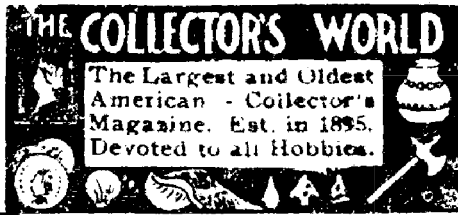


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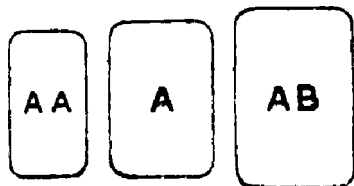
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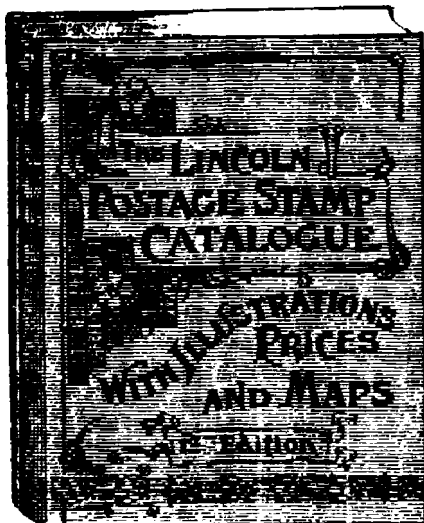
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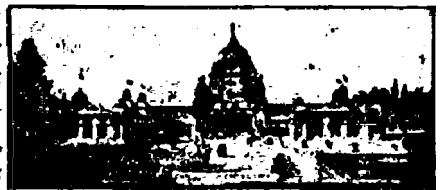
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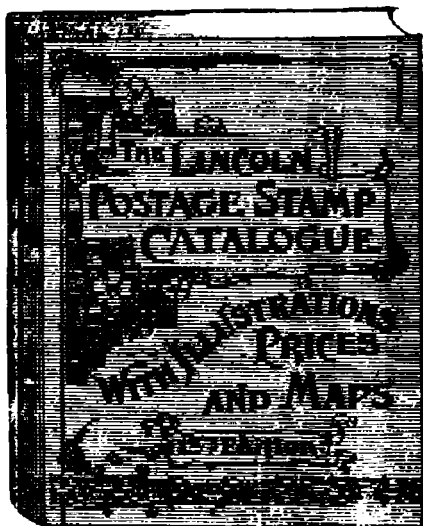
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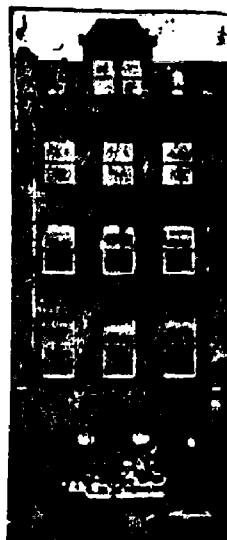
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34 1sh red	.45	
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61 2p green 1878	.04	.25
65 ½ on 1p 1889 mint blocks	1.10	
66 ½ orange	.20	1.90
73 2½ on 9p	.75	
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75 2½ p	.25	
76 5p 1892 v fine	.90	
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86 ½ p 1900	.20	1.75
87 1p	.05	.30
88 2p	.05	.30
90 3p	.40	
91 4p	.50	
93 6p	1.00	
95 1p 1902	.05	.30
95 1p	.05	.30
97 2p	.05	.30

VICTORIA

Cat No	Per	Per
	10	100
113 3p orange 1867	2.75	
130 ½ p rose 1875	.40	
132 1p green	.10	
135 2p violet	.15	1.30
140 2p	.15	1.30
141 1p green pec can 1881	.20	
142 2p brown	.10	
143 2p violet	.12	
145 4p carmine	1.50	
146 ½ p rose 1884	.95	
148 2p violet or lilac	.10	
149 3p ochre	.10	.75
160 ½ p rose 1886 1000 \$2 00	.04	.25
161 1p green	.05	.40
162 2p violet		.10
163 4p red	.15	1.10
164 6p blue	.15	1.10
169 1p orange 1889		.10
171 1p on pink unused mint	1.00	

VICTORIA

Cat No.	Per	Per
	10	100
172 2½ p red 1891	.12	1.00
173 5p brown	.15	1.10
175 9p red	.60	
176 1sh claret pen can	.20	
179 1½ p green 1898 unused o g	.45	
180 ¼ p green 1899	.10	.90
181 1p rose 1899 1000 \$1.50		.20
183 2½ p blue	.12	
184 ½ p without postage Feb.	.12	1.00
185 2p	.05	.35
186 3p	.50	
187 4p	.80	
188 6p	.60	
184 ½ p postage unused o g	.18	1.60
185 2p	.55	
186 3p	1.20	
188 6p	2.00	
193 ½ p with postage used	.05	.35
194 1p		.10
195 1½ p	.18	1.60
196 2p		.20
197 2½ p		.10
198 3p	.10	.90
199 4p	.12	1.00
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George V. Picks out Designs for Stamps

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King George at last has a job after his own heart, that of supervising the production of the new English postage stamps. He is president of the London Philatelic Society, and is working on the proposition with characteristic assiduity. He has had several rough designs submitted, but thus far none has met with his approval. He is anxious to break away from the traditional portrait stamp and get something artistic, picturesque and symbolical as is the case with the French and Tasmanian stamps.

Sycophantic members of the Court suggest that his own portrait would be the best design, but the King refuses to listen to them. He is probably one of the greatest experts on philately in the world, possessing a stamp collection valued at over \$500,000. In his own words, "Stamp collecting is one of the greatest pleasures of my life."

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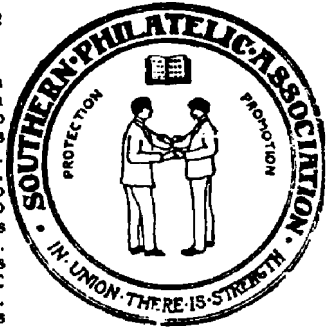
Old friends are ever best, a fact which makes the Lincoln Catalogue an ever welcome visitor. It was the first catalogue we made the acquaintance of, and it has changed little since then, except that it contains many, many more pages and illustrations. For the beginner and medium general collector it is the best possible guide, containing as it does all standard issues and most really important varieties, the only inconsistency perhaps is the listing of recent colonials on both ordinary and chalky papers. Throughout the book we find notes of philatelic, historical, or geographical interest, while at the end is included a most useful atlas of sixteen coloured maps. In every way this is an excellent publication, and we are sure, well deserved the medal recently awarded to it at the Valencia Exhibition.—Ewens Weekly. See their 3-pp ads and photo of medals in next issue.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.—Applications.

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2. A. Konetzko, Darien, Ga., 35, merchant, S. A. Way, C. R. Walker. Proposed by C. V. Webb.
3. Rasmus Barteson, Sunbeam, Red Lake Co., Minn., 19, printer, W. G. Hunt M. P. A. Proposed by E. J. Dempsey.
4. R. M. McClure, 215 N. 10th St., Corsicana, Texas, Legal, blacksmith, Jno. S. Haslans, D. C. Parnell. Proposed by R. L. Doak.
5. Sterling H. Singer, Clarks Summit, Pa., 20, electrical engineer, Frank Singer, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.
6. Alden R. Hawkins, 722 Swiss St., Dallas, Texas, 17, with R. G. Dunn & Co, D. E. Hawkins, Texas Phil. Assn. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
7. Elmer Perrin, R. R. 1, Rogers, Neb., 27, farmer, H. Wendt, Bank of Rogers. Proposed by H. Wendt.
8. David Neefus, 538 Union St., Hudson, N. Y., 45, book keeper, any bank in City, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.
9. Francis B. Sands, 505 Quincy Ave., Scranton, Pa., 14, student, M. F. Sands, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.
10. Clarence Loose, Beaver Creek, Minn., 19, student, F. T. Loose, A. J. Tanghuan. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
11. Sterling H. Singer, 20, Clarks Summit, Pa.; electrical engineer. Reference Frank Singer, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.
12. Prince Mutz, Mgr. Universal Stamp Co., Linn, Kans., specialists in Java stamps, L. Brodstone. Proposed by L. Brodstone.

The above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed with the secretary prior to that date.

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ERROR IN LAST REPORT.

Application No. 9 should have read—Colie W. Roberts, Box 748, Anniston.

Dear Members—This is my final call for nominations ere I put the ballots to press. If you have any nominations to make, forward them to me AT ONCE. The convention date of Oct. 3rd is not far distant and I hope many of our western members will be able to arrange to attend the meeting at Kansas City on that date. All those who expect to attend, kindly notify President Powell. Do you need a supply of blanks? If so drop me a card and they will come. Hoping to see all members get to hustling, I am, Fraternaly, R. L. Doak, Secy.

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90 books in circulation as per last month's report, value.....	\$2147.31
18 books received since, value.....	213.92
108 books, value.....	\$2361.23
17 books retired during the month, of which the amount of \$92.37 or 27 per cent was sold.....	343.57
91 books in circulation	\$2017.66

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Amount on hand as per last month's report.....	\$118.56
1 per cent from retired books.....	3.44
Total amount	\$122.00

Once again I wish to urge upon the members the necessity for arranging their stamps in alphabetical order and marking Catalogue number and value under each stamp, as well as the net selling price. Sales from such carefully prepared book are averaging much better than under the old plan of arranging stamps any way and where insufficient data are given. Respectfully submitted,

Charles Roemer, Superintendent

RECRUITING COMMITTEE RE-ORGANIZED.

Dear Fellow Members:—I am sorry our recruiting committee is not doing the work it ought to. I have re-organized it and I hereby appoint the following as members of the recruiting committee to serve the rest of year 1910: L. T. Brodstone, L. G. Cline, Roger G. Way, Wm. M. White, H. F. Hovey, Rev. R. Stollenwerk, C. H. Williams, John F. Hart, M. O. Canfield, C. H. Nammack and N. Manoliadis. Plenty of the imitation typewritten letters can be secured of me. Send for some! I am sure the above can at least secure one new member a month.

This year makes my second as an officer of this society. I have tried to do my best in both of the offices I have held, but I believe I can do better as exchange manager. I have been nominated for this office, knowing Mr. Holt did not desire it the coming year. With my knowledge of stamps and societies I can make this department THE department of the society. Thanking you in advance for your support, I remain, Very Fraternaly, C. V. Webb.

The Scranton branch of the S. P. A. held their second meeting at the residence of Mr. Oliver Arnold Jr., 1726 Madison Ave. Business opened at 8:15 and closed at 11 p. m. The main feature of the meeting was an auction sale of sets and singles furnished by Sec. Mack, who also acted as auctioneer and Mr. Peabody as clerk. The auction was a complete success as well as exciting. Mr. Mack donated 65 per cent of net sales to the Treasury. During the meeting Mr. Peabody made the suggestion of holding a stamp exhibit which was heartily endorsed by the other members, date to be decided on later. Two new members were brought in by Sec. Mack, Francis B. Sands and Sterling Snyder. Refreshments were served by Mr. Arnold who proved to be an excellent entertainer. Eight members were present.

100 Things to Collect--By N. Y. Leibinger

1. Souvenir spoons
2. Match boxes
3. Cameos
4. Miniatures
5. Silphnettes
6. Daguerotypes and shadowpoints
7. Baskets
8. Laces (handmade)
9. X-ray photographs
10. Frames
11. Bulbs
12. Cacti
13. Ferns
14. Pen and pocket knives
15. Paper knives
16. Comic papers
17. Advertisements
18. Placards
19. Posters
20. Programs
21. Menu cards
22. Bill of fares
23. Bottle tops
24. Champagne corks
25. Milk bottle tops
26. Fingerpoints
27. Clippings
28. Ivory carvings
29. Wood carvings
30. Pryographic objects
31. Transfers
32. Tags, Ry., hotel, etc.
33. Ribbons
34. Buttons
35. Spanish shawls
36. Tenerife work
37. Filigrau
38. Mosaic
39. Enameled Jewelry
40. Caricatures
41. Conchites
42. Crests
43. Maps
44. Oriental rugs
45. Belts
46. Precious stones, polished
47. Precious stones, not polished
48. Wigs
49. Straw hats
50. Weather reports
51. Paper napkins
52. Wall paper
53. Japanese towels
54. Weights and measures
55. Thimbles
56. Sculls
57. Wish bones
58. Fish eyes (petrified with formaldehyde)
59. Nests of insects and birds
60. Sachets
61. Bells
62. Musical instruments
63. Bellows
64. Powder puffs
65. Smelling bottles
66. Chinese lanterns
67. Army and Navy color and head ornaments
68. Army and Navy sheverons & cords
69. Spindles
70. Walking stilts and canes
71. Whips
72. Cane and umbrella handles
73. Candles (church)
74. Bibles
75. Lantern slides
76. Songs
77. Poems
78. Mottoes
79. Toasts
80. Ex libris
81. Book plates
82. Book marks
83. Playing cards
84. Chess figures and boards
85. Poker chips
86. Monograms
87. Teacups
88. Dresden china
89. Terra cotta
90. Roycroft books and products
91. Artificial flowers
92. Door knobs and knockers
93. Models of yachts and men of war
94. Handkerchiefs
95. Sandals
96. Needles and pins
97. Silhouettes
98. Cameras
99. Phonographic records
100. Moving picture films



New Issues Column

*By W. S. Lincoln
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The Oldest Established Stamp Dealer in the World.

To all my readers I must express my regrets and apologies that owing to the pressure of business I have not been able to send over an account of the New Issues we have received for some little time, but we have been so busy this summer in England with stamps, that it has been a matter of extreme difficulty to secure any time to attend to any details outside the ordinary work of the day. Perhaps there has never been a time on this side when stamps have been so popular in the summer as they have been in the last two months. Primarily this may be put down to the loss of our great King Edward VII. for philatelists here are rushing to complete the stamps issued during his reign. I should strongly advise my readers if they are interested in the stamps of any British Colonies, to fill them up immediately as the prices are rising daily here. If they care to send me a list of any stamps that they are desirous of obtaining I will give them the best advice and information as to how to secure them. Do not fail to do this because I can assure you that you will afterwards regret it when you find empty spaces in your album that could otherwise have been filled if you had struck out in time.

We have quite a budget of new issues received since my last article, many of which are of the most interesting description. For reproductions of these stamps see illustration page in this journal.

ARGENTINE. The new stamps commemorating the centenary of the Argentine Republic have just been received here. They are nicely printed and are in striking combinations of colour. They make a handsome and attractive series and each design is different. A complete list of the series is as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$ c. blue grey and blue; 1c., green and black; 2c., olive and black; 3c., green; 4c., blue and green; 5c., red; 10c., brown and black; 12c., blue; 20c., brown and black; 24c., blue and brown; 30c., lilac and black; 50c., red and black; 1p., blue; 5p., orange and violet; 10p., orange and black; 20p., blue and black.

Of these the $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 2c, 4c, 10c, 12c, 25c, 50c, 5p and 10p. represent various pictures of Argentine Republic history and also its famous places, while the remaining values show portraits of the statesmen connected with its progress.

AZORES. A new set bearing the portrait of King Manuel is now to hand and somewhat novel for this country. They have a portrait of the King in a medallion and the word "Acores" beneath. Under the King's portrait is a representation of a hawk signifying the derivation of the name of these islands which is derived from the word "azor" meaning a hawk, as quantities of these birds were found upon the Islands when they were discovered.

BELGIUM. The stamps issued by the authorities at the Brussels Exhibition have now been received and they are, to say the least of them, quaint. There are four values of practically the same design and there have been two artists employed. One has executed the 1c and the 5c and the other the 2c and the 10c. The 2c and the 10c have backgrounds of solid color and the 1c and the 5c only in outlines. Evidently the gentleman who designed the 1c and the 5c is one of the impressionistic school. We understand that the gentleman whose portrait appears upon the stamp is St. Martin dividing his clock amongst the beggars. These stamps are sold in Belgium at a surcharge upon the facial value, the amount thus obtained going to the various Belgium charities. 1c., grey; 2c., lake; 5c., green;

10c., red.

