, a examination of the coin under a microscope will reveal that this is due to taking, the government inspectors sometimes failing to detect such a defect. If comparatively new coin, it will still be of full weight and value.

C. R. HARRIS.

aying Teller, Commercial Department Scandinavian American Bank, of Seattle.



The 76th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, May 6th, President Harry F. Williams presiding. The following twenty members were present: Messrs. Ripstra, Mayer, J.T. Kelly, Green, Verkler, Carey, W.F. Dunham, V.M. Brand, Broner. Simpson, Excell, Leon, Michael, Jochem, Baker, Sorensen, Williams, Loer, Rau and Wilson.

A bronze medal of Dr. Daniel G. Brinton was received from the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia, issued in celebration of the 40th and versary of the Society. Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer presented a number of numismatic Messrs. C.E. Morrill and Leo Kahn were elected to membership. Under Exhibitions Mr. V.M. Brand showed a part of his collection of the silver coin of Brunswick and Lureberg, consisting of four 1% thater, three 2 thaler, four \$ thaler, five 4 thaler, four 5 thaler, two 6 thaler and three 10 thaler pieces. W. F. Dunham showed his collection of wa medals. Magazines received since last meeting were: Philatelic West, Numismatische Verkehr and Spink's Circula for April, and Mehl's Monthly for April and May: auction catalogs from Cahn. Chic go Coin Co., Egger B os., Elder, Green, Hirsch (2), Low and Steigerwalt; with fixed prices from Boudeau, Kube and Majer; priced catalog from I ow. son was present as a visitor. Adjourned to meet June 3rd. Ben G. Green, sec'r.

There will shortly be sold in New York, the rarest and most desirable coin It will probably prove a record breaker in the way of prices and it is certainly worth any sum that may be paid for it. We refer of course, to the unique Confederate half dollar, the only numismatic record of a nation of nice millions of people who maintained a precarious existence in the face of overwhelming odds for the space of nearly four years and a half. Many ancient rulers and cities are represented by single coins which command big prices, and while in most cases they are genuine and authentic records of the part their histories at not susceptible of proof. Other coins which have been sold for small fortund base their value on the difference of a date or perhaps some unimportant variety. whereas the king of all coins has an authentic history from the day it was struct to the present time and as if to prove beyond any peradventure of a doubt that III birth was legitimate it is practically guaranteed by the U.S. for the reverse dir is the same die as that used for our own coins and a minute crack above the head of Liberty proves that it was the die in use in New Orleans at the breaking out of Four of these coins were struck but all record of the other three has been Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy was the owner of one these and the present writer in the course of inquiry regarding the history of this remarkable coin received a letter from Mr. Davis in which he stated that it 🕬 Where are the other three! I'm stolen from him at the time of his capture. question is as difficult of solution as the location of the lost tribes of Israel. I is scarcely probable that all three have been destroyed as from the history of the coins it is likely that they would be cherished by their owners, in fact we less from Mr. Davis' letter that he took it with him in his flight although its possession While he left many jewels, lands and nearly all might lead to his discovery. his possessions he clung to the one imperishable record of his former greatues. The coin has been struck on U. S. Half dollars but the clumsy work readily div tinguishes it from the beautiful original. We occasionally hear of one of these turning up in some Southern city with the statement that the owner has refused to thousand dollars for his priceless possession. Sad must be his awakening when on showing his coin to an expert he learns alas that it is only worth \$10 or \$15.



## Scotch and Irish Coins

When Cha les I, succeeded his father, he continued the miscellaneous coinhe at that time circulating in Scotland, and, curiously enough on his early pieces reproduced his father's portrait, slightly varying it by altering the beard. 1833, however, it was deemed advisable to institute an entirely new currency, one bixe after the English pattern, and in that issue the bust of the king was turned In the opposite direction, a custom always adopted in succeeding reigns when any bange was made in the sovereignty. Two famous artists were employed in de igning the gold and silver coins of the first issue of new money, afterwards followed by five other issues. In the issues made in 1625 there were crowns, halfrown, shillings, sixpences and pence of English denomination, although in Scotch money they represented much larger sums, such for instance as the sixpence known ssix-shilling (Scots) and the shilling as the twelve shillings (Scots), thus it ill be seen that the shilling was a term used in the same sense and the value as he English penny. That makes it a little confusing to young collectors when a bin is described as a thirty-shilling piece, because in reality it is only of the ome size as the halt-crown or coin of the value of thirty pence.