BRAZIL. I have not yet chronicled the commemoration stamps of the Pan American Medical Congress at Rio de Janeiro. This, as you will see by the picture, is an upright stamp rather nicely engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Company, and designed by Bernadelli. There are six portraits on the stamp representing various politicians of America.—San Martin of Argentine, Jose Bonifacio of Brazil, Hidalgo of Mexico, Washington of U. S. A. O'Higgins of Chili and Bolivar of Bolivia. Beneath these portraits is a figure of peace.

200 reis deep blue

COSTA RICA. A new set of stamps is just received, each one differing in design and bearing portraits of statesmen with the exception of the 1c which as before is a picture of the statue erected to Juan Santa Maria. The other portraits in the order of the value are:—Jan Mora, Jose M. Canas, Mauro Fernandez, Braulio Carrillo, Julian Volio, Figueroa and Jimenez. The colors are as follows:—1 centimo brown; 2 centimos green; 4 centimos, scarlet; 5 centimos, orange; 10 centimos, blue; 20 centimos, sage; 25 centimos, lilac; 1 colon, brown.

MAURITUS. This country has just issued a new series and for the first time we have for this British Colony a portrait of the late King Edward VII and as this can only have a short run we can strongly recommend the purchase of this interesting set. These stamps are intermingled with other values somewhat similar in design to the old Arms type but in the present series of Arms the ship in the left hand upper corner which was formerly a three masted vessel has now become an ancient galley, while the key in the left hand bottom corner instead of being turned to the left is reversed and points to the right. For the sake of clearness we will cite the two sets separately.

ARMS TYPE:—1c. grey; 2c., brown; 3c., green; 4c., green and red; 6c. red; 8c., brown; 15c., blue.

KING EDWARD VII PORTRAIT:—5c., grey and red; 12c., grey; 25c., black and red on yellow; 50c., lilac and black.

Any of my readers who have not yet availed themselves of my offer to send them the 4d and 7d English stamps recently issued, bearing a portrait of the late King Edward VII, which are sure to be good, can still do so by sending me the face value, which is 8 cents for the 4d and 14 cents for the 7d, plus 2 cents to cover cost of postage, and I will see that they have good specimens.

In Holland the introduction of a postage-due stamp, value 3 cent, was found necessary. The same has been printed in the well known blue type and is now in circulation.

But, before the publication of that stamp, the Een Gulden postage-due stamp was surcharged with 3 cent, in the same style as the 50 cent on 1 Gulden. It is however, very probable that this 3 cent $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 gulden surcharge was never used officially, but that stamp dealers have secured a number of specimens, I have seen only unused or used with gum, which means that the stamp was never attached on a letter. The price, for which they are offered by dealers is about f 1.25(\$.50).

Nicaragua's canal stamp was issued at a time when it was thought it would be a factor in spreading broadcast the special advantages a route through that country would afford the canal builders. The stamp presented a map of Nicaragua and showed by clearly defined lines how the canal could be cut from shore to shore. It availed nothing.—C. A.

U. S. Cash Permits

(Continued.)

Brooklyn, N. Y.	No 34..	Type 4....	1c ..	John Kissel & Co.
" ..	52..	"	4....	1c.... Equitable Trading Co.
Buffalo, N. Y.	16..	"	1 & 4 1c....	Jacob Dold Packing Co.
Camden, N. J.	3..	"	4 ...	1c.... J. B. VaySciver Co.
" ..	6..	"	4 ...	1c ... Victor Talking Mac. Co.
Carson, Nev.	1..	"	4 ...	1c.... Weekly Goldfield Gossip
Chester, Ill.	1..	"	4 & 1 1c....	Western Business Agency
Chicago, Ill.	11..	"	4 ...	1c.... Henry Paulson & Co.
" ..	13..	"	4....	3c ... Grocers Critterion
" ..	14..	"	1&4 .5&8c	Albert Pick & Co.
" ..	34..	"	4 ...	1c.... Hasterlik Bros.
" ..	35..	"	4....	1&3c.. M. Phillipsborn
" ..	57 ..	"	2 ..	1c . Liquid Carabonic Co.
" ..	58..	"	1....	1cR... L. H. Shafter Co.
" ..	83..	"	4....	1c .. L. Bauman & Co.
" ..	96..	"	1....	1c.... Chas. S. Eveland
" ..	97..	"	1....	1c ... Quaker Valley Mfg. Co.
" ..	116..	"	4....	2c.... Crane Co.
" ..	127..	"	1... 1c	... M. Born & Co.
" ..	134..	"	4....	1c ... Strauss Bros.
" ..	152..	"	4 ...	2c ... Strouss & Eisendrath Co.
" ..	173..	"	1....	1c ... Moore & Evans
" ..	193..	"	4 ...	1c ... Hillmans Monthly
" ..	198..	"	4 ...	1c ... Trans. Cont. Freight Bureau
" ..	223..	"	1 ...	1c ... Sullivan Machinery Co.
" ..	227..	"	1 ...	1c ... Morrison Plummer & Co.
" ..	250..	"	4....	1c.... The Carter-Times
" ..	263..	"	2&4 .1c	... Pomeroy Bros.
" ..	283..	"	4 ...	1c ... American Steel & Wire Co.
" ..	302..	"	3 ...	1c ... Tuckert & Hogen
" ..	313..	"	4....	1c ... F. E. Young & Co.
" ..	329..	"	4....	1c.... McKinley Music Co.
" ..	337..	"	4....	1c.... Donald A. Campbell & Co.
" ..	339..	"	4....	1c.... Bennetts Mag. Agency

The time may come when these permits will be valued as highly as any of the U. S. Match and Medicine stamps are now.

The following permits not listed by Longee or Steward are sent by F. A. Brown, E. Peru, Ia:

Boston, Mass.	2 ...	4....	1c ..	Perry Mason Co.
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	1. .	1....	1c....	Welch Cook Co.
Chicago	345	4 ...	1c ...	Pumps & Supplies
" ..	386	4 ...	4c ...	Guthman, Carpenter & Telling
Cincinnati, O.	93	4... 1c	J. M. Hanson
Cleveland, O	50	4 ...	1c ...	Hascall Paint Co.
Columbus, O	2 ...	4....	1c ..	M. C. Lilley
" ..	"	"	"	Variety
Cleveland, O.	36	4 ...	1c ...	Wooltex
Danbury, Conn.	1	1 ...	1c ..	Uric Acid Monthly

(To be continued.)

THE GUILLOTINE.

By Harry Banning.

"Are you a collector," I inquired of my friend Jules as I leaned the bar of his little cafe in the Rue la Grange and examined a five piece of Louis XVI which was on display in the case.

"No," answered Jules shortly, and he left the room, slamming the door in my face. I was not surprised at anything Jules did for I had known him many years. My curio store adjoined his cafe and it was my habit to drop in after business hours and have a glass or two, sometimes when business was dull. Jules was an eccentric fellow. His expressions and conversation seemed to betray some secret grief, so I repeated not surprised at his action.

I was still examining the coin when Jules flung open the door and motioned for me to follow him.

His face wore a strange expression, and his broad shoulders filled the doorway, but I could see that the room was dark, and for a moment I hesitated. Then shaking off my fear I threw down the coin and followed him. We passed through two rooms and finally came to a heavy door. Jules unlocked this and let down the bars. Then he opened the door and we entered a small, dark room without windows of any kind. At first I could see nothing, but when my eyes became accustomed to the gloom I could distinguish a tall, dark object in one corner.

"No, I am not a collector," repeated Jules, "but I have here a relic of the revolution which may interest such people." He caught me by the arm and led me up to the tall object. I shrank back in horror. It was a guillotine.

"Mon Dieu! Jules." I cried, "the guillotine!"

"Yes, the guillotine," chuckled Jules, "the holy guillotine, the symbol of France. You act like an aristocrat" said Jules and I felt his fingers tighten on my arm. It was indeed one of the guillotines of 1793.

The guides were black with age. The knife was rusty and seemed to be stained with fresh blood. Jules raised the knife and let it fall with a dismal clank. "My grandfather was executioner at Nîmes during the Terror," said Jules proudly. "He held his commission from Robespierre. His machine has beheaded many a proud noble." When Jules had finished speaking I stepped up to the grim instrument of death and examined it as carefully as my weak nerves would permit.

It was in splendid condition, as sound as when it struck off heads a hundred years before. The top almost touched the high ceiling and the blade was still sharp. But what surprised me most was the condition of the straps that bound the unfortunates to the plank. They were stout and pliable. I soon found they were new. "Jules," I said with a nervous laugh, "it is ready to use."

"It is always oiled and ready," growled Jules. "It has saved France once, and may do it again. A customer just then entered the cafe and I gladly followed Jules out of the dismal room. I took a long breath when I reached the street and tried to think of more pleasant things, but my mind would always drift back to the towering instrument of death in the back room of the cafe. When I reached my place of business I was trembling like a leaf. I resolved to shun Jules and his place of business. As my nerves grew better my resolve vanished. One night I was again in his cafe listening to his rambling talk when an event occurred which was the climax of my story.

Jules, as usual, was talking of the revolution. He was drawing a vivid word picture of the attack on the Tuileries, and as I listened the thing was transformed. I was living in the "Terror." Even the bottles on the shelves seemed to contain blood and I could hear the crash of the guillotine and the brutal shouts of the mob. Then a voice aroused me. "Louis Robespierre says you must die," and a pair of arms entered

threw me on the plank and bound me. I heard the knife rise and my eyes hopelessly. My whole life passed before me. The poor mad-thought me Louis XVI. Suddenly a thought came to me.

"Jules," I screamed, I am Robespierre, the king has escaped." The man fell on his knees and stared into my face. Then gently releasing he lifted me from the plank and threw himself upon his knees. "Pardonn, citizen," he begged, "I am a fool."

I played my part well. "I pardon you," I replied, "but you must appear before the committee of public safety tomorrow."

His face grew pale at my words. I staggered from the room, but I have fainted, for I can remember nothing until a shrill scream reached me. The sound came from the guillotine. Jules was stretched on the plank with his neck under the knife. I saw his right hand go out, the knife fell and his head dropped into the basket. I looked at the dying blinking face. For a moment his eyes stared at me with fierce anger then the anger slowly disappeared as the brain died. I can not express my feelings, nor shall I describe the sensation that shook Paris when the police discovered four headless bodies under the café.

A reader sends us a newspaper clipping stating that "a conservative estimate of the value of stamp collections in the United States amounts to more than \$12,000,000." Our friend wishes to know our opinion as to this figure.

We don't know who made this \$12,000,000 estimate. It may have been hastily compiled in good faith. So many collections at \$500,000, plus so many collections at \$100,000, plus so many collections at from \$10,000 to \$95,000 each, plus so many more collections at \$5,000 to \$9,000, plus so many hundred at \$1,000, plus so many thousand more at from \$999 down to 25 cents—all these undoubtedly be made to add up \$12,000,000 by anybody with an intimate acquaintance with ordinary arithmetic and a sufficient stock of imagination and verance. We recommend the process as the means of passing a few quiet nights.

The thing, of course, can be done much more simply. Assume that there are 20,000 stamp collectors in the United States, each of whom on the average possesses \$100 worth of stamps, and you get your \$12,000,000. Some optimists probably find fault with these figures on the ground that there are more than 20,000 collectors here in America, or, if there are not, we ought to be ashamed of ourselves. We are inclined to think this objection well taken. A man or woman forgetting the ladies either—must still count as a stamp collector as long as he holds on to any of his philatelic possessions, even if he has long since ceased to be "active."

Let us therefore be more cheerful and assume that there are 1,199,998 stamp collectors active, somnolent or even philatelically dead, but still possessing their stamps. Assuming that, even if some of these collections be worth only 25 cents and some of them not more than 25 cents, yet assuming, we say, that the average value is \$10, which is a nice round figure, and multiplying this by the number of collectors as given above, we get \$11,999,980 as the total value of stamp collections in the United States. It will be noted that this figure is strikingly close to the first quoted newspaper estimate of \$12,000,000; so it is only fair to accept it as correct.

If anyone has proof to the contrary, we shall be pleased to hear from him. The Weekly.

On "Skeleton" Philately

By F. J. Melville

The idea of "outline" or "skeleton" philately deserves the careful consideration of young collectors and those older ones who are obliged to restrict their "hobby-horsical" expenses. A "skeleton" collection would perhaps be more properly and descriptively termed a collection of types of the world's postage stamps. The method adopted by the enthusiast in this branch of the hobby is to take one specimen of every type of stamp and to disregard all the others of the same series if they be of the same design. For instance, last month a new issue of King's Head stamps for use in Southern Nigeria was recorded the facial values running $\frac{1}{2}$ d to £1. To collect the whole of these stamps would mean a large expense to the "generalist," but as the stamps are all of one design, the $\frac{1}{2}$ d value alone suffices for the skeleton philatelist.

In the case of foreign countries it is easy to see that a very considerable saving of money and album space would be effected by merely showing one type of the "Commerce" series of each of the French Colonies, and the later "Justice" and "Rights of Man" types. One or two hundred specimens might be economised by taking only one type of each of the Portugese colonial issues, and further large savings would be effected by applying the system to the Spanish and German colonial issues.

As for the never-failing annual crop of stamps for the Southern and Central American States, one specimen of each design would suffice, and that should always be the lowest value. It is no difficult to believe that were this the generally adopted form of collecting, big issues of useless stamps would not be so frequently put forward by these imbecunious Governemts.

There are, of course, many series of stamps which would have to be collected in entirety in order to get all the different designs. For example, while the Jubilee issue of Canada might be represented by one specimen (The Jubilee), that of its neighbor Newfoundland would have to be taken fully in order to get the whole of the picture series. The New Zealand views, Newfoundland portraits, and the North Borneo dyak series would all require full treatment. The large variety of portraits of the Republican heroes of Argentine and the United States would all have to be taken into consideration, as well as the latter Republic's beautiful commemorative series of 1893, 1898, and 1901. As a set off against these, however, less than a dozen types would serve for Luxemburg's long series of issues, as also for those of Saxony, Bremen, Hamburg, Tunis, Bosnia, Norway, Denmark, and others, while a single type would suffice for such issues as those of Alsace and Lorraine, and Travancore.

The chief advantage of this scheme is its inexpensiveness, and for that reason it has been styled "Philately for the Poor." It is certain that no really scientific philatelist can depend only upon a collection of types on which to base his studies. The student of the postal issues of a particular country must needs have recourse to a fairly complete collection of its stamps. The young specialist, however, who while devoting his best efforts to one country or group of countries, may find this "skeleton" scheme of use for keeping in touch with the stamps of other countries. In this way the majority of philatelists today are forming parts of their collections—the less interesting ones in skeleton. The best application of the idea—and that which appeals to the widest circle of collectors—is to take types only of uninteresting issues, and devote one's attention to stamps that really repay careful study and investment.—English Paper.

Saved by His Stamps--By O. B.

Hans Brown began collecting
In the year of '93,
When he got a little packet
From a New York dealer, free.

He bought a quarter album,
And much to his surprise
An ex-collector gave him
A bunch of stamp supplies.

He kept right on collecting
Until ten years ago.
Then his collection numbered
Twelve thousand stamps or so.

He put his stamps away,
And soon they were forgotten.
They were laid up in the attic
And soon began to rotten.

In debt two thousand dollars
A pledge on all he had,
'Twas mighty hard for Mr. Brown,
It made him very sad.

One day he tho't of gone by days;
Of days when he was young:
When he collected postage stamps,
For pleasure and for fun.

He stole into his attic
And was very much surprised

To find his old collection
In dust and dirt disguised.

He took it to a dealer,
Not very far away.
The dealer looked it over,
And then, what did he say?

"Looking over your collection,
Some rarities I find,"
Inverted center Washingtons
This dealer had in mind.

"I find some rare old Englands,
And some scarce old France.
Oh, what began to lighten,
But the heavy heart of Hans.

"The worth of your collection
Is more than you surmise.
Four thousand dollars it is worth.
Oh, what a great surprise.

Hans went home a running
With the happy news.
For he was very happy,
And no longer had the blues.

After having paid his debt,
He counted what he had.
Two thousand dollars he had left,
It made him very glad.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND.

British Columbia, as most of our readers probably know, is a province of Canada on the eastern coast of British North America. Vancouver Island is off the coast of British Columbia. Prior to the year 1866, both colonies were separate governments but had the same governor as head official.

In 1861 a 2½ pence stamp was issued for the combined use of British Columbia and Vancouver Island. In 1865 Vancouver Island issued individual stamps of 5 and 10 cent values. The next year, 1866, the two colonies were united as one government under the name of British Columbia and a 3 pence stamp of new design was issued. Two years later, 1868, a new issue was made necessary by the change in the currency from pence and pounds to the decimal system of dollars and cents. The 3 pence stamp was printed in six different colors, each color surcharged with a value. This make-shift issue was in denominations of 2, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents and one dollar.

This last issue remained in use only two years. In 1870 British Columbia entered the confederation of colonies composing the present Dominion of Canada. Canadian stamps were used hereafter.

The population of British Columbia and Vancouver Island at that early date was small, and as the different issues were in use for only short periods, the stamps are naturally scarce.



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

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

668—Is the handling of stamps really so dangerous to health as some would make it.—I do not think so. It is undoubtedly possible that germs are conveyed on stamps, both used and unused. Therefore it is not advisable to moisten them with the tongue, as is frequently done, but to use some other means for moistening. On the other hand, if we should be so very much afraid of germs, that for the fear of them we abstain from touching stamps, we might as well leave the world altogether, because the air we breathe and most everything we touch is full of them. A few of them may be alive and harmful, but the majority will, as a rule, not hurt us, and you need not fear them on stamps any more than you fear them on your cigar, on the stem of your pipe, or anything else in daily use. Ordinary care and cleanliness should be quite sufficient in regard to stamps as well as anything else. Do not put them to your tongue, and you are all right.

669—Does the Argentine Republic still issue any stamped envelopes?—I think so. They were certainly in use in March of this year. The latest issue listed in the ABC catalog is that of 1907-8 with portrait of San Martin, 5, 12 and 15 centavos. I have not paid attention whether there is any later issue. The ABC Catalog enumerates 29 different envelopes. It seems though that additional varieties might be counted, if all the papers and sizes be counted. The last one I received is on white paper, but has on the inner side a fancy design lithographed in grey with often repeated words "Servicio de Correos Republica Argentina." This shows through the paper and gives it a greyish figured appearance on the outer side also.

670—Where can one get information about precanceled stamps?—Subscribe to The Attleboro Philatelist. Mr. Eldredge, whose former contributions to The West will be remembered, has been treating precanceled stamps in the A. P. for some time, and in No. 9—which, by the way, illustrates 8 varieties of Canadian and one of Belgian stamps with precancellations—it is announced that shortly an illustrated catalog of U. S. precanceled stamps will be started. I know of no other journal that makes a specialty of these stamps, as does the A. P. For the benefit of another inquirer I will add that precanceled stamps are such which are overprinted with the city name and other marks in whole sheets and used on large lots of printed matter. They receive no further cancellation while going through the mails, and they cannot be used on small lots or single parcels.

616—U. S. of South Africa—Scott's Circular has the following: "The question of stamps for the new South African Union has not yet been definitely settled, but it is probable that each country will continue its own issues for at least a year longer. Judging by the time it took Australia to adopt commonwealth stamps, the 'year' may be a long one indeed." That means in other words that nothing definite is yet known.

671—Who knows anything about a glazed card, inscribed "Good for 5c, redeemable at the Monroe Post Office, Monroe, La., 1861," postmarked on the back?—It seems to be a piece of provisional fractional currency like the "encased stamps" of the war times, but I cannot say that I know anything about it. Were there more such provisionals issued? Where?

672—What is the character of stamps inscribed "Marakesh-Mazagan"?—They, and many others, are said to be private locals used between certain places in Morocco. Kohl's Handbuch lists quite a number of them, giving notes and referring to Dr. Rommel's book, "Marocco seine Post und seine Postwert-

zeichen." Yvert & Tellier state in a note that they are locals used between certain places and then proceed to give a list of such places, to-wit:

Alcazar-Outzan
Tanger-Tetouan
Tanger-Arzila
Tanger-Fez
Fez-Mequinez
Mogador-Agadir

Tetouan-Elksar
Tanger-Laralche
Mazagan-Marakech
Saffi-Marakech
Tanger-Elksar
Fez-Sefrou

Kohl names others besides these, as Mazagan-Marocco, Mazagan-Azemour-Marakech, Mogador-Marocco, Mogador-Marakech, Tetouan-Chechuan and Demnat-Marakech, but states that the lines Tanger-Alkassar (Elksar), Saffi-Marakech and Mogador-Agadir are imaginary, the stamps for these nonexisting lines being a product of speculation.

Senf's Catalog dismisses them all with a short note, branding them as private locals. According to Kohl, however, at least some of them were used for a time in connection with the French, English and (as it seems to be implied) German and Spanish offices in Morocco, giving them a semi-official character.

Scott, Gibbons and others omit them entirely.

673—Does exchange with foreign collectors pay?—That depends both on your own circumstances and the particular collectors with whom you enter into exchange relations. If you have a few stamps of value to offer you cannot expect to get much of value in return, and if the foreign collectors with whom you exchange are selfish and unscrupulous, it is very likely that you will exchange at a loss. Sometimes you will be so fortunate as to find men that want just what you have to offer and will make generous returns for what they get. As a rule, I consider exchange with foreigners a costly pastime. England, Canada, Germany and Mexico under our domestic postal rates may be considered as exceptions. But then, exchange with collectors in our own country is not always profitable, or even satisfactory. It takes time to find out with whom you can agree well. Better exchange hand to hand with neighbors.

674—What packets of stamps should a collector buy after neglecting his collection of about 3,000 varieties for 6 or 8 years?—That depends on the manner in which he wishes to collect. If he wishes to bring his general collection of common stamps down to date, he may do well to buy a packet of 1,000 or 2,000 varieties. If he has any favorite countries, or if, perhaps on account of his old album, he wishes to collect in a limited way, he will better pick out packets of specified contents, or he may do better to buy sets instead of packets.

675—How may stamps be sent in the international mails?—They may be sent in sealed packets at letter rates, in open packages as printed matter or samples (without value) or merchandise, or—where treaties exist—by parcels post.

676—What countries collect import duty on stamps?—None that I know, except Mauritius, which collects—12 per cent ad valorem, I think—and perhaps one or the other country—which I do not remember—on large lots of unused stamps in full sheets. The U. S. collects duty on ALBUMS with or without stamps in them, 35 per cent ad valorem. Hence to send an album with stamps to the U. S. is a very costly pastime!

677—How may one distinguish the 1d, 1881, Great Britain, Scott's No. 88 and 89, without counting the dots?—There is a slight difference in shade and general appearance, and the dots on the stamp with only 14 are a little larger than where there are 16 dots. By actual observation in careful comparison one may learn to distinguish them almost at a glance, but otherwise this can hardly be learned. The best way to do is to get one of the stamps with 14 dots (No. 88) and with it to compare any other stamps that one wishes to examine; by holding the two stamps side by side the difference may soon be learned.

Stamp Collecting in Outline--Greece

During the last ten years we philatelists have had a great deal more consideration from the governments of the world than we used to have. In the old days a designer was thought to have fulfilled his duty when he had turned out a stamp which could easily be recognized as being of a certain value and belonging to a particular territory. Nowadays he is called upon to produce a picture, or frequently a series of pictures, illustrative of the history or art of a country, or representing one or more of its famous men or its most remarkable animals. Though in a good many cases there has been a sordid desire to produce stamps that will find a ready sale amongst collectors, it cannot be doubted that the movement has given a new interest to philately.

Take Greece, for example. From 1861 to 1882 the ancient home of art produced but one type, and that merely a servile copy of the stamps of the French Republic, indeed, the work of the same engraver, M. Barre. Though the 161 varieties—those printed in Paris and those printed in Athens, those with figures at the back and those without this feature—form a splendid field for the specialist, they can hardly be expected to arouse much enthusiasm in the general collector. We who are collecting types will content ourselves with a single example, the 20 lepta, blue, of the 1862-70 set, produced in Athens. From 1886 to 1896 Greece had a slightly more distinctive set designed, and at first printed in Belgium, and distinguishable by the smaller head and the large numerals at the foot.

In the last mentioned year the Olympic games were held, and the Greeks awoke to the possibility of producing an issue which would have won the approval of their ancestors who contended in the ancient Olympic games, and might also prove attractive to the modern philatelist. Art does not flourish under Turkish rule, and has not yet had time to revive in Greece, so the work had to be carried out in Paris, but the artists caught the classical spirit and for the first time Greece had a genuinely national series of stamps. Following our general principle, we have picked out the two most typical of the eight designs, the 1 lepton, on which a pair of gladiators, in the simple costume affected in primitive Greece on such occasions, are having a spirited set to with their fists, and the 20 lepta, which reproduces an antique vase adorned with a figure of Pallas Athen, the goddess of wisdom, armed with a spear and shield. With such a set as this we may stretch a point and include the 10 lepta, which illustrates the ancient sport of throwing the discus, a kind of quoit made of stone.

The standard set by the issue has been fairly well maintained. The set of 1901 printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London, has a good running figure of Hermes, repeated on it. There are three varieties, of which the finest is undoubtedly that used for the drachma values, but as these are somewhat expensive we must be satisfied with the next best, represented by the 5 lepta.

The 1902 set with the head of Hermes in a headed oval, shows a falling off, but everything is made up for by the second Olympic games series, which came out in 1906 and is to be placed to the credit of Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Their Apollo throwing the discus, on the 1 lepton is a fine piece of work, but the gem of the collection is the 20 lepta where the Titan Atlas, who supports the dome of the sky, is offering the apples of the Hesperides to Hercules, whilst this hero is temporarily discharging his onerous duty. The quaint ideas of astronomy entertained by the very early Greeks are evidenced by the bit of sky, which appears at the top of the stamp, with its neat row of stars and the little crescent moon in the center. The two palm trees represent Africa, where Atlas was sup-

posed to live and the spiked object is Hercules celebrated club. For those who desire a few extra specimens of this striking set, we can recommend the 10 lepta, depicting a figure of victory, curiously like the angels of ordinary art, and the 30 lepta, exhibiting a wrestling match, both of which are quite inexpensive.

The original Postage Due Stamps of Greece were of Austrian manufacture, and at first had the word "Lepta" in small letters which were three years later altered to larger ones. In 1902 the present more artistic type came into use, with the figures between two classical pillars.

STAMPS TO BE COLLECTED.—GREECE.

1861 to 1886. Head of Hermes, French type, 20 Lepta, blue, used, 1d.

1886—91. Smaller head, large numerals in bottom corners, 20 lepta, scarlet, used, 1d.

1896. Olympic games issue. Gladiators fighting, 1 lepton, ochre, used, 1d.

1896. Olympic games issue, large vase with figure of goddess, 20 lepta, brown, used, 1d.

1901. Running figure of Hermes, 5 lepta, green, used, 1d

1902. Head in beaded oval, A. M. in top corners, figures in bottom corners, 5 lepta, orange, unused, 1d.

1906. 2nd Olympic games issue, Apollo throwing discs, 1 Lepton, brown used, 1d

1906. 2nd Olympic games issue. Atlas offering the apple to Hercules, 20 lepta, claret, used, 1d.

Postage Due Stamps.

1875. Numerals in circle, "Lepta" in small letters, perf. 2 lepta, green and black, unused, 1d.

1878. Numerals in circle, "Lepta" in large letters, 5 lepta, green and black, used, 2d.

1902. Numerals between pillars, 1 lepton, brown, unused, 1d.

WEST Publisher was present 2 years ago at all of the Olympic Games held in London, England. It lasted over two weeks.

SPANISH PHILATELY.

At various periods we have commented upon the future of the various Spanish Colonies which since the late Spanish American war have been diminishing so that at that the moment Spain retains but one Colonial possession—Fernando Po. The rapid extension of the German Colonies during the past few years has been a marked feature of the political, as well as the philatelic, history of the Fatherland. A short while back we gave a complete list of the various German Colonies, with the stamps issued for use therein. Spain having just ceded the Caroline Islands, the Pellew Islands, and the Ladrões or Mariana Island, some fresh surcharges on the current German adhesives may be looked for at an early date.

The Caroline Islands are a group in the Western Pacific, largely uninhabited, with a population of 22,000. The Pellews lie to the west of the Carolines, with a population of about 5,000 or 10,000. The Mariana or Ladrões lie to the north of the Carolines. Guam, one—the largest—of the group is already in the possession of the United States.

It is even rumored that Fernando Po is being treated for by a European power, and if so, Spain retires into Philatelic seclusion, an important feature of European history at the close of this nineteenth century.



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The Washington News, a new department in the Philadelphia Stamp News, is a valuable acquisition of this new weekly stamp paper. The correspondent, "Post Officious," seems to be in touch with—or at least in easy reach of—the men that make the U. S. stamps, or decide how they shall be made. He gives some interesting information about U. S. postal cards, speaks of the Esperanto congress to be held in Washington this year, August 14 to 20, and reminds us of the four papers that may be distinguished in the stamps of the present U. S. issue, namely, the original white, the bluish experimental rag paper, the so-called "china clay" paper, and a new chalk surface paper. The following might almost be called startling news. "Post Officious" writes: "I am sending you an essay of surface printing by a new process known as the 'off set' method, and I am firmly of the opinion that the bureau is experimenting in view of cutting out die engraving, etc., and the expensive plate sheet work. This 'off set' method would print continuously in long sheets, about a hundred stamps wide, and being wound on a roll until five hundred or a thousand impressions have been made, as desired, the large roll would be cut apart making a hundred small rolls of five hundred or a thousand stamps each." An innovation of so radical a character certainly deserves notice, and the man and paper that make the first mention of it credit for doing so.

Of the new King George of England the Literary Digest says: "It has been said that King George V. would rather command a battleship or collect postage stamps than reign over a nation." Further on the king is described as a man well versed in history and of studious habits.

In the German press the question whether reprints exist of certain German colonial stamps or not, is again in much evidence. The officials of the Imperial Post flatly deny their existence, but Hauptmann Ohrt, author of a work on reprints, makes a pretty strong case, trying to prove from the report of these very officials that reprints do exist. It all depends on the definition of the term "reprints." According to the definition adopted some time ago by several philatelic bodies, Hauptmann Ohrt seems to be right, yet in other respects he seems to go too far. What will interest stamp collectors generally is the fact that a part—how large a part could not be ascertained—a part of 7,000 sets with the surcharge "Deutsch Sudwest Afrika" were printed, not for postal use, but for the Berlin Postal Museum, which sold them to philatelists. It appears that the officials of the museum and possibly some of the other officials, were not aware at the time that a part of these 7,000 sets were printed for this special purpose. They call them originals, while Hauptmann Ohrt and others call them reprints, and claim that similar reprints were made of the stamps of certain other colonies, "Marschall" Islands, first surcharge, for instance. The whole occurrence shows how very desirable it is that publicity be given to all facts connected with any issue of stamps, and that stamps printed for collectors, and not for postal use should be so designated before they are sold to collectors. They certainly have less value in the estimation of many collectors than the stamps printed for postal use.

Der Stempelmarkensammler is a new paper hailing from Kapsovar, Hungary, and is issued in the interest of collectors of revenue or fiscal, telegraph, railroad, steamboat, and express or private post stamps. As contributors it names Messrs. A. Forbin of Paris, Emerich Doczkalik of Vienna

and I. Mayr of Vienna. Our Mr. O. T. Hartmann of Denver appears also among the contributors with a very readable article in No. 1, giving his reasons for becoming a revenue stamp collector. The same experience that he had to go through, namely a lack of literature giving information about revenue stamps, is most likely one of the main reasons that so few collectors take up revenues in earnest. The new journal may therefore be welcomed so much the more, and though it is published in the German language, we hope it may continue to appear longer than did that excellent English publication, Morley's Philatelic Journal, which by its discontinuation has left a want among fiscal collectors.

The Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt reports the sale of a lot of 1,111,740 stamps of Ecuador, the remainders of the Railway Commemorative issue, for the sum of \$20,000. The face value of the lot which contains 141,056 1 sucre stamps is \$266,864.23. The smallest quantity of any stamp is that of the 5c which is 41,264. They should all be obtainable for about one-tenth of the face value, or 20c per set. Most likely though we shall have to pay 50c to \$1.00. The buyer is not named.

The same journal in its May number illustrates two pages of counterfeit stamps, surcharges and obliterations found in the possession of Dimitri Mladenovic, who for some time operated from Paris and was arrested in Vienna. Among the illustrations are those of five stamps of Roumania, surcharges of Guam, Austrian Levante, German, French and British colonies, and sixteen obliterations or cancellations, Russian, French, German, Italian and English. Shall we rejoice more over the counterfeiter's capture, or lament the fact that he has been able to work so much and so long in his nefarious business?

Mr. Gustav Schmidt of Basel, Switzerland, stamp collector, representative of the Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club, publisher and agent for philatelic publications, has sent us quite a number of European stamp journals. There are two in French, Le Timbrophile de France, published in Paris, and L'Annonce Timbrologique, published in Brussels. Then there is the Skandinavisk Filatellisk Tidsskrift, hailing from Odense, Denmark; the Revista Postal Portuguesa, from Villa de Conde, Portugal, and El Eco Postal, from Valencia Spain, respectively in the Danish, Portuguese and Spanish languages. The Altkemeiner Anzeiger fuer Philatelie is a German paper coming from Woerishofen, Bavaria, and De Postzegelrevue, a Dutch paper from Soerakarta, Java.

In Die Post, another paper sent us by Mr. Schmidt, we find a very interesting account of the 25pf. German Southwest Africa, second issue (Scott No. 11), by Herr Louis Senf. The writer says that, though a number of these stamps had been printed, they were considered unnecessary and not sent to the colony, until stamp collectors there demanded them and the colonial officials ordered them by telegraph. When later it was found that they were not wanted for postal use, it was too late.

The time for the annual convention of the American Philatelic Society is rapidly approaching and yet we hear very little about the Collector's Stamp Catalogue which should have been commenced last year. The want of an independent catalogue giving unbiased prices not controlled by any dealer is the great drawback to stamp collecting in the United States and there can be no revival of business until such a catalogue is published. It is not too late to get the work started under the auspices of the A. P. S. Independent dealers stand ready to contribute two thousand dollars to start the work. A competent editor can be engaged to do the job for a thousand dollars and the advanced sale to dealers and collectors will provide all the additional funds necessary. We believe every dealer in the country would be willing to undertake part of the work under the direction of the editor without any other remuneration than the knowledge that he has done his share for the advancement of philately in America.

Stamps--Jamaica

Jamaica is perhaps one of the finest countries for the collector of moderate means. The expense of a complete collection is comparatively small, whilst the first issues are just sufficiently scarce to make the country interesting from a philatelic standpoint. There is plenty of scope for the specialist here too, shades of nearly every issue being found in great variety, whilst we find surcharges, errors of surcharge, errors in the design (in the "Arms" issue) and plenty of interesting varieties of watermark and perforation—and, of course, the inevitable chalk surfaced paper in the late issues.

Until August 1st, 1860, the Jamaican Post Office was under the control of Great Britain, and the British 1d., 4d. and 6d. stamps were used on all letters sent out of the island. British stamps used in Jamaica at this time are easily distinguishable as they generally bear the Kingston Postmarks A27 to A78 are also occasionally found, these being the numbers of the minor Jamaican Postoffice. All specialists of Jamaican stamps are advised to look out for these stamps, as they are rapidly getting more popular just now among collectors, with the result that they are getting increasingly difficult to obtain.

1860.—On November 23rd, 1860, the first Jamaican stamps were issued. There were five values—the 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., and 1s. They were printed on thin wove paper, bearing the well known pineapple watermark, and perforated 14. The pineapple is one of the important features in the Arms of the Island, this probably leading the authorities to adopt this device. The 3d. value was issued in 1863 with the same watermark and perforation as before.

The stamps of the first issue are exceedingly difficult to procure in really fine condition—in fact, they are very seldom seen in the mint state, and really good unused copies are worth full catalogued value.

1861.—In November, 1861, an interesting bisected provisional stamp was issued—which was authorized by government decree in the Jamaican Official Gazette—the 1d blue being bisected and used as a half-penny stamp. Dangerous forgeries of this stamp are often found, even on the entire envelope.

1871 2.—The second issue appeared during these two years. The same values and designs were issued, but on paper watermarked Crown CC. The ½d. value was added in 1872, this bringing the number of values up to seven.

1875 —Two additional values now appeared—the 2s brown and 5s. lilac watermark Crown C. C., but perforated 12½).

1883 6.—During these years five values were issued with Crown C. A. watermark. viz., ½d. green (1885), 1d. blue (1883), 1d. rose (1885), 2d. rose (1884), 2d. grey (1885), 3d. green (1886), 4d. brown-red (1883), and 4d. orange-brown.

The 1d value was changed from blue to red to meet Postal Union requirements—which necessitated a further change in the colour of the 2d. value—from red to grey.

The 1d. blue and 2d rose are scarce stamps, owing to their short life, and are gradually getting scarcer, especially in the unused condition. Beginners are apt to confuse the 4d., brown-red with the common orange brown; there is a great difference in their values—Gibbons prices for unused copies being 20s. and 8d. respectively.

1889.—The 1d, and 2d. values were issued in this year in different colours and designs. Multitudinous shades of these stamps are to be found—though many are caused through the action of light, etc.

1890.—In 1890 a provisional 2½s. stamp was issued, the 4d, orange-brown

being surcharged TWO PENCE HALFPENNY in thin sans-serif capitals in black. There are many distinct varieties of this surcharge—several being rare—especially the double-surcharged variety, etc.

1890-7.—Between 1890 and 1897, five new stamps were issued, viz., the 2½d. lilac and ultra-marine in the 1889 design and the 6d, 1s., 2s., and 5s. of the old design, but on Crown C. A paper and perf. 14.

1900-1.—In 1900 the Penny postage was adopted between Jamaica and Great Britain, and a 1d. pictorial stamp was issued to commemorate the event.

1903-4.—In these two years four more stamps were issued bearing the arms of the colony. These stamps were bi-colored and were printed on paper water-mared Crown C A, single and perforated 14.

1905.— In this year the same stamps were issued with multiple Crown CA watermark. A new value of the same type was also issued—the 5s. violet and black.

Rather a surprise was created by the reissuing of the 3d., 6d., and 1s. Queen's Head stamps on the multiple watermarked paper. During the last two years most of the last issues have appeared on the chalky paper, also making these issues rather intricate. An interesting variety occurs in most of the "Arms" types. On one stamp of every sheet the letters "VL." and the word "Serviet" are missing.

1906.— In 1906, the ½s and 1d. values were issued in a redrawn "Arms" type—and uncolored—the difference in the design being mostly in the framework of the Arms.

Commemorative stamps are seldom issued to exploit stamp collectors, and if there were statistics available it would be found that not a twentieth part of such issues were purchased by stamp collectors. Not a hundredth part of the United States Commemorative issued are purchased by collectors. The same thing can be said of Bulgaria, Japan and other countries. The postage stamp forms a convenient form of advertising a national anniversary, and thousands of non-stamp-collectors buy them as souvenirs. Commemorative stamps are, in fact, the recruiting sergeants of philately, and do far more good than even exhibitions. To give an illustration of the possibilities of the postage stamp; if the Postmaster-General would issue a special stamp in February, 1911, to commemorate the twenty years establishment of the railway letter post, he would probably find it a more effective advertisement of that little known facility than all the many pages that have appeared about it in the Postal Guide. A postage stamp will often circulate where a newspaper won't, at least, in countries where there is not a "Daily Mail." But we should have thought for advertisement purposes, picture post cards were more suitable than stamps. Belgium, for instance, issues 5c and 10c postcards, advertising the Ostende-Dover route between the Continent and England. New Zealand is a case of a Colony issuing pictorial cards. No one suggests these are "made for collectors." Why, then, the adhesive stamps?—Collectors Weekly

ONLY AN "ALBINO."

We occasionally hear of some person finding a U. S. envelope with the regular embossed stamp in the corner but without ink—colorless. The finder usually considers the envelope a rarity of the highest class, and places a large value upon it. However, an "albino", as collectors call them are merely freaks and are not even rare as such. They sell at prices varying from 10 to 50 cents, according to the desire of the buyer to possess a copy.

How I Do It--By A. Z. Myers

Every collector has his own way of handling his stamps. After a while I find some other collector that has a better way, and then he changes, and what a lot of fun he has removing his stamps and arranging them differently.

Instead of buying an album, I bought a John C. Moore Loose Leaf ledger which strikes my fancy just to the T. Lincoln gets out finest album seen.

Then I began with the latest issues of U. S. and 1909 gave us three special pages. On the first page as yet in that book, but for the title page are three full rows of these stamps together with such information as to time and purpose and value as I may see fit to enter.

Additional duplicates are stuck on the back of the page unless there are many of them. If more than one row or so, we use an envelope, one that the mucilage for sealing is good, as the flap closes over more closely shutting out the light, and when the number reaches a hundred it is sealed, and a new one begins.

These extra envelopes I find a very convenient way of carrying my extra stamps. At present, I am collecting everything in sight, believing that if one stamp of a kind is worth getting more are also. Sometime I may become a dealer, or have a stock worth selling to a dealer.

Coming back to my book, the next pages have the 1908-9 series arranged similarly though there are room for four rows. Instead of only one of a kind I like to see the row, they look nice, and are convenient for getting at when I want to trade with some one for we will trade or exchange when we have more than one of a kind, except when they are blocks which we will not break and at present am just collecting.

Then we trace on back through the U. S., as we have been able and have space for all the several issues. If a new sheet is needed at any time it is a simple matter of a second, to slip it in.

Following the U. S. postage are the U. S. Revenue and then Canada, the West Indies, Central and South America, England, Europe and I have easily learned the order they follow without an index and prefer this greatly to the alphabetic order. Of course this is only my preference. After Europe is Africa, then Asia, Australia and the Islands of the Pacific.

As my collection grows, it is enlarged by adding a new sheet as needed in the place. The same system for duplicates is followed throughout the book as described for the U. S. Stamps are grouped on pages according to issues. When I get more varieties or find errors in cataloging, it is an easy matter to change the entire sheet if desired.

It has cost me less than a good album, is flexible, adaptable, holds not only my whole collection in a way it is a pleasure to see and show, but has much of my duplicate stock very convenient for exchanging, for by the use of peelable hinges, it is a trifle to remove. When my collection has grown to the point of interesting specialization, it will be ready for it. There is also room for clippings or writing if desired.

Values are marked in pencil and easily changed if I find an error or change in values.

Approval sheets have been made for exchanging. We are more anxious to just collect than exchange, though of course we are glad to get new varieties. My collection is hardly out of its swaddling clothes, but it has in this way brought me a lot of pleasure and has a value far in excess of its ordinary marketable value.

ould be glad to hear through the WEST of any original ways other collec-
ay file. This is my way. It may not be a good way, but pleases me the
any I have found yet. The WEST will do good service, and you will do
service to the West, by telling the way you have that is better.

201 *Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann*

(Continued from June "WEST".)

Ceylon bill stamps are divided into first, second and third exchange and have
considerably surcharged, but this fact does not stop me from trying to keep
in my collection, because they are artistically gotten up stamps. Also a
presentation of Duty, Judicial and Warehouse.

Chili is an easy country and no trouble to secure. The 20 pesos excepted,
tegraph are common enough.

Columbian Republic early stamps come under the name New Granada up to
time, then Col. Rep. and its respective provinces. Panama used to use Col.
revenue stamps surcharged Timpre Especial, Depto de Panama in double
oval, but has issued a few as an independent republic.

Costa-Rica I have been able to keep up with the procession. The issues
1883 are large stamps, the rest small. All bear the arms surcharged each
since 1903 with date of year. 1884 produced the 4 head types, which you
postage stamp catalogs postally used, but they are common as revenues.

Creta I have only a few of 1900. These are the counterpart of the pos-
sibly that they are all printed in bistre (olive yellow.)

Cuba as a republic has issued many commercial tax stamps, not scarce, but
now not easy to secure in quantities.

Danish Denmark has not changed its revenues since 1876. All are bi-colored
with or without wmk. About complete.

Equator revenues are easy. Up to 1897 one design issues are quite numerous.
Revenues cancelled postally to order are the common ones to be found. I
them but try to replace them truly fiscally used, which is another matter.

Every postage stamp collector is acquainted with the old Finland serpentine
perforation but increase the size of stamps almost 4 times, and you have the rev-
end to get perfect revenues with no perforation missing, is a hard proposi-

is rather annoying to hear some collectors talk of the vast profits real-
the dealer on the sale of stamps. If they could be sold by the thousand
lots at a time and accepted in packets as handed out then a quarter of one
it would be a fair profit, but we have yet to see the dealer who can conduct
business at less than sixteen per cent expenses on his total sales. One dealer
to sell new issues at ten per cent above face value, he lost money and ad-
the price to fifteen per cent, but as he found that the more he sold the
he became he gave up the business. There is more money in selling cur-
rent stamps at one than selling foreign stamps at twenty per cent. The great
in the business is the time occupied. The grocer makes an average larger
than the stamp dealer and his goods take no time to sell. Time and space
valuable in New York, cost money.—Metropolitan Phil.

Postage stamps were printed and gummed by contract for 5c per 1,000—paper
supplied by English Government—in 1840. They are now printed much cheaper.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

The various countries of the world use 3,400 different kinds of postage stamps.

L'Annonce Timbrologique states that a German stamp dealer has just purchased for 40,000 marks one million of the stamps of the triangular series of Equador, issued in 1908 to commemorate the twenty-fifth

anniversary of the opening of the Guayaquil to Quito railway. The stamps were engraved and printed by Messrs Werlow & Sons, as every purchaser is informed by the prominent imprint which figures on every stamp. As the set is catalogued at over 7s. 6d. it will be interesting to watch the effect of the deal on catalogue prices.

The Philatelic Society of Sweden has issued a warning against current imperforate 5 o and 20 o stamps of that country which are now being offered. The statement is made that they are printer's waste and that the postoffice will not accept them for postage.

Mr. Ralph has shown a pair of the United States 1863, 3c rose imperforate horizontally, which has been in his collection for years. It will be remembered that the 10c in similar condition was discovered some two years ago.

Personally, the stamps of South and Central American Republics have always appealed to me. Also I felt that they were not receiving the attention they merited by their many points of interest.

It is fair to observe that Nicaragua's stamps are as interesting historians as the stamps of other countries. There seems to be a great store of learning and useful information laid up in all of them.

The WEST has carried the want ad business for 16 years at 2c per word for first insertion and 1c per word for each subsequent insertion. If not continuous insertions, 2c per word. Most stay who try it six months.

The newspapers have been making much of a \$500.00 Straits Settlements postage stamp, of which a specimen copy was received recently at Washington. This value, while nominally good for postage like many other British Colonials of high denominations, is, of course, intended merely for use as revenue and to class it as a postage stamp is absurd.

In spite of the sneers of some so-called "superior" people, there can be no doubt that stamp collecting is not only a very interesting hobby, but also instructive. Every child should be encouraged to collect them if only for the increased knowledge of geography gained thereby. Stamp collecting is by no means confined to any one class of society. H. P. R. the King of England is an enthusiastic philatelist, and his collection is probably one of the most valuable in existence.

An enterprising statistician has already figured out that there are in use at present 535 varieties of British and British Colonial stamps, having a face value of \$320, bearing the portrait of King Edward, and which will presumably have to be changed within the next few years.

The first King George stamps bid fair to appear more promptly than was the case after Victoria's death. We are informed that new designs for the Great Britain set have already been submitted for the King's approval.