On the shilling of Charles I is found the fine shield of arms which figured so paspicuously on coins of this reign, the quarterings of which represent all the wotries of the union, and those of France, too, for it will be seen from the legend bund the king's head on the obverse that the kingdom of France was even then reluded among the titles of the King of Great Britain. Collectors of Irish coins will be familiar with the coins in use in Ireland and will, no doubt, possess a ew specimens of the early pennies of the ancient Irish kings, a series including to Hiberno Danish and the Irish kings of Dublin, as well as the kings of Water-It is, however, to the coins of rather more recent dates that e would direct our readers, and the Irish half penny is extremely In the obverse there is a representation of David playing a harp, on its reverse lands St. Patrick, mitted, holding a crozier, surmounted by a shamrock in his the band, his ancient cathedral being pictured in the background. ivil War many coins, which make interesting additions to the collector's cabiet, were struck in Ireland. Among these special mention may be made of the exlamation, in 1643 by the Duke of Ormonde. Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, creat-Macurrency of "Ormond" coins. The Cork shillings and sixpences of octagonal shape are also rarities among the coins of that period.

When Charles II came to the throne at the Restoration, the Scottish mint was revived, and silver and copper struck in Edinburgh; the chief values of the silver being the merk and its multiples. The letter "F", seen on so many of the coins is the initial of Sir John Falconer, who was the warden of the Mint.

About this time turners, bawbees and brodies, copper coins easily collectable and inexpensive, were struck. Concurrent with these copper half-pennies and inthings were issued in Ireland and a second issue of St. Patrick's half-pennic and The coins of James II. struck for Scotland, were fairly good in farthings made. quality, but strange to say, the Scotch pieces were debased, although the English standard was well maintained. The Irish coins may be divided into those story before the Restoration to the English throne, and those issued after James II, had fled to Ireland, and virtually abdicated the throne. The former coins in coord consisted of half-pennies only. The second issue, known as gun-money, was very curious; it was composed of brass and copper, in various conditions of alloy, 🖼 guns and meta's contributed by the supporters of the fugitive king to provide him The nominal values were half-crowns. shillings, six-pences, the half-crowns being in size about the same as our English copper pennies and of m better worth. All these, which are easily obtainable, are of special interest of collectors specializing on Irish moneys.

With the accession of William and Mary, the interest in Scotch coinage lessens, although the bawbee and the bodle continued in their reign; and in the reign of Queen Anne some coins were struck in Edinburgh, the letter E. under the but denoting their origin, there was not much, however, to distinguish them from the English coinage, which from that time become inseparable from that of England In Ireland copper pence and half-pence differed only from those of England in the Irish harp and the figure of Hibernia on their reverses. Collectors of Scotch and Irish coins will doubtless include in their cabinets specimens of the tokens which were issued in such numbers during times of scarcity of copper currency toward the close of the 18th century, and also in 1811, when the need of more silver come One of the types which may be looked out for is the copper half pearly token, which was payable at Cronebane, or in Dublin in 1794. It is a very curious coin, indicating on the reverse some of the articles sold by the issuers. is an Irish shilling token and appears to have been issued by the Irish Bulling Company, as it states for the value of "one British shilling." Still another is dicated some irregular coinage issued by the Rothsay Mills, who sought their nick. in existing current coin and cut them up in irregular shapes stamping them was a small die of their own, raising the value of the sectional pieces in so doing

The value of coins always interests young collectors in a series like the mindicated; however it is impossible to give any standard prices, as none exist. Each dealer seems to ask just what he considers his coins to be worth their rain and the conditions under which he purchased them affecting the price very matrially. In few instances need any prices be paid, for copper coins of Scotland at Ireland are quite cheap, and may be bought at prices varying from one penny resixpence each. The silver coins, too, are for the most part inexpensive, ofter ing procurable for double their face values, and although there are forgeries about most of the coins of this series are reliable, excepting the siege pieces, what have been forged in considerable quantities.



ical 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.

Part of a burned and mud-buried ancient ship has just been discovered in the Mibor near Christchurch, Hampshire. At first it was considered to be a viking resel, but further excavations and expert criticism of the articles discovered have enablished the fact that the ship belonged to the Romans. A small incense cup of graceful outline 3½ inches high and 2½ inches in diameter, was sent to the British Museum authorities for examination, with the result that Mr. C. H. Read replied it was of Roman date. Altogether more than twenty articles of iron, wanze and pottery have been found.—London Chronicle.

The editor recently received from Mr. Ed Drey of Tiffin, Ohio, a half dozen my fine arrow and spear heads, all from Seneca Co. These make a fine addition by counties.

I give below a short list of publications for students. These are published of the U. S. National Museum and are free if in stock. If not, they may be purbased of the Superintendent of Public Documents for a small sum: The Museum-ales Expedition to Arizona. Pipes and Smoking Customs of American Aborigines; blic I Antiquities. Primitive Methods of Drilling. Aboriginal American Harmons. The Annual Report of the U. S. National Museum for 1902, containing a smplete treatise on Indian Basketry. Also the 25th Annual Report of the Bureau fethnology, containing Dr. Fewke's work on West Indian Archaeology. Magaines in the U. S. on archaeology are the American Anthropologist, published at antaster, Penn., at \$1.25 per copy or \$4.00 per year of four numbers. Records it the Past, Washington, D.C., 25c per copy, or \$2.00 per year of twelve numbers. The Archaeological Bulletin. Box 534, Council Grove, Kansas, at 10c per copy, or the per year of four numbers.