Why when the Trade X advertising rate is the same in many papers does the WEST carry the largest Want and X ad pages? Because WEST Want and X ads bring best results. Rates 2c per word per insertion. Contract, 1c per word.

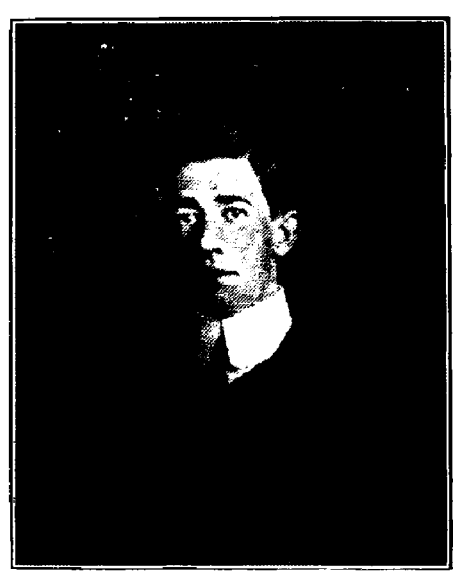


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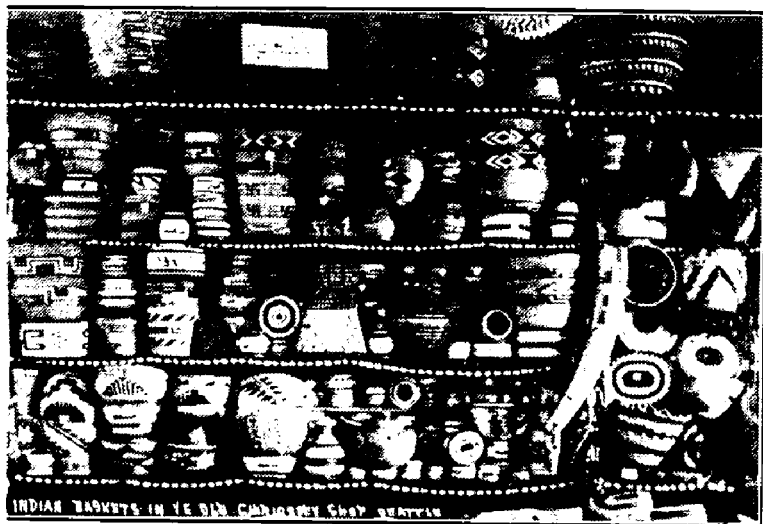
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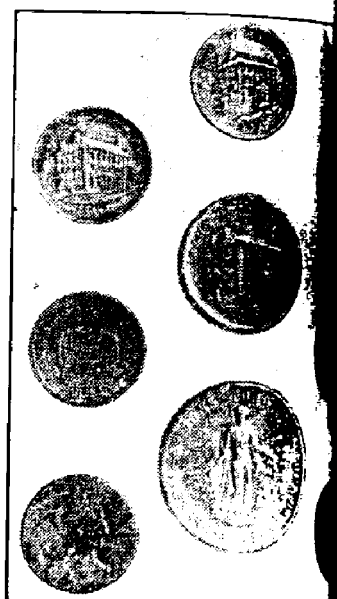


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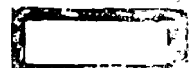
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INDIAN ARTICLES IN THE OLD CURIOUSITY SHOP SEATTLE



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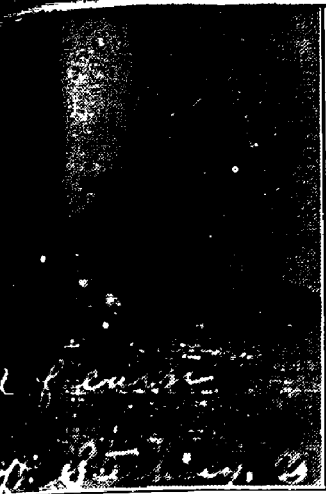


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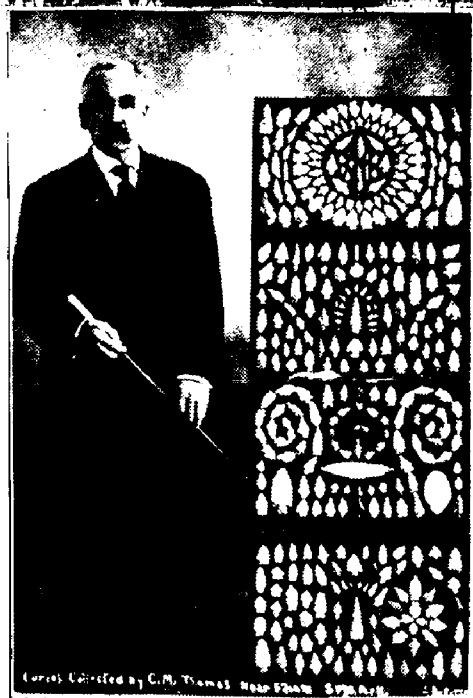
Another collection of J. Holzman Newark, N.J. See write up in last issue.

White Quail shot near Georgetown, Ohio, and mounted by F. A. W. Dean Alliance, O.





F. L. Goodman,
Liverpool, England



Gift weapons in collection of C. M. Thomas, Siloam Springs, Ark.

The Latest Stamps.
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See write up of Ancient Weapons in this issue.

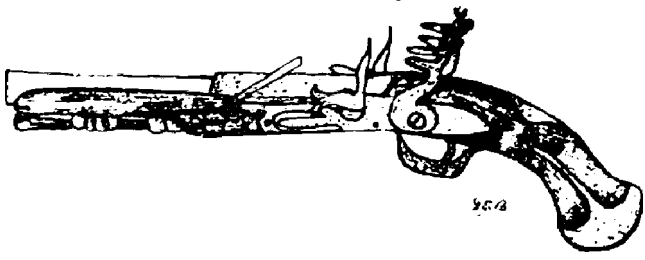


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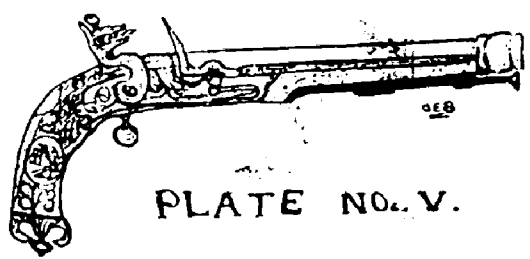
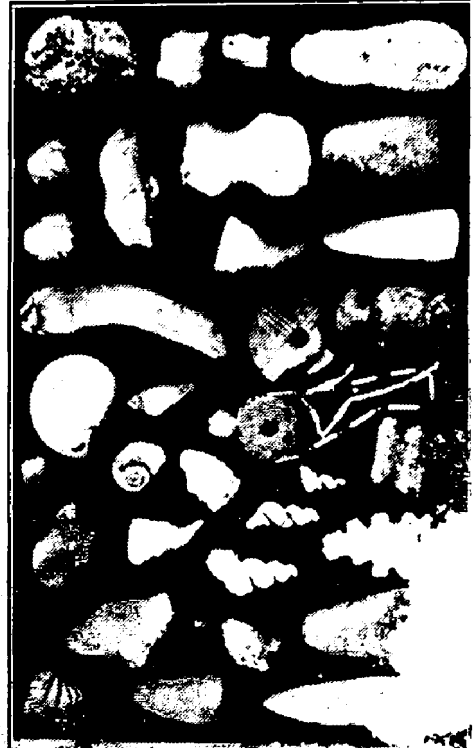
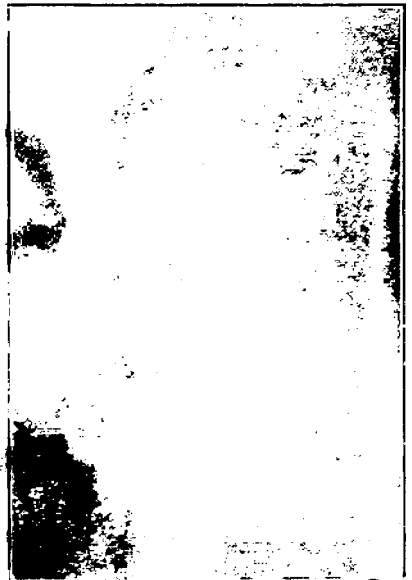


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J. M. Harris, Pub., Pittsburg, Pa. T. S. Hill and wife, Moodys, Okla. See ad
E. J. Lawrence, Wolcott, Vt., see his ads. O. Booth, Prescott, Ia.





PHILOCARTY



POST CARD

*I.C. Collecting
The World
Over*

The souvenir post card craze has reached large proportions in Europe as well as other countries, and a mighty fad in this country. Who has not become interested in this fascinating pursuit? Think of all the post card exchange clubs, etc.

Post cards are great time savers. In the old days before the card was invented those who spent their holidays in the country or by the sea gave descriptions of the places of interest that they visited by long tedious letters which always took up a certain amount of time which might otherwise have been spent in going about in the open air. But the postcard has almost been the death-blow to the long tiresome descriptive letter and now provides a very much more effective means of showing to your friends and relations the course of your travels.

The Daily Paper Post cards have become much in vogue. In Paris are seen such and they are sold the same as the daily newspaper. This quaint little Journal makes its appearance every day on the boulevards and gives in brief a report of the most important current events, together with an illustration, that of the first number showing a scene of some opera at some grand theatre. These La Carta Journals are sold for as small a price as one penny. Thirteen hundred men are engaged in the manufacture of post cards in Germany and it is estimated that over 100 designs are turned out each day. At a moderate estimate 100,000 cards are produced per day. There are hopes for this country yet.

From the Picture Post Card we have a good poem on Post cards as follows:

'Of epidermis old or new

'Gainst which the nation's fight is

The most infectious one I know

Is picture post-card-itis.

The Stamp collector in the shade

Discerneth where the light is.

For now he's nowhere, hence his dread

Of picture post-card-it's.

To danger we're not yet awake

While correspondence bright is

We court it for its own sweet sake

This picture post card-itis.

We cannot say how long 'twill stay

But what we're safe to write is,

Since every dog must have his day

Then so must post-card-itis.

The Post Card informs and entertains. It would take up too much space to note its many phases and sources. But every one knows its various good virtues and it's needless therefore to go into detail regarding its value.

Post cards in Japan are making an enormous headway in all styles. An ap-

...the interesting between one ally and Gr. Britain. During the Russo Japanese war the Japanese military authorities supplied many thousands of cards to the soldiers with one or two sentences already printed on them to encourage the soldiers to keep in touch with their relatives at home. No doubt this idea helped to allay the anxiety of the soldiers' friends, and tended to promote happiness among the soldiers themselves. The postal arrangements of the Japanese army and navy were far in advance of our own during the Boer War.

A beautiful card is seen of the famous winter Resort "Biarritz." Its wealth of brightly colored flowers, seen on the rocks on the san is, between the stones. On the sands are fringed pink and couvoloulus growing between stones. From there one sees the flower cards depicting the horned poppy, the cistus, the pink thrift and the yellow everlasting.

Bavaria comes in well for cards this year, for the famous Oberammergau cards, this being the year when the famous Passion Play is being reproduced, as it was ten years ago. Many fine cards are seen, showing scenes of the play and also of its various actors in their costumes. Many fine sights are seen of the Kopelberg at the foot of which lies the village. Various cards show the cottages occupied by the chief characters in the play of this strange village. A large wooden structure serves as the theatre in which over 5000 people can congregate.

The play begins at 8 a. m., and closes at 5 p. m. with an interval of one hour for the noonday meal, which becomes very interesting, as the people are being waited upon by those assuming characters in the play.

Here may be seen the greatest mixture of aristocrats, democrats, plutocrats, conservatives of the new regime, and often royal personages in disguise, in Alpine costumes and assumed names. Try to get some of these cards from Bavarian collectors or card manufacturers.

Heidelberg comes in swell for cards. "Als Heidleberg der feine Du Slodt an Ehren reich." etc., sings the Poet, and well he may. This ancient city is the seat of a great university and one of the oldest and finest educational institutions in the world. Imposing ruins of the Heidelberg Castle are seen on one card. The Neckar Valley is very picturesque, romantic and hard to describe.

Munich the capital of Bavaria, near the Alps has many fine views to show up. The city has been the center of German art for more than a century. Following the views are seen the monument of King Max Joseph, the Royal Palace, the Alte Residenz, the Konigshau, the Allerheibgen Sofkirche, the Kaulbach Museum, the Bavarian National Museum, the Maxmilianeum and the Pina-Rothek. From the Rhine is seen the famous ruin "Furstenberg." Who has not seen the Rhine in pictures or read its legends? One can imagine how it winds among the raggy hills of splendid form and walls of rock and forest. Who would not like to see it in reality?

Pictorial post cards which many are good enough to send me from time to time, are another little attention which I appreciate very much. I have now quite an imposing collection obtained in this way. Just this last month I have to acknowledge with gratitude cards from Egypt, Palestine, Brazil, British Guiana, Canada, South Africa and the Federated Malay States, as well as some from the West Coast of Africa representing various types of dusky beauty.

Souvenir Card Collecting is no doubt one of the greatest fads of the 20th Century and without a doubt one of the most pleasant lines of collecting to follow.

MINERALOGY



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

Eskimos of northern Alaska for ages have made axes and ornaments of a green jade, which, upon examination by experts, has been pronounced equal to any found in China and Japan. The Eskimos say that a whole mountain at the headwaters of the Kobuk river, in the Arctic circle, is composed of this jade. As jade occurs only in thin veins, it is believed that a jade reef, broken up by the erosion of a hillside, has been scattered as float over a large area, making the natives believe the green stone is the native rock. Dr. Philip, S. Smith and Dr. H. M. Eakin of the United States geological survey have sailed from Seattle for Alaska to solve the jade problem. From White Horse they will go down the Yukon by steamer to the mouth of the Koyukuk river and then ascend the Koyukuk to Bergman. By crossing a divide they will reach the unexplored Kobuk river country, which is known to contain gold, coal, copper and asbestos, besides the jade. The explorers will arrive at Nome in time to catch the last steamer for Seattle. During the summer they will examine the Squirrel river gravels, reported to contain gold.

For the purpose of reviewing the earlier work of the geological survey in the full mountain coal fields, and for completing the task in certain small sections, R. W. Richards and C. T. Lupton, connected with that department, recently left Billings, Montana, for the country in question. A map prepared by the survey shows that the coal fields embrace an immense area in the northern part of Yellowstone county, being far greater in extent than is popularly supposed, for several townships are included. The district extends east and west practically across the northern part of the county from township four north. At the present time no railroad penetrates this great field, the only line touching it being that of the Milwaukee, which has a short branch which crosses the Musselshell river at Roundup, which enters the field for a distance of about five miles on the Yellowstone county side of the river. It is said by the surveyors that this coal is of a quality practically the same as that found at Bear Creek and that it is of the same age. It ranges in depth from outcroppings at the surface to 1,600 feet with veins 14 inches to several feet in thickness. A large portion of the land is still held by the government, while the alternate sections are owned by the Northern Pacific Railway Co. The field is an immense one and its worth will be more forcibly realized as soon as a railroad is constructed to it from Billings, a distance of about forty-five miles. Preliminary reports on the field have been published by the geological survey and an added report on the eastern portion will be available next fall, with the final report forthcoming in the near future.

The Journal of a Naturalist

By *Charles P. Alexander*

(Continued from last issue).

At various places along the road, chipping sparrows, *Spizella passerina*, Bechstein, and Field Sparrows, *Spigella pusilla*, Wilson; Least Flycatchers, *Empidonax minimus*, Baird; Phoebe, *Sayornis phoebe*, L.; Wilson's thrush, *Hylocichla fuscescens*, Steph., and Chestnut-sided Warbler—*Dendroica Pennsylvanica*, were common.