Prof. "W. K. Moorehead's work, The Stone Age, will soon be out in two blumes. This will be a valuable addition to archaeological libraries.

A LOADED RELIC .... George J. Remsburg.

aly a rusty rifle barrel Hid away in the attic; Fund at last by a festive kid, Venturesome and erratic;

Only a relic of old war-times,....

The touch-ho'e badly corroded;
But it proved to be a very bad case
Of 'didn't know it was loaded.'"

## DEPARGMENT OF ANTIQUE FIRE ARMS

#### —INTRODUCTI IN——

There are over 5000 people in the United States who are especially interested in old figures and to whom no magazine, paper or periodical has ever devoted any attention worth mentioning. The membership of the Am rican Society of Antique Weapon Collect, resed all other permit into risted in the study of antique guns and pistols are to be congratulated that Mr. Brodstone has kin the stablished this department. It is my ambition to make this new feature of the WEST on of interest not only to collectors of aucient fire arms, but to all other persons as well.

G. Elsworth Brown.

BUREAU OF INQUIRY——BUREAU OF INQUIRY——BUREAU OF INQUIRY——BUREAU OF INQUIRY——BUREAU OF INQUIRY—Burnent will be answered under the nead each mouth hereafter. All inquiries concerning of fire arms are earnestly solicited and will be answered in full. Address communications to G. Ellsworth Brown, Athens, Tennessee.

SELECTIONS FROM AN HISTORIAN'S NOTE BOOK. By G. Ellsworth Brown.

The inventor of the percussion lock was a Scotchman named Forsyth. He made the percussion lock, not the percussion cap lock, about 1807, and it is said that early models retained the flash pan to hold the pill shaped ful minate which was exploded by the hammer. At a later time a tube was inserted in place of the flash pan, and the powder was set off by the explosion of a cap. Sometime when a flintlock was altered to a percussion lock the hammer would be retained and a piece of steel substituted in place of the flint, this hitting the cap and exploding it.

It may be interesting to know that the first breech-loading guns were made about 1675.

The last important lock invention before the metallic cartridge arms came was the Maynard Primer Tape lock, adopted and used by the United States during the Civil War. The lock plates of some Civil War Springfield muskets had a receptacle for putting in a tape on which were pieces of fulminate about a halfind apart. Each cocking of the hammer set the tape further out over the nipple. The hammer hit it and caused a spark to be generated as though a cap had been used

Allen's invention for changing the muzzle loading Springfield into the break loading type was adopted by the U.S. Government. Snider's invention for doing the same thing with the Enfield was adopted by the British.

Percussion lock arms were first used by the U. S. Government in 1830.

Chassepot, the inventor of the famous cassepot Rifle, died a few years again the was a native of Mutzig where he was an armorer, but he soon rose to the help of the French gun factories where the rifle bearing his name was invented. This was the finest gun used in the last war with Prussia, so think most military experts.

In 1836 the manufacture of the famous "Colt" revolving pistols, carbins and rifles began at Patteson, N. J. The efficiency of their wonderful repeated action was well established during the Seminole War, when the U. S. Government used these now world-wide known guns and pisto's. Near the middle of we last century the Colt factory was permanently established at Hartford, Conn.

Christopher M. Spencer, when he was only nineteen years old, invented the Spencer carbine. Of it General Grant said near the close of the war: "They are

the best rifles now in the hands of the troops, both as regards simpilcity and rapidity in firing and superiority in manufacture." Over ninety thousand Spencer guns were bought for use in the Civil War.

Christian Sharp invented the rifle which bears his name and hegan making them at Hattford, Conn, in 1851. The action of these guns is said to be the strongest and many claim that they are the safest yet manufactured. The manufacture of these guns ceased in 1881. History says that John Brown used Sharp's patent carbine in his raid just before the outbreak of the Civil War.

## Look out for Bogus Relics

Some time ago Mr. A. A. Elchert of New Riegel, Ohio, and Mr. Ed A. Drey, Tiffin, Ohio, both members of the I.S. of A., reported that they had been "stung" by a man named John Dull, R. D. Ng. 9, Tiffin, Ohio. On receipt of the report I immediately wrote Elchert and Drey for full information and give below the gist of their answers.

Drey stated that he made a settlement with Dull and got his money back. He also made a settlement with him for Mr. Elchert and got the most of his money for him. Drey says that Dull deals in perforated slate specimens. That he claims they were found on his brother's farm, and that while he was selling a lot to one collector he would have another lot out somewhere else. Drey also says that if Dull does not make them himself he has some one to do the work for him. That his specimens are all of a very odd and curious shape. He thinks that in the lot he got there was one or two genuine specimens, but they had been tampered with.

Nr. Elchert said Dull is a farmer, lives on a rented farm about six miles north of Tiffin, Ohio, that he often went to Tiffin and always had a small lot of drilled slate specimens which he tried to sell to different Indian relic collectors. that he claimed they were found on his brother's farm in Fulton Co. and that he found some of them himself. He sold quite a lot to Ed A. Drey and also to Charles Moorlock. Moorlock had his specimens displayed in Breidinger's Drug store, with a card which stated that the relics were supposed to have been used by the Seneca, Wyandotte and Mohawk Indians. Mr. Elchert says he sent five of the specimens he bought from Dull to Mr. W. H. Holmes, Curator of Prehistoric Archaeology, Washington, D. C., for examination and that Mr. Holmes pronounced them ail of apparently recent make, but suggested that he (Elchert) send them to Mr. W. C. Mills, Curator of the Museum of the State University, Columbus. Ohio. Mr. Mills pronounced them the same as Prof. Holmes. Mr. Elchert sent me the only specimen that was not returned to Dull. It is of tlact slate of a very odd shape, entirely different from the usual Indian manufacture, has two large boles drilled imperfectly through it, and looks very much like a fake.

DAVID B EMERT.

Postcards are not suitable instruments for transmission of love passages, nor are they adapted for secret diplomatic despatches, and yet they decirculy have their uses. In 1865 the German Postmaster-General advanced the idea of using postcards. His Government rejected the scheme, but the Austrian post office took it up, and issued the first card in Vienna, in 1866. All the important countries in Europe used postal cards before the United States, whichdid not issue them until 1873. To Germany we also owe the picture post card which has become such a popular way of sending a bright message to one's friends without the labor of composition.

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#### NON....MEMBERS.

Many of you have probably noticed our line in the heading, .... "The only club with guarantee to members"; but have never known what it meant. It means just what it says. Our club is the only one in America which protects its members from dishonest members. When you send a card and never get a reply, the member is supposed to report it to the secretary and receive his pay for the card plus postage. We have very few dishonest collectors but occasionly one gets in. But he is soon found out and is immediately expelled. See our different departments, ... certainly we are a grand lub. Next month if our plans mature, we intend to take over two post-card clubs. This is an illustration of, ... Other clubs may come and go but the Pan-American goes on forever. Join TODAY.....Only 35c.

#### HONOR ROLL.

M. Yamasaki, E. W. Schock, W. J. Donnalley, Alois Vederniak have each secured one new member this month. Good work, keep it up!

#### IN MEMORIAM.

It is with deep regret that I am forced to chronicle the death of Mrs. Ed Floyd, No. 185, Olean, N. Y., who died last November. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved friends and relatives.

#### BY THE WAY.

- 234. Mrs. A. Putnam, 2446 Folsom Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., especially desires good colored foreign cards. She says she has received many through our club. Join us.
- Geo. Landau, c-o Reich and Co., St. Gall, Switz., exchanges good colored view cards with stamp on view side. Desires no comics Will also exchange cards for stamps and curios.
- Ernest W. Schock, not Schock, says, 'I am very pleased with P. A. S. C. C."

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

- Chas. Cruse, 458 Blewett St., Seattle, Wash. 281.
- Harry S. Speer, 1407 Blaine Ave, Indianapolis, Ind. Foreign cards 318. especially desired.
  - 434. Ponnell Powell, Essex-On-Lake-Champlain, N. Y.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

- 451. H. Dewinkeler, Arch Creek, Fla.
- 452. Arthur W. Merry, Junction City, Kans. Any views, altho especially desires foreign.
- 453. Ellis Holsapple, 179 Warren St., Dayton, Ohio. Goud colored view cards especially desires foreign. Corresponds in English, French and German. Rec. by No. 400.
- view cards in envelope. No comics. Corresponds in French and English.
  - 455. Norman S. Carpenter, Rothsville, Pa. Colored views. Rec by No. 38.
- 456. S. Yamauchi, 47 Shinmachi-Dori, 5 Chome, Nishihu, Osaka, Japan. View or street views with stamp on view side. Rec. by No. 200.
  - 457. Fred W. Dean, Box 563, So. Pasadena, Calif.
  - 458. Barclay F. Green, Boharm, Sask., Can.
  - 459. Mrs. J. Cogan, 1587 East 93rd St., Cleveland, Ohio.
  - 460. Anton Hald, Fredericksholm, Copenhagen, W. Denmark.
- 461. Miss B. Henry, 2227 Jacob St., Wheeling, W. Va. Good colored view cards.
  - 462. D. C Neefus, 538 Union St., Hudson, N. Y.
- 463. E. A. McDonald, Box 585, Martinspurg, W. Va. Only the best cards wanted.
- 464. Bruno Mutschall, Grafeugasse 7, Erfurt, Thuringia, Germany. Rec. by No. 5.
  - 465. A. T. Nelson, Box 906, Boise, Idaho, good colored view cards.