In the immediate vicinity of Woodworth's lake, the following birds were observed: Hermit Thrush, *Hylocichla* (I was surprised to see this species) and Olive backed Thrush, *H. ustulata swainsoni*; Least Flycatcher; Wood Pewee, *Myiochanes virens* L.; Scarlet Tanager, *Piranga erythromelas* (at least two pairs); Rose breasted grosbeak, *Zamelodia endoviciana*; and American Redstart, *Setophaga ruticilla*, on the south shore in the morning. American Robin, *Planesticus migratoria*, L. here, in the afternoon. A humming bird, *Archilochus colubris*, at the camp on east end of lake; Night-hawk, *Chordeiles virginianus*, L., two, flying across the lake toward sunset.

Canadian warbler, two, at camp, four p. m.; Red eyed Vireo, *Vireosylva olivaceus*, L., a pair singing in back of camp, and American Crow, *Corvus brachyrhynchos*, about fifty of which flew over the camp in the morning.

A single specimen each of three dragon flies were taken, all in somewhat teneral condition. The Aeschinids, *Basiaeschna janata*, Say at Woodworths; and *Cordulegaster diastopa*, selys, at Van Denburg's; the Libellulice, *Cordulia shurtleffi*; Scudder, at Woodworths. The weather was splendid and except for the terrible flies, we enjoyed ourselves immensely.

May 31, '09. Our last day at the lake dawned bright and clear. The flies were up with the sun and eager to get at us when we arose. We decided to explore Myers' clearing, a large tract of lumbered off land, lying a mile southeast of Woodworth's lake. The trip to the clearing was uneventful, the loud drumming of a woodpecker far over in the wood attracted my attention and I decided to investigate. After fifteen minutes stealthy search, I spied the bird, a female sapsucker, low down on the trunk of a huge dead stump. In the clearing, the Red-eyed Towhee, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*, L., was common in the brush piles black-throated Blue Warbler, Black-throated green Warblers, *Dendroica virens*, L., and Chestnut sided warblers were observed, in the tree along the clearing, a male of the first had a grub in his bill.

Chimney swifts, *Chaetura pelagica*, L., were numerous, flying over the clearing, far from any habitation of man. There are plenty of hollow trunks where they can breed. We experienced considerable difficulty in making our way out of the clearing. As we approached the lake, Olive backed and Wood Thrushes were observed; a few gold finches, *Astragalinus tristis*, L., flew over the lake.

In the afternoon I walked around the north shore of the lake, and had the good fortune to flush a Hermit Thrush, *Hylocichla guttata pallasu* from its nest. The nest was built on the ground, forty feet from the lake, placed under a crippled willow, somewhat hidden by dead fern stalks, etc. The nest was composed of a thick, soft moss, dried leaves, coarse and fine weed stalks, matted and intertwined, lined entirely with the red stems of the common hair cap moss, *Polytrichum commune*, L., which were nicely woven together, somewhat as pine needles are generally used. The nest presented the following dimensions: external diameter, 5.37

in.; internal diameter 3 in.; external depth 3 in.; internal depth 1.5 in. The eggs were four in number nearly one half incubated. The texture is moderately fine, shape ovate or slightly elongate-ovate, pale greenish blue, a lighter shade than in the eggs of the robin. They measured: (1) .96x.63 in.; (2) .94x.63 in.; (3) .925x.645 in.; (4) .93x.65 in.

The black flies became fearfully obnoxious as we were departing near sunset, and made packing up exceedingly difficult. We had a good carry along the wood road and arrived at Mountain Lake, torn, scratched, bitten all over, but still happy in the possession of invaluable specimens.

'INDIAN SIGNS' NEAR NEW ALBANY, IND —By F. C. Greene.

Many Indian and mound-builder implements have been found near New Albany, but they are "collected" and soon all ideas of where they were found are lost. What little I have collected has been done in a systematic way and the specimens properly labelled, many notes being taken.

Just east of N. A. on a high bank of the Ohio River is the "village site," so called from having the appearance of a dwelling place and workshop. Numerous flint chips are scattered over the surface. Many kinds of flint are seen but the predominating is the black flint of the Wyandotte cave quarry. One of the striking features of the "site" are the angular fragments of quartzite pebbles, which are very numerous. Quartzite is a very hard substance and the manner in which the pebbles have been broken is a puzzle. The fragments may be discarded hammer stones which would not stand the test or they may be the result of throwing the boulders, heated into water, in order to heat the water. I have seen only one fragment of pottery from this place.

Proceeding eastward up the river, the Clarksville burying ground is reached after crossing Silver Creek. This rich locality has given specimens to nearly all the museums of the country. It appears that the whole river bank for several hundred yards back, is an immense graveyard. Each winter the greedy Ohio cuts into this bank, so that bones and implements are exposed to those who seek them.

By digging into the bank about three feet from the surface, one is almost certain to unearth a skeleton, surrounded by an irregular mass of rock slabs. In the middle of one skeleton, the writer found a perfect spear point of $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches with a twist to it of almost mathematical exactness. The earth in the graves is of a reddish color as though it had been burnt, and scattered through it are disintegrated shells of Anio and Pleurocera (fresh water snails). The spears and arrows found are of light colored material, in the main, and are barbless but shouldered.

Back from the river at a distance of two hundred yards is what appears to be the remains of a mound, though it has been plowed over so many times, that no elevation remains. On going through the field in which it is situated, one suddenly notices that the furrowed earth is strewn with fragments of bones and pottery. The writer has picked up here on several occasions, 5, 6 or 7 arrow heads in almost as many minutes. And herein is a story—out of twelve, which show a set, twelve have triangular barbs, either flat or slightly rounded. Fragments of pottery, up to 3 and 4 inches in diameter, are numerous. They are red or black, and are speckled with crushed Unio shells. What their idea was in mixing crushed shells with the pottery clay, constitutes another puzzle.

Seed Vessels of many varieties of plants when completely ripe explode, scattering the seeds to considerable distances.

Union Souvenir Card Exchange

America's Largest Card Collector Club. Organized April 1927



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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for exchange.
3. Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.
5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn.
5. The society gives as a premium five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.
7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.
9. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.
10. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to answer your cards by giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico, West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three months.
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.

COMPLAINTS.

1995. E. F. Corge complains of 1764, 1777, 1799, 1967.
 1918. H. H. Schrouder complains of 1885, 1660.
 1951. W. S. Hicks complains of 1784, 1921, 1956.
 2005. J. M. Kneipp Jr., complains of 1561, 1665, 1996, 1970, 1895.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

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 August. Please renew at once: 1066, 1143, 1174, 1180, 1550, 1846, 1847, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868.

NOTICE.

The July circular of the UNION contains, besides other interesting information, a page of German and French translations of expressions much used in card exchanging. Every member should possess a copy, and same may be procured from the Secretary for a stamp to pay postage. It will also be sent to non-members for a two cent stamp.

RENEWALS

500. Andre Perlet, 50 Rue Molitor, Paris XVI, France.
 1128. Delia H. Robinson, Argyle, New York.
 1837. Miss Lillian F. Bohl, 124 Randolph Ave., Peoria, Ill.
 1848. Auguste Salze, Enclos Tissie-Sarrus, Montpelier, France, Desires views of theatres and court houses only.

NEW MEMBERS.

2028. N. P. Barron, Masonville, Iowa, sends first to U. S. members.
2029. Charles Hiaumet, Vandervoort, Arkansas, always sends the first card.
2030. J. Roy McFarren, 1120 No. 17th St., Omaha, Nebraska, desires foreign unless otherwise arranged.
2031. Arthur L. Kubitz, Beaver Creek, Minnesota, wants a card from every member; prompt reply.
2032. H. S. Graham, Lubbock, Texas, answers promptly all cards sent.
2033. Carl Laumann, 715 Third St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.
2034. Calvin T. Case, 2018 California St., Omaha, Neb., U. S. and foreign, especially Island possessions.

THE INDIAN'S BLANKET.

There are two important factors that, in the mind of the brave, must be comprised in a genuine Indian blanket, and the skill and judgment he exercises in making his selection is worthy of mention. Whether he is to possess one or many blankets has nothing to do with the great care used in selecting them. His first demand is that the robe contain three colors—red, yellow and green, any one of the three being the prevailing shade.

Secondly, he demands that the blanket have three bold stripes—all the same in color and carrying the same colors—two being ten inches from each edge of the blanket, while the third and center stripe is a trifle wider and also runs the entire length of the blanket.

When the blanket is worn by the Indian the centre stripe falls in the middle of the back, giving the tall and stately effect so much desired.

Perchance the Indian is in mourning, the pattern is not changed, but the robe contains only dark blue and black as colors. The manner in which the Indian wraps his blanket about him denotes very often his state of mind. Grief and sorrow, for instance, would be marked by the blanket being drawn over the entire portion of the face, leaving exposed the nose and eyes only.

There is no article of wearing apparel as much used as the blanket by the Indian. As a saddle while riding his pony, a shelter or bed while hunting or sleeping, and carefully hung about the sides and bottom of his tepee during the winter, indispensable covering the entire year, the blanket is ever in use.

Even on the hottest summer days an Indian would be laughed at by members of his tribe should he leave off wearing his blanket. His theory is that if "it keeps out the cold in the winter it will keep out the heat in summer." While he does not care to buy anything else expensive, the price of a suitable blanket is never questioned, but it would be difficult indeed to deceive him as to the texture of the robe. A squaw will imitate almost anything that pleases her fancy, but the matter of her blanket or shawl she exhibits an unusual amount of individuality.

With great care and patience she designs her blanket, and when she orders it with the mill man he does not dare duplicate it until she has had the opportunity to wear it. If she makes the request that he shall not duplicate her wishes are regarded, because it is the one article she possesses in which individuality is much coveted. And also because what would please one squaw would not appear at all attractive to another. The light weight blanket or shawl is worn over her head, and unless she is able to purchase a bright colored silk shawl, it will serve as her only bonnet as well. It is as common to see the head of the Indian babe bound on the back of its mother by a portion of her blanket, as it used to be the head of the Indian babe peeping from the "tekas," or frame cradle which was carried on the back of the mother.

Chas. F. Johnson



J. W. Balch

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Frank W. Coe

Talks on Old Books, Prints and Chinats

By **D. L. P.**

(Continued from last issue).

This means the absolute destruction and annihilation of thousands of rare books with fine prints and engravings for they are simply broken up and the text thrown away, and plates alone used. Suppose for instance, a wealthy Colonial dame or dandy of the Revolution whose ancestor perhaps fought at Bunker Hill, or Battle of Cowpens, wishes to get up a genealogical tree of the family or ancestor. They gather up all the available genealogical data, procure as many as possible of prints, news, plates, maps bearing on the above engagements rare and valuable autograph letters of Generals participating in those memorable fights, embody them all in a bulky volume handsomely bound. This of course, is a valuable family record—something to be proud of, etc., something unique—only thing of its kind—a thing to be prized and handed down in the family. But it is pitiable to think how many rare books have been sacrificed in the make up and the thousands of rare prints that are forever perhaps, withdrawn from the commercial market. One can readily realize in the light of such proceedings why old books are becoming scarce and bring advanced prices year by year. Then, too, the art of engraving on copper and steel is an extinct art, there being but few such engravers today except those employed by the Bank Note Companies or Government, and the beautiful and exquisite prints in line, stippel, and mezzotint of the early American engravers are becoming excessively rare and some of their portraits of widely known celebrities bring enormous prices.

With the rise in values in old Colonial books, prints, etc., there has been a corresponding rise in the value of old views of towns, cities and historic places of the U. S. When we realize how young our country is, what marvelous changes in make up, lay out and physical configuration of our villages, towns, cities from pioneer huts, growing villas to stately and populous cities with majestic sky scrapers, it is extremely important that the generations after us shall have some record of our remarkable growth and realize from what humble beginnings we started—what the old homesteads, old streets, byways of the towns looked like in the marching progress of change and evolution. Consequently everything old in the history of our larger towns and cities development is eagerly sought for—old prints, views, maps, plans, etc., (these are rapidly rising in value.) In a recent sale of a very large collection of old views of New York the prices realized were simply phenomenal. Currier & Ives old colored lithographs of street scenes in

New York about 50 or 75 years ago that used to go begging at time of printing for 25 or 50 cents almost fetched as many dollars. Even old woodcuts from contemporaneous books, magazines and newspapers of old buildings, business houses and blocks that existed 50 or more years ago but now only a vague memory, fetched very good prices.

Verily the time is coming in this country when anything and everything OLD will have a commercial value. Some one will want it for some purpose. The antiquarian taste is only just developing among our people and the values that now we place on old things these days, will fade into insignificance in the higher values of tomorrow or 10 or 20 years hence. The craze for the antique in old colonial china or porcelain or even old stone or earthen tulip ware has sent the prices of these once little valued things sky-high. I picked up the other day 3 pieces of old quaint china with an exquisite purple glaze and a perfect gem of a copper-lustre pitcher for a few dollars. The owners thought they had "pinched" me and rather apologetically spoke of its uselessness to them and relief to be rid of it. I did not feel at all "stung" for I happen to know a china collector enthusiast in the city that would gladly give me fifteen or twenty dollars for my purchase. So in conclusion my advice is ANYTHING old, pretty, artistic, and I emphasize the word artistic, for decorative purposes, buy at moderate prices. It's almost certain to rise in value and net you a handsome profit on your investment.

THE INSECT WORLD.

Professor Henry Skinner, of the Academy of Natural Sciences, in lecturing on insect collecting recently said that:

A book on Central American biology mentions 30,114 insect species belonging to that locality.

With 2,000,000 insect species in the world and only 200,000 described to date — at 5600 per annum it would take 340 years to describe the remaining million odd; and even then entomology would be comparatively in its infancy, for classifying is only preparatory to further investigation.

In Central America one small family of beetles exceeds in number of species the entire mammalia.

There are in the United States 110 apiarian societies, eight journals devoted to bee culture, 15 steam factories kept constantly manufacturing materials for the 300,000 bee culturists, and the annual product of honey in the United States is 63,894,186 pounds.

According to the eleventh United States census, the annual output of honey and wax was valued at \$7,000,000.

The present-estimated value of bee products is \$20,000,000 per annum.

The cochineal bug (which supplies the coloring matter in carmine) is so tiny that 70,000 weigh only one pound. The female cochineal bug is wingless and there are two hundred females to one male. In one year the exports of cochineal from the Canary Islands amounted to 6,310,000 pounds, valued at \$4,000,000.

AN OLD DRUM.

Aleck Phillips, one of the early settlers of Guide Rock, Nebr., and a veteran of the civil war, has in his possession a drum which was beaten at the battle of the Brandywine in the Revolutionary war. How it came into the hands of Mr. Phillips, we do not know. If it were, as was probably the case, handed down from father to son as an heirloom in the family it is a priceless possession.



KJL JON'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and societies. Also of the...
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The following clippings were sent in by C. H. Steinbarger of Mendon, Mich.:

Ann Arbor, Mich., June 9.—G. P. Benton, a retired farmer of this county has just received a letter from Harlin T. Smith, of the American Museum of Natural History of New York city, which tells him all about a certain piece of brass which he plowed up on his farm 12 years ago, and about which he has repeatedly tried to find out. It looks like a small round head, built on the lines of a tomahawk. It is of solid brass and runs seven eighths of an inch. A perfect figure seven is noticed on one side of the round part into which the handle would fit if it were a tomahawk. On the blade there is a vine with seven leaves and around the round part is a vine with twice seven leaves. In seven places on the implement there are seven small circles in a cluster.

Many curators of museums in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Detroit and even in Canada, have examined the little piece of brass, which is probably five inches long and not in any place over two inches in width, and they have many times called the vine an acacia branch. Of the character of the pipe Mr. Smith writes:

"It is a brass pipe tomahawk, known as a trade ax. They were made by Europeans and sold to Indians in this country. The handle is hollow (there was no handle found with this), and is used as a pipe stem. Several of these pipes have been found in Canada and on the New York reservations, but I have never heard of any found in Michigan before."

Mr. Benton plowed this up on his farm near Northville. The farm was taken up by his father in 1823, and the pipe must have been left there by the Indians long prior to that time, as there were no Indians in the vicinity for years before the farm was taken up.

Berlin, Feb. 2.—The first shipment of pre-historic bones collected by the German expedition in German East Africa comprising 46 large boxes reached the Berlin Paleontological museum today.

Reports from the explorers indicate that they have been highly successful in finding important specimens. One of the most treasured is a thigh bone which measures 6 feet, 11 3/4 inches as compared with the 5 feet 11 inches measurement of the corresponding bone of the American diplodocus. The African specimen is the largest femur in existence, it is claimed.

The explorers have reached the conclusion that the Africa Saurians were direct progeny of those whose remains were found in Wyoming. The expedition was dispatched by the government to investigate the remains of antediluvian animals discovered by Professor Fraas of Stuttgart in 1907 in the southern part of German East Africa and to make more thorough search.

By George J. Remsburg

W. F. Clendenin, of Sparta, Ill., writes as follows: "In your July number, under 'Column for Kansas Collectors,' I notice the item regarding the 'Dix' copper. These are common, I know; I have a specimen in my collection, same classed under 'Civil War Tokens.' The Government issued the 'white cents' from 1856 to 1865—during the Civil War period—but it seems not in sufficient quantities to meet demands, and merchants, at this time, issued the 'tokens' bearing suitable inscriptions, redeemable by them. Many 'tokens' however, were issued similar to this 'Dix' copper, redeemable by nobody. What service did they do? Did they pass for cents, or not? Have never seen any definite statement regarding these pieces. Somebody had to 'put up' for their issuance. Why?" Who can answer Mr. Clendenin's queries?

Mr. W. P. Campbell, custodian of the Oklahoma Historical Society, kindly sends us a copy of the Society's organ, 'Historia,' a quarterly publication issued by Mr. Campbell at Oklahoma City. It is an interesting little paper, containing much on the history and Indians of Oklahoma, and shows that the Oklahoma Historical Society is doing a good work.

While rumaging through some papers recently, George L. Andrews, 3140 Smart Avenue, found one of the bronze medals commemorating the building of the first ocean to ocean railway. They were issued by the government and few are in existence. Mr. Andrews, one of the pioneer railroad men of the West, was a conductor out of Kansas City on the Missouri Valley Railway, now a part of the Burlington System. He, with two other employes of the road, wrote to Washington and were given medals. On one side of the medal is engraved President Grant's likeness and under it the words: "The Oceans United by Railway—May 10, 1869." On the back is an engraving showing a train going over a mountain range and the words: "Even mountain shall be made low."—Kansas City Star.

John M. Loper, of Pomona, Kans., owns an interesting relic of the Quantrell raid at Lawrence, Kas., in the shape of an old revolver found in Lawrence. The weapon is what may be called a six shot double action cap and ball revolver, and was made in 1860 on patents issued in 1856. Of the two triggers the larger with the hammer was used to raise the hammer, while the smaller released it and fired the shot. When found the old revolver was broken, giving the impression that it was used in the raid and discarded when it got out of order.

WORLD'S COSTLIEST BOOK.

London, July 2.—Perhaps the costliest book of its size (apart from ancient rare volumes) is the "Official History of the South African War," the final volume of which has just been published. The four volumes contain 2,603 pages, the total cost of producing the work was \$170,000. Eight years' work for 100 hands is represented in the four volumes. The first volume appeared in 1902 and the second the following year, but after volume 3 was published in 1908 nothing came out until the month of June, 1910. To obtain fullness and absolute accuracy of detail tons of documents have been examined and arranged. They included official dispatches, officers' private letters, newspaper reports and even letters written home by Tommy Atkins. Not a single error in spelling the weird names of the Transvaal or in an officer's initials has been discovered.

Bones and Relics of Strange Race Found

By Fred Whittemore

(Continued from last issue.) A hunting knife, with bronze handle of a fancy pattern, was with one, another had a glass bottle lying close by the hip, in a manner suggesting it had been fastened to a belt, red vermilion paint was occasionally noticed among some of the remains, a few lumps of which we were able to save. Little bronze jingle bells were found in two instances. One was a strand of thirteen bells strung on a silk ribbon and tied in a double bow knot, the ribbon preserved entire. This string of bells and the imprints of the blanket were all there we left in this grave. It would suggest the grave of a child, the soft bones having decayed and disappeared. Silk is susceptible of extended preservation, as other pieces of silk with fine needle work were found. Who knows but what the silk represents the apparel of some white lady, probably the murdered wife of one of Iowa's early missionaries.

A small chunk of dried root or tuber of the water lily, *Nelumbium speciosum*, was found with the one that had the bottle. Indians have used this root as a food. A silver buckle or brooch shaped ornament was found with one. It is circular shaped with a single buckle tongue, finely engraved. Six silver brooches identical with this one were taken from a mound in Prairie du Chien, Wis., several years ago. None of the bones were well enough preserved to save an entire skeleton, although we have saved three fairly well preserved skulls and a number of other bones. One remarkable thing here was that one of the skulls had the mouth wide open, extended to five inches between the teeth. In the cultivated fields a few rods east of the graves is a large obliterated shell heap, the shells being very much decayed and broken in fragments. They are of the common river clams that could have been taken from the river but a few yards distant. We searched here for material to bear us out in the theory as a workshop site, but failing to find evidence we concluded it is probably a kitchen midden where they prepared clams and other articles for food.

Who were the mysterious people of this historic spot is the question to solve. The oldest residents of the vicinity through their families before them for seventy years back, have no remembrance of Indians residing there or burying there. Now let us reason a little. If we may accept their statements, our best preserved specimens skeletons and other articles are then at the very least seventy years old or more. Then if those in fairly good preservation be seventy years of age, how old would the imprints be where they are reduced to a mere outline? Is it not reasonable to suppose they would be about three times as old? Among the different modes of burial of the North American Indians may be mentioned the following: Tree burial scaffold, canoe, lodge, urns, cave, mound, box, grave. The Innuits of Yukon, the Ingaliks of Ulukuk and other Alaskan tribes, also the Creeks of Indian Territory, the Choctaws and Cherokees are all known to have buried their dead in in wooden boxes above ground. The early Wah-peton and Sisseton Sioux of Dakota buried their warriors by wrapping them in blankets, placed in a wooden box, and finally buried the whole in the ground generally with the heads to the west. The Chippewas of Wisconsin buried in a box on a scaffold, then removed to the ground. The Musquakies of Tama county which are remnants of the Sac and Fox, bury in boxes. They have also been known to bury a bottle of water with other provisions to nourish the spirit to the happy hunting grounds. We would hardly suppose our graves to belong to any of the first mentioned, even if they did use boxes, as they

rarely transferred them to the ground. But from the mode of burial, would we not place them with either the Sioux or Sac and Foxes? This would also be more reasonable from the fact that we know them to have been among the early inhabitants of the territory. A comparison of many articles go to bear out this theory. The bottle compares with the Sac and Foxes, the shell gorget is the same as one I have taken from the living Sioux, also the jingle bells, as well as by the Musquakies. I have shell tubes from the living Sioux which are identical with the ones of this find. So much tallies very well, but what about the silver brooch or buckle. That is a duplicate of the ones found in the mounds of Wisconsin. It may be that this was an intrinsic mound containing a grave of some later tribes which they sometimes do. By a careful weighing all around, our conclusion would be that our graves are a splendid representation of the once thrifty and powerful nation of the Sioux, and that the graves in part antedate the advent of the white man. The first settlements of whites in this state were in Lee county and from there the settlement strung along up the Mississippi and Des Moines river. Our Sioux manufactured their own wampum and many articles and bartered the balance from these early whites. Black locust trees two feet in diameter are growing upon some of the graves which alone is proof of great age.



The 78th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, July 1st, the following members being present: Messrs. Ripstra, J. T. Kelly, Green, Verkler, W. F. Dunham, V. M. Brand, Simpson, Vercouter, Jochem, Blumenschein and Baker. A communication was received from Mr. Sigmund Krausz with greetings to the Society from Paris, France.

Mr. W. F. Dunham presented his ready finding list for Hard Times Tokens; and a book on "Early Christian Numismatics" by C. W. King from Mr. G. W. Tracy. Mr. Brand exhibited a set of old Bombay gold coinage consisting of the quarter, half and one mohur, also the quarter, half and one cent of Straits Settlements in gold proofs and a two dollar gold piece of New Foundland dated 1865. Mr. W. F. showed a number of Presidential and other medals.

A. N. A. matters were discussed at considerable length, and the Secretary was instructed to notify all resident members that convention matters would be taken up for further discussion at the August meeting.

Magazines received since last report were: Spink's Circular for June and the Numismatist for May-June. There were also received a report of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia and auction catalog from Elder, catalog with fixed prices from St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., and a priced catalog from Low. Adjourned to meet August 5th, 1910.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

Egyptian scarabs are favorite objects among collectors of antiquities. These pleasing little relics of that ancient people, so many of whose monuments and obelisks have found their way into this country, may frequently be met with. They are not expensive, considering their age and beauty, and they can often be purchased for a small sum. The scarab was the favorite insignia of both men and women, and was worn as a charm to protect from harm, and ensure qualities to make their owners attractive.

One Friday evening early in September, my brother, Gerald, and I decided to spend the following day in the hills hunting arrowheads near a place known as the old Sloanacre ranch on Little Brush creek. Accordingly we were up by 3:30 Saturday morning and after eating a hasty breakfast we took a pan of grain, our bridles and went to the north field to catch our horses. We were living on the old farm, two and a half miles north of Vernal, Uintah county, Utah, then. As 'twas yet dark we had some trouble in telling our riding horses from the rest of the band. They all pretended to be afraid of us too. We finally told Old Nig by his being so much taller than the others and after catching him, Gerald, by getting down to the ground so the band would be silhouetted against the sky, made out Nell (his horse) by the shape of her ears which turn in more than usual at the top—a sign, they say, that denotes trustiness, but in her case it was a fake for a more treacherous little beast never walked on four feet. After going back to the house and saddling up we were ready to start.

We took a loaf of bread and some butter along for lunch which was something unusual for us. We usually depended on killing game for dinner. But game of any kind was very scarce that fall. We left home at quarter after four, going up the Steinkaker draw. We rode rather fast, for after we got to the country where the Indians camped our horses would have plenty of time for rest. We crossed Big Brush creek ten miles from home a little after sun-up. About a mile farther on we reached the top of the divide between Big Brush creek and Cottonwood Wash, so called from the large cottonwood trees that grow in it. There is some grass, lots of buffalo berry brush and a small spring in it, also. Just to the left of the road we found a camp on which we found two or three arrow heads. Recrossing the road we followed along the top of the divide finding evidence of camps, but all of them were buried by the drifting sand. All that we found in the last half mile of the chain of camps was a piece of a large spear head or knife. When we had arrived near the place where Big Brush creek and Cottonwood Wash join and were in the act of turning back, we came across the tracks of two big buck deer. That was unlooked for luck, and we commenced kicking ourselves for not bringing our 30-30 rifle along. The tracks were fresh and headed toward the big wash. We quit lamenting the absence of the larger gun, however, for Gerald had a 22 calibre rifle and I my Colts six-shooter, with which we both had killed deer in Colorado.

We circled to the north to get the slight breeze in our favor, for a deer has as keen a scent as any of the game animals. We expected to find them lying down in a large bunch of buffalo berry bushes down in the wash. After half an hour of careful stalking we came upon their tracks where they came out of the thicket headed toward Little Brush creek. We followed them to where they crossed Little Brush creek and as they kept headed straight for the breaks of Diamond Mountain, we gave them up and started off to hunt arrow heads again.

While we were stalking the deer we came upon one of the finest Indian mills we have ever found. As we had no way of taking it with us, we hid it by laying it upside down under a cedar tree so that it looked like any of the numerous boulders lying around that country. We expected to get it some time in the future. By and by we came upon a very large camp ground near Little Brush creek, but it was nearly all buried by the drifting sand.

I found a large club head and a small spear head which was all we got from there worth carrying home. There was lots of evidence, however, that it had been a favorite camping ground of that long-departed

race (for I do not believe they were Indians, though we speak of them as such). The camp was perhaps a quarter of a mile in length. Starting on the level and sloping up to the north forming a long, sunny slope for the wickiups, till it reached a height of several hundred feet, then terminating in a perpendicular cliff, from the top of which their lookout or sentinel could see the surrounding country for miles and miles. And which effectually prevented a surprise from the north by an enemy. The ground everywhere was strewn with chips of flint, broken mills, pestles and pottery with numerous places burned black where their camp fires once blazed so brightly, many of which still contained the burned rocks which they used to hold their cooking utensils in place in the fire. Or, perhaps, they were heated hot then dropped into a tightly woven willow basket that contained the soup for dinner which was boiled in that way. After rolling rocks for a while from the cliff (a sport I shall never get too old to enjoy) and taking a picture of the trail that wound up the narrow valley we went back to our horses which we had left tied in the shade of some cedars. We rode off to the southwest till we came to the Big Brush creek again about seven miles below where we crossed it in the morning. It was about two thirty, so we unsaddled our horses and watered them. Then while they were eating some oats we had tied on our saddles we built a fire and roasted a couple of rabbits we had killed during the day, to eat with our loaf of bread. After an hour's rest we saddled up again and rode home, getting there a little after dark, tired but happy. We had traveled forty or fifty miles, taken one picture and found eight or ten whole relics, the most of which were in my pockets, it being the only day out of the many we have hunted together that I found the most.

The continued explorations along the river in the eastern part of Nebraska and several streams adjacent to that territory is still bringing to light many specimens of the long departed races that built cities and lived for unknown centuries along our eastern borders.

Readers of this magazine are familiar with many of the recent discoveries of the Gilder explorations and it will be of added interest to those interested in solving the questions of the migration of these early races to know that the writer is finding the identical articles as those illustrated in the Mandan book of the Peabody institute. In Sarpy, Douglass and Washington counties of this state the ancient ruins are almost identical with those a hundred miles farther south and the artifacts found in Dakota among known Mandan and Arikana ruins are the same as those found here, yet the distance is nearly 800 miles. The Mandan legends and records do not carry them back more than 200 years, and if as many suppose they were the builders of the house ruins scattered along the river, when did they live here? Assuming there is a remote possibility that their ancestors built at least some of these ruins, then how account for those found along the Republican river three hundred miles west and as far south as Arapaho, Okla.

Those who have done much excavating have noticed what would appear to be the ruins of separate and distinct races or tribes. The pottery is not the same and the types of artifacts are in many instances of a type differing from other ruins in the same locality. The writer has found no less than seven types of pottery in one village, with some varieties cached as though it may have been one of the treasured articles of the household.

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DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUE FIRE ARMS

—INTRODUCTION—

There are over 5000 people in the United States who are especially interested in old fire arms and to whom no magazine, paper or periodical has ever devoted any attention worth mentioning. The membership of the American Society of Antique Weapon Collectors and all other persons interested in the study of antique guns and pistols are to be congratulated that Mr. Brodstone has so kindly established this department. It is my ambition to make this new feature of the WEST one of interest not only to collectors of ancient fire arms, but to all other persons as well.

G. ELSWORTH BROWN.

—BUREAU OF INQUIRY—

All questions addressed to the editor of the Fire Arm Department will be answered under this head each month hereafter. All inquiries concerning old fire arms are earnestly solicited and will be answered in full. Address communications to G. Ellsworth Brown, Athens, Tennessee.

SOME OF THE MOST INTERESTING PISTOLS OF ANTIQUITY.

One characteristic of modern firearms—the ability to fire several shots in quick succession through the same barrel—is very rarely seen in any of the ancient models of the pistol. Some of the most remarkable examples of the attempts of old gun masters to perfect a magazine gun or pistol are exhibited in the John Cookson breech-loading gun of 1586, the Nock Two-Shot Pistol of about 1760, and the Linsey patent rifles for the Civil War.

The first mentioned stands without competition as the most remarkable illustration of the ancient repeating guns and no doubt the second takes an important place in the evolution of the magazine pistol.