DEAR MEMBERS:—Can't you get us some new members? Surely you have some triend who would like to join. Help us and we will help you. The cost is small, benefits great. Remember we give you 10c commission on every new member you get us. We are different from the rest.

Your Secretary.

Clarence V. Webb.

## Rhode Island Philatelic Society

The 208th regular monthly meeting of the society was held at the rooms on May 18th, 1910, at 8:10 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Pres. W. A. Mowry, 11 members and 1 visitor being present.

The records of the previous meeting were read and it was directed that the records be amended to read that W. C. Polk, Arnolds Mills, R. I., be elected to membership, instead of reinstated. Outside of this the records were approved.

The executive committee reported favorably on the application of A. W. Claffin, No. 70 So. Main St., Prov. R. I., and by vote of the society he was duly elected to active membership.

Mr. Mason reported for the Rubber Stamp Committee, stating the stamp in question had been secured and turned over to the Librarian.

Voted that the photo of the old group of the society presented by Mr. Walter Baker, be framed by the society. R. F. Chambers exhibited his choice collection of Confederate Statss War envelopes, consisting of some 1500 varieties, which without doubt is one of the best north of the "Dixie Line."

Voted that the next meeting be held the second Wednesday in June. 1910.

Adjourned at 9:19 p. m. Geo. C. Arnold, Sec'y.

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EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles etc. to the 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 mineral collection in the National Museum in Washington is said to be one of the finest in this country. Its growth and development have been interesting. Originally it was the private collection of Charles U. Shepard of Amherst college. To this as a nucleus was added much of the material collected at the World's Fair held in Philadelphia in 1876, and since accretions have come from the field collections made by the various parties sent out by government surveys and from donations from private individuals. The collection as now shown includes about 20,000 specimens on exhibition, and it contains of conspicuous interest much of the type material from which the original descriptions of minerals have been written.

Among the specimens that are likely to attract the attention of one interested in mineralogy is the complete collection of zeolites from Great Notch. Passic county, N J., and it may be mentioned that the series of zeolites from the Bergen tunnels is worthy of consideration. Some fine specimens of crystallized gold from California are shown, and the extraordinary large boulders of coppers, known as the "Ontonagon boulders" from the Lake Superior region, show the crystallized faces of that metal. From Bisbee, Arizona, are the beautiful green and blue crystallizations of malachite and azurite, while from Joplin, Mo., are interesting crystals of calcite. There are in the collection from abroad beautiful groups of the famous colored azurite from Cumberland, England, and full suites of crystals of topaz from Siberia and Brazil.

Dr. Isaac Lee of Philadelphia, was a famous collector of gems, and on his death the unique collection, so rich in American representatives, made by him, passed into the custody of the National Museum.

There are doubtless many minerals in existence that have not yet been described, and as interest in mineralogy grows, specimens will be collected and sent to the museum for identification. Doubtless from among these, gents will be found rivally g in beauty, if not the diamond, certainly many of the lesser well known gents.

A dispatch from Dequeen. Ark., under date of March 19, says that at Murfreesboro, Pike county, new diamond fields have been discovered which an expert from New York pronounces equal to any of the Kimberly properties in South Africa. The town of Kimberly has been incorporated and a bank and three-story hotel building are being erected. The Prairie Oil and Gas company is installing angines and pumps for the purpose of conveying oil over the mountains from Tulss, Okla., to the refinery at Baton Rouge, La. The skeptical will watch for further news and details from the new diamond fields.

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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:

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Members should promotly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn. The society givenas implemation afve beautiful unused cards for each new member secured

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We close our report on the 5th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

9. Members are forbidden junless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or

merchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such carde which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.

to 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 delinquists. Mem, bers 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

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, eat -

The following members have secured one or more points during the mouth just ended. One point is allowed for each new member secur d.

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IMPORTANT.

We are again advised by the publisher of the WEST that the new law of the postoffice department will hereafter prevent clubs from including a subscription to the official organ with the society does. This compels us to make a separate rate for membership in the UNION, and members desiring the WEST must send full subscription price direct to the publisher. Society dues should in all cases be sent to the Secretary. Our reports will continue to appear in this paper until further notice, and all members should have the WESI each month.

May 1st we issued a complete membership list, and we should like every Besides the membership list it also contains some inmember to have a copy. formation that you should read. During the month of June another list will be printed. A red stamp will bring you one.

#### SPECIAL OFFER TO NON-MEMBERS.

It has been the custom of the UNION to make a special offer each year to induce new members to join. This month we are making a special offer to nonmembers of the club, who are subscribers to the WEST. There are doubtiess many readers of the magazine who are interested in card collecting, but are not members We want every card collictor to join us, therefore upon receipt of 10 cents, mailed to the Secretary before July 15, 1910, we will enter you as a member of the UNION, and mail you membership certificate and list of members,

and you will be entitled to all benefits and privileges of the society for one year, Remember, this offer is for subscribers of the WEST who are not UNION members, and it is not good for renewals.