In the Figure IV (see illustrations,) I present a pen and ink sketch of the Nock pistol referred to above. As can be seen from the illustration this pistol has two locks but only one barrel and trigger. Two charges are fired from one barrel, the rear charge acts as a breech block for the forward charge—the forward charge being fired first by the left lock. The right side of this pistol is the same as on others of its time, while the lock plate on the left side contains a covered channel running from the flash pan forward about 2 inches to the flash hole. This channel has a separate cover from the flash pan, but is really an extension of it. The lock on the right side is not cocked until after the forward bullet is fired, thereby preventing both from being discharged at the same time.

Such pistols as the above are exceedingly rare.

Fig. V (See illustrations) is a drawing of a beautiful antique Scotch "Highlander," made by Murdock of steel and silver finely engraved. It has the knob trigger, a characteristic of Scotch pistols, and the peculiar claw butt. Length fourteen inches, cal. 50. Many of the "Highlanders" were used in different European armies, but few can be found today except in the large collections. A large number of these pistols were altered to percussion lock by screwing a nipple to the top of the barrel and replacing the flint in the jaws of the hammer with a piece of steel for striking the cap. By this arrangement the pistol could be used either as a flintlock or a percussion lock.

(The third article of this series will appear next month.)

The Society of Scottish Antiquaries owns a remarkable collar, fished out of the Forth above Alloa. It was of brass, with this inscription:—"Alexander Stewart, found guilty of death for theft at Perth. 5th of December, 1701 and gifted by the Justiciars as a perpetual servant to Sir John Aresken of Alva."

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Dear Members:— I am sorry that the members do not use the society more for their own special benefit. I have received this month the first complaint for several months and I would be glad to hear from every member who has any trouble with other members. I will publish next report complaints received this month unless satisfaction is made. I would like very much to have a list of about one hundred renewal members for next issue and a large list of new members.

2130. Miss Hobbelaar changed address to Mrs. M. W Verbon, S. f. Ngelon, Djombang, Java., stamps.
2327. John A. Spahn, 3 years—340½ 15th St., Milwaukee, Wis., stamp dealer.
2328. L. Kahn, Indianapolis, Ind., 1196 So East St.
2329. G. L. Davis, LeRoy, Kans., curio collector.
2330. S. J. Elby, Moulton, Iowa; coins, medals.
2331. J. DeJung, Rhinelander, Wis., translator.
2332. H. Gross, Chicago, 103 E. Welton Pl.; curios, violins.
2333. J. Manro, Carlisle, Pa., R. 5; old papers.
2334. Rev. Myers, Shamokin, Pa.; Photos, stamps.
2335. Y. Lekun, Victoria, B. C. Canada; post cards.
2336. O. Smith, Evansville, Ind.; coins.
2337. F. Lynch, Nyack, N. Y.; stamps.
2338. Paul Vincent, Cairo, Egypt, Gen. Del.
2339. W. S. Lincoln, 2 Holles St., London, Eng.; post cards, stamps, albums.
2340. G. Cline, Bx 289, Hutchinson, Ks.; post cards, programs.
2341. Beebe Co. Yonkers, N. Y., Mail order lines.
2342. H. Schmidt, Chicago, 301 Southport Ave.; stamp dealer.
2343. A. Averill, Portland, Oreg., 144 Hawthorne Ave.; printer stamps.
2344. E. H. Halfham, Bx 198, Llamo, Tex.

post cards.

2344. F. Sherman, Pueblo, Colo., 229 W. 15 St., stamps.

Lincoln, dealer, complains the following got lo's from him which they have not returned: R. Masse, Dayton, O.; W. Vawter, Parkville, Mo.; R. Thornrose, Flatiron Bldg., N. Y.; J. Wrightley, Vancouver, B. C. Canada; M. Tabersky, N. Y. City.; W. Mackey, Bovey, Minn.; H. Patterson, Petersburg, Pa.; R. Shepard, Melrose rds., Mass.; F. Bonner, Worcester, Mass.; D Clark, Superior, Wis.; E. Cockshutt, Brantford, Ont., Canada; F. Hudson, Ft. Worth, Texas. Has any one else any complaints these parties?

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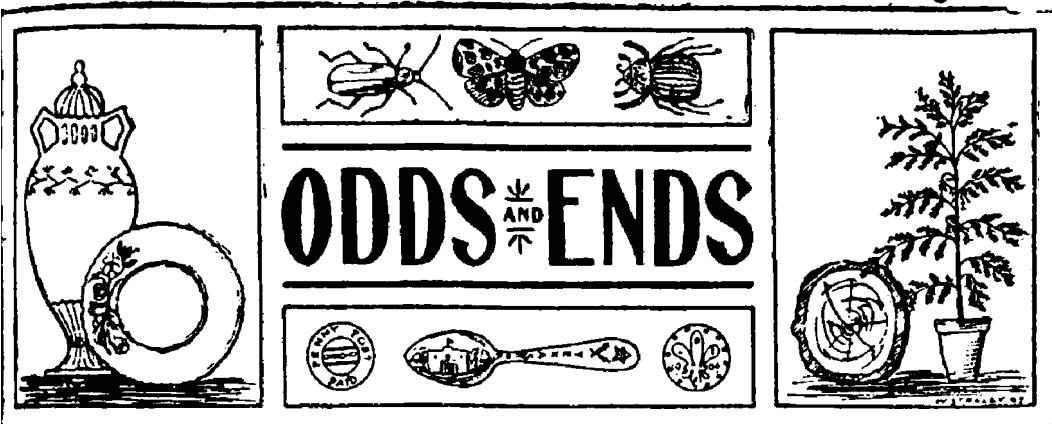
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The most gigantic annual plant ever observed is the *Anida Australis*, belonging to the *Amarantaceae*, a native of Florida. A specimen described by Mr. Baker in the *Kew Bulletin*, has branches of 22 feet or more.

Old English silver skewers are not to be picked up every day, but they are greatly prized by collectors. They are beautiful specimens of the silversmith's art, and the effect must have been unique when a boar's head or roast of beef or mutton was brought to the table with these ornamental pins showing; many of them were mounted with rabbits, squirrels and other "game."—Circle.

Caterpillar Nests. In early autumn, the tent caterpillar moth lays a cluster of 200 or 300 eggs in a circle around the twigs of apple and other trees and covers them with a glue-like secretion that protects them until they hatch in the following spring. In the bright days of winter, while the branches are bare, these clusters can be easily seen, and should be removed and destroyed.

Father Fitzgerald of Red Cloud, Nebr., visited the rock bluff on Beaver Creek, gathering some small stones which will be added to his extensive collection.

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Elegant pieces of petrified wood are daily taken from the petrified forests of California, by tourists.

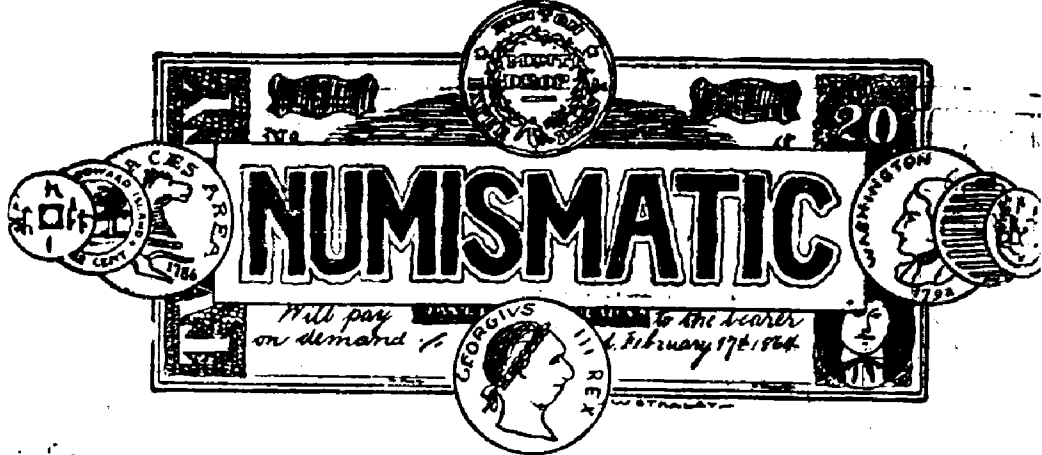
Wasps will eat anything from carrion to fruit. It is an especial enemy of all insects not of its own species.

Forty words in the English language are spelled the same forward and backward.

Parasitic plants, as well as parasitic insects, will not flourish save on the bodies of other organisms.

In the American Museum of Natural History is a wonder of marine life in the shape of a gigantic Japanese crab measuring twelve feet, making it the largest crustacean in the world. The specimen is a type of the spider crab, which inhabits the waters of the group of islands forming the Empire of Japan. The body portion of this mammoth crustacean is the size of a half-bushel measure while its two great arms, containing sawlike teeth, called "pincers," could easily encircle the figure of a man. Its eight legs resemble huge bamboo leops, and are extremely elastic.

M. Eberhardt, in a note to the *Academic des Sciences*, Paris, describes experiments on plants which tend to show that when they are grown in dry air their stems and leaves have a more complicated structure than when the air is moist.



Asiatic Coins

It is not necessary to be a proficient linguist or to understand the languages of Asiatic countries to be a collector of the coins of those peoples who possess long histories stretching back centuries before this country was civilized, although no doubt to those who can read native characters greater interest is attached to the specimens collected. The chief coins which will form such a cabinet are those of China and Japan, and afterwards to these can be added some of the smaller groups, such as the coins of Siam, Afghan and the older issues of Persian kings. The story of the coinage of all these vast countries which have existed for so many centuries would require many chapters to relate, but the object of this series of coin articles is rather to draw attention to the collectable coins which the numismatist may gather together, and to lead the specialist as he becomes more interested in coin collecting to seek the fuller information which may be gathered from books which have been specially written on the coinage of these separate countries.

China seems to have remained dormant so far as any advancement or progress in coins is concerned, for many centuries. The simple circular brass coins with square holes in the center commonly called "one cash" have been in circulation for hundreds of years. Sometimes they have been struck or cast in brass, and in a few rare instances in iron. Although so similar in appearance the characters on these coins vary, and tell to the student conclusively the dynasty under which they were struck. The catalogue of Chinese coins which is published by the British Museum Authorities contains a long list of the very interesting legends on some of these old coins, and as it is quite inexpensive would be useful to collectors who might by its aid decipher some of the legends of the coins they have, and when arranging them in a cabinet inscribe under them the English translation. These legends are like many other inscriptions on Chinese works of art and historical records, legends connected with their religion, and often simply platitudes about their home life, and sometimes good wishes to the owner of the coin. Thus such legends as the following may be seen:—"Luck brought house," "Friendship between husband and wife," "The three blessings fall upon you eternally," "May evil spirits perish"; to the warrior the legend of "The arrow of a general," would be inspiring, and to some the pious legend, "May the house protecting Gods give you peace," would be helpful.

In the early days the Chinese coins were shaped like knives, probably point-

ing to the fact that before there were any coins, knives were interchanged and served as a species of currency. These odd shaped knives in brass, although more than two thousand years old, can be bought for a shilling or two each, for they appear to have been preserved in China in large quantities. Another form of ancient Chinese currency was shaped like little spades, but all these are very old, for circular coins may be traced back to some 300 years B. C. Now and then collections of hundreds of these brass coins of China of various sizes and shape come into the market, and on more than one occasion have been sold for a few pounds. Indeed it would seem as if now was a good time to collect Chinese and Japanese coins, for the collectors are few and the value of the coins must in the future increase.

The Japanese coins which may be procured are to be met with in gold, silver and brass, the large oblong pieces may be bought for about sixpence each from the dealers. Oblong silver coins too, are interesting, and many have tried to secure them as watch charms. In Cochin China, some curious silver ingots were struck, and these too, can be bought for comparatively small sums. The Korean coins are similar to those of China and Japan, and have found their way to this country in large quantities.

Perhaps from this short account of the possibilities of a collection of Chinese and Japanese coins many of our readers will be induced to look out for the old coins, round brass ones with square holes, they may possess, and so gather a few more of these interesting pieces. Then by comparison they will find that although very similar to the casual observer the characters on them are different. Another reason why this group of coins appeals to antiquarians and curio collectors is because of their great age, for when most of the countries of Europe were in the savage and barbarous state China had a well advanced civilization, and was using these ancient spades, knives, ingots and circular coins which have been preserved in such numbers; so much so that the round brass coins, hundreds of years old, can be bought today from any coin dealer for a penny each.—English Paper.

Texas Notes--By W. Straley

S. B. Glazener of Houston, Texas, has in his possession a bit of paper money issued in North Carolina in 1778. It is for ten dollars and was printed by J. Davis.

J. C. Lees has a large collection of old and rare foreign and domestic coins on exhibition at the Farmers' and Merchants' State Bank. Mr. Lees has been forty years making this collection and it is quite an interesting one.—Glen Rose (Texas) Herald.

Mr. W. McWheeny of Brownwood, who has spent some thirty years gathering a collection of curios, antiquities and books, has presented the same to Daniel Baker college of that city. Some three years ago, when the writer last saw the collection, Mr. McWheeny had refused an offer of \$30,000 for the exhibit. The college board in appreciation of the gift established the McWheeny permanent scholarship.—Hico (Texas) News-Review.

The best Philatelic Directory now before the public is the "20th Century Philatelic Directory" just issued by the H. L. Fuller Co., Washington, D. C. Fifty-six pages are devoted to up-to-date names and addresses, many from the most out of the way corners of the world. The price is 25c. Given free with yearly Subscription of WEST, when requested with subscriptions.

FOUR THOUSAND YEAR OLD DISCOVERY IN SWEDEN.

Wheat and Apples Well-Preserved, Found Among the Remains.—The First Discovery of Its Kind in Scandinavia.

The place lies at the edge of a marsh, right east of Alvastra railway hotel, in the province of Ostergotland, Sweden. Last summer, while digging trenches, the owner of the land made the first finds, consisting of nutshells, stone weapons, etc., which gave the impulse to this summer's scientific explorations.

Under Dr. Frodin's instructions a shaft, six feet deep and 600 square feet wide, was dug and on the bottom of this was found a culture-layer one foot thick. He found under this layer a floor built out of pine and birch logs, the majority of which were well preserved, even the yet white birchbark partly left. This floor covered an area of more than five hundred feet in under the layer of peat on both sides of the shaft, resting on poles about three inches and a half in diameter. Here, then, lay the floor of a pole building, the only one hitherto found, not only in Scandinavia, but in the whole of Northern Europe.

Remains of old pole dwellings have been found in the Alps, but being built on the same principles, the one at Alcastra differs considerably from any of these central-European pole buildings. A geological research, undertaken by Dr. L. von Post, shows clearly that the Swedish pole dwelling was not, as those in Switzerland, erected in the lake proper, but built in a marsh on the sloping shore of the lake. The floor rested partly on the poles and partly on the ground, and the water had in an even stream run under the same. The inhabitants were here well protected from attack, from the land side and lake both, from the land on account of the inaccessible quagmire. In transporting themselves over the marsh narrow planks, of which traces have been found were used.

How large the old pole dwelling originally was can first, after continued excavations be fully ascertained. It is possible that others will be found in the vicinity. It is even certain, as neither the Swiss dwellings nor other kinds of aboriginal abodes found in Sweden appeared alone but in clusters.

Furthermore, the pole dwelling found has by no means been a "one-family" house. For on the floor lie numerous fire places, six on the hitherto cleared area. The logs surrounding them are charred and the stone slabs broken from the heat. That the house had not been partitioned off into small rooms is sure. On account of the close proximity of the fire places the partitions would have been charred. A large roof, made of hides or other material has probably covered the entire floor, as Dr. Frodin found remains of the narrow studdings.

The floor was covered with a ten inches thick layer of refuse, containing several interesting objects, such as, stone and flint weapons, bone awls and chisels, the latter exceptionally well preserved by the water, while the stone implements were badly corroded by the same. There were also found fragments of pottery, wild boar teeth, used for ornaments, masses of bones of wild boar and hart, which showed that these animals were plentiful at that time. Nut shells, charred apples, barley and wheat were found in abundance. Some of these are now in the National Museum at Stockholm, which honor they really deserve, as this museum contains many ancient rarities, but apples 4,000 years old it never before had the privilege to house. Indeed they are that old, for the dwelling refers back to the latter part of the stone