#### NEW REPRESENTATIVES

We take pleasure in announcing that Y. G. Leekun, Douglas St., and King's Rd., Victoria, B. C., will act as our representative for British Columbia. Wm. S. Hicks, Box 531, Raleigh, N. C., will represent us in North Carolina.

#### CIRCLING THE GLOBE CLUB.

Donald W. Martin, Mgr., 704 Holland Ave., Saginaw, Mich.

Group 2. 1889. Y. G. Leekun, Douglas St. & King's Rd., Victoria, P. C.

1699. Paul Lenglet, 123 Pl. de la Bourse, Paris, France.

S. Sakibara, 82 chome, Shinogowamachi, Ushigome, Tokyo, Japan.

1751. H. C. Duncan, 72 Oakfield Rd., Stroud Green, London, England. 1487. Juse Laps, ra. Caonao, Cienfuegos, Cuba.

1208. Jas. A. Carr Jr., Belleville, Ills., U. S. A.

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## EXPIREL MENBERSHIPS.

We wish all members to take particular notice that when their memberships expire they will be taken off the list immediately, as we wish no dead ones in our Club. The following memberships expire during June. Please tenew at once. 509, 1807, 1808, 1810, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828.

#### · · · COMPLAINTS.

1889. Y. G. Leckun complains of 1729, 1853, 1882. 1983. F. E. Bartlett complains of 1626, 1711, 1719, 1749. 1987. F. X. Traeger complains of 1712, 1723. 1918. H. H. Schroder complains of 1672, 1946.

#### STAMP DEPARTMENT.

1937. C. van't Hof. Wormerveer, Holland, wishes to be placed on the active list. Also will exchange stamps with members, or give view cards in exchange for stamps.

#### AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

1672. Henry R Fielder, wisnes to be placed on associate member list, as he wishes no exchange at present. 1948. Clarence M. Lewis requests his name placed on active list, and will answer all cards sent him.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1966. C. H. Wirth, 209 So. Tenth St., Lincoln, Neb.

1987. Frank X. Traeger, 2402 Arlington Ave., Davenport, Iowa.

#### RENEWALS.

981. Mrs. E. A. Herndon, R. F. D. 1, Zachary, Louisiana.

1208. James A. Carr Jr., R. F. D. 4, Belleville, Illinois, foreign only.

1238. Hattie E. Thompson, R.F.D. 2, Box 97 Attleboro, Mass., views only. Watthen Johnson, 200 Breard St., Monroe, La., wishes both foreign

and U. S. views; especially foreign.

1475. Miss Annie E. Dewey, 56 Centre St., Pittsfield, Moss.

1510. Donald W. Martin, 704 Holland Ave., Saginaw, Mich., foreign only-

1734. Miss Myrtle L'Angellier, 71 H. River Valley Rd., Singapore, Strait Settlements.

1460. Wm. Huxel, 315 E. 65th St., New York, N. Y.

1782. Arthur Axelson, 49 Oak Pl., Chicago, Ill.

1794. Miss Mattie V. Janzer, 717 34th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

1629. H. T. Koh, 90 Bras Basah Rd., Singapore, Straits Settlements.

1774. Mike J Becker, Raymond, Iowa, (wants a view card from every fa-

eign member; also capitols, churches, court houses, from U. S. members.

NEW MEMBERS.

2005. Joseph M. Knepp Jr., Box 27, Bettendorf, Iowa, views only; stamp view side on foreign.

2006. Fred M. Levelsmier, 5842 Theodosia Ave., St. Louis, Mo., foreign cards only.

2007. Mrs. B. W. Owens, 919 S. L. St., Tacoma, Wash.

2008. Miss Arlie Seaman, 241 Stark St., Portland, Oregon:

2009. E. L. Johnson, 111 Ellita Pl., Los Angeles, Calif.

2010. Louise Kollath, 1908 Meinecke Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

2011. Wm. Schmutzler, Lerchenfelderstr. 67, Wien III, Austria; sends first.

# Reply to Aboriginal Life By S, P. Hughes

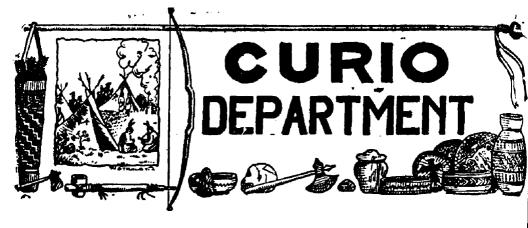
In order that the readers of the WEST who do not have all files complete may understand the reason for this short article, the writer wishes to state that in the last June 1909 number of the WEST appeared an article over the name of Mr. Francis, on "Aboriginal Life". The writer not agreeing with Mr. Francis, wrote a friendly criticism in reply which the editor did not see fit to publish until last February. Mr. Francis immediately took the matter up in a personal way and the article in the April WEST is the reply.

Mr. Francis spoke of the Biblical deluge submerging Pikes Peak and the complete annihilation of the aboriginal races in America, he also stated that he believed, and now seems to have evidence that the North American Indian is still making stone implements. The writer took exception to this and asked for proof. Instead of furnishing the proof asked for, Mr. Francis parades seventeen years as a teacher in the State University and other schools as evidence that he knows more about the history of the aboriginal races than the Bureau of Ethnology. He also states that the Nebraska Geological Survey conforms to his theories, also the last issue of Skeletal Remains by Arles Hardlicks. Now the writer has a copy of both works and if there is one word in either about a Biblical Deluge or about any Dakota Indians making stone implements the writer is anable to find it. The matter of free advertising is in the mind of the writer a little bit proof at all ads ever since the first issue of this paper nearly sixteen years ago.

In conclusion the writer again asks Mr. Flarcis for proof that there ever was a Riblical Deluge and that the North American Indian is still making arrows and other stone a tifucts.

#### SWEDISH FLATE MONEY OF ANCIENT DATE.

The Arnold Numismatic Company, Prov. R. I., has just come into possession of a piece of plate noney of ancient Swedish make of the value of two dollars as curious examples of numismatics may be mentioned the earliest Roman toin, the A. S., which was a rivide ponderilly piece of work, composed of copper, weighing 12 ounces, and was the flights coin in ancient times, set a period of shout 550 R. C. Another remarkable series of coins, as to weight, was struck in Sweden in 1644, the largest being a copper ten daler, which was about 12 inches square, and is called plate money. The piece secured by Mr. Arnold was struck in 1730, and is a two-daler piece— It is of copper, weighing from 2% to 3 pounds and about 6 inches square.—Clipping sent by Reader.



#### rAMOUS INSTRUMENTS.

Dated 1714, with original label.a Stradivarius violin was sold in London for \$2575, while a violin by Andreas Guarnerius dated 1632, brought \$950. The instruments formed part of a valuable collection which had belonged to a well known amateur, now dead. A seventeenth century guitar sold for \$400 and an Amati violin for \$700.

#### SMALL COINS.

The natives of the Majay Penineula have in use the very smallest current coin in the world. It is a sort of wafer, made from the resinous juice of a tree, and is worth about one ten-thousandth of a penny. The smallest metal coin in circulation at the present day is the Portugese three-reis piece, worth twelve one-bundredths of a penny. The smallest coin circulating efficially in any part of the British Empire is the five-millesima piece of Gibralter, worth about half a farthing.

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Lucien Klotz. a Parisian art expert and collector, has in his possession what is claimed to be an authentic autograph of the poet Tasso, appended to a writing, which translated into English reads: "1, the undersigned, acknowledge to have received from M. A. Levy, 25 livres for which he retails in pledge a sword of my father, six shirts, four sheets and two tableclohs. March 2, 1570. Tasso."

#### SOLD \$10 for \$150.

Dr. George D. Case sold a gold piece valued at about \$10 for \$150 to a Macon, Ga., collector last Saturday. The coin was of the Dablonega mintage of 1839 and really not coin of the realm. Only two of its kind are in existence, the other being the property of Julius Brown of Atlanta, Ga.

At Gottingen University is a Bible written upon palm leaves.

## Bones and Relics of Strange Race Found

## By Fred Whittemore

IMPORTANT DISCOVERIES ARE MADE NEAR DESMOINES, IOWA.

Mr. L. T. Van Hyning and Fred Whittemore have completed the original investigation which they began several months ago into the relics and skeletons found in the ancien: graves recently discovered near Des Moines, lowa. the articles of the find are preserved and on exhibition in the museum of the hiswical department of Iowa. Among them are three skulls of human beings. were asked to give a history of this extremely interesting find. The spot is on the A.A. Bennett farm, south east of the city on the Des Moines river and Brooks lake. Here, on a high bank overlooking the river, shaded by precitipitious bluffs and bills we have a protected, secluded and fascinating place seductive to the red Here they could retire from their village, carry on their pursuits of the chase, fishing, trapping, domestic economies, simp e as they were and lastly per-The latter of which they unmistakably form the ceremonies of the last sad rites. Eid, as is convincingly proved by the fruits of our researches. Previous to our inristigations, we are both glad and surry to relate, the owner of the ground, in exevating for moulding sand. (the whole country for a few miles east and north is pleistocene deposit, ranging from fine sand to coarse gravel our spot being the for sand) discovered the graves, we were glad because they only could be discovred by accident as there were no external evidences, the ground being smooth and We were sorry, for the eason of the recklessness with which fourteen of he graves had been disturbed After giving the place a casual survey, aged men and teams and began our operations by removing the sod. lation was an easy matter, the soil being a very fine compact sand, which scraped We had been informed that the bodies lay at a my readily without plowing. upth of between four and five feet, so we directed the excavations to about four let deep not expecting to reach anything before that, but we soon began to find We then worked with more mains within about eighteen inches of the surface. We are well satisfied that some things were scraped out unnoticed. We boild scrape and dig with shovels very cautiously until some signs of a distur nice of the soil would be noticed, then generally the next thing would be debyed boards, and in this manner a grave would be discovered. Then the work exceeded entirely by hand, cautiously uncovering the remains. We noted the poition of the skeleton, the relative distance from one another, the manner in which be accompanying paraphernalia was placed. The work of forming conclusions the some instances was very difficult, because of the very poor state of preservation. We discovered nine graves and fourteen were previously discovered by Mr. Bennett, be owner, making twenty three in all. These lay in two straight parallel lines, kenning at the southeast corner of Mr. Cammack's residence, extending south Frough the door yard, the lines being directly north and south, the graves lying kright angles to the lines and about six feet between them both ways. leteins when well enough preserved to show always laid flat on the back, had to the west, legs extended and arms close by the side. Indications were Postant that the bodies had been wrapped in blankets of different colors, made of wisely woven wool, then the whole placed in a wooden box nailed together with Fa nails and deposited in the ground at a depth of from eighteen inches to four ex. In a few instances the blankets were well enough preserved that we were to save about a dozen pieces as large as our hand. (To be continued.)



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## The Journal of a Naturalist

#### By Charles P. Alexander

May 29, '09. Today the scientific organization of Fulton Co. N. Y., went to Woodwurth's Lake for the first time this year. Only two of the members are able to go, so this noon Harry W. Clute of Gloversville, and myself, took the ountain Lake car, and set out for our destination.

Woodworth's Lake lies in the southern part of the township of Bloeker, about it miles north of Gloversville, and about three miles from Mountain Lake, by ad. It lies on the summit of Mayfield, Mt., about 1600 feet above sea level, ad is one of our finest mountain lakes.

We arrived at Mountain Lake about one o'clock. Our packs weighed over gbty pounds, which is quite heavy, when divided between two young fellows, to carried over a rocky wood-road. I took the tent fly, the provisions and my lastets; Harry took the cooking utensils, his own possessions and our shot gun. her we set out for the lake.

The day was beautiful; a hard rainfall had settled the dust and cooled the rnicely. We had just got fairly under way, and were on the opposite side of cuntain Lake, when I heard some new bird song in a neighboring thicket and do investigate. I threw the pack aside and walked carefully into the bushes; fine male Wilson's warbler, Wilsonia pusilla, Wilson; was the bird that had matted my attention. The song is loud, sweet and moderately long, somewhat he a yellow warbler's, but more rollicking. This bird had left the vicinity of bustown, N. Y., a week previous. A Blue-headed vireo. Lanivireo solitarius, hison; several Black-throated Blue warblers, Dendroica ceerulescens Gmd; and a w Myrtle warblers, Dendroica coronata, Linn., were amongst the birds observed att.

The wood road to the lake is not in the best condition, rocky in places; or ampy, with these places corduroyed with logs. This sort of road necessitated estant halts and rests. We were tired out when we finally arrived at the lake. reamping site was on the opposite side of the lake so we had to go about oneif mile around, lugging our packs, and constantly stumbling and falling over llen trees and roots. The camp-site is on high ground at the east end of the 4. The spot where we pitched out tent was about twenty feet from the water perhaps fifteen feet above the lake level. Two ice cold springs are on the the shore only a hundred feet away. Some previous camper had made a frame of blishes in the shape of a tent, so we had only to throw out tent-fly over this the, when our dwelling was erected. Blackflies, Simulium venustum, Say, were mabundant and made life almost unbearable until sunset, when they all dis-The cutting of balsam twigs for a bed, was a difficult thing owing to scarcity of low conifers in this vicinity. We got a few and then spread our anketa.

When the cheery fire was burning, and the food cooking, we forgot and forgave hardships of the trail, and laughed and sang with hearts free from care. Only who have encamped on lonely lakes and sat about the camp fire when the has set, and the deepening gloom overspreads the water, and the mists arise the darkness, can realize the secret joy, and exultation that a lover of nature his when he is alone with nature.

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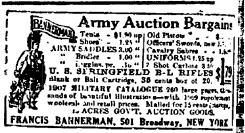
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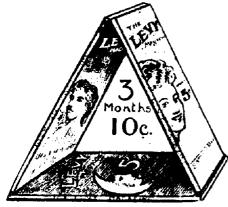
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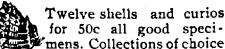
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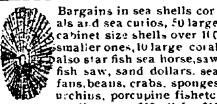
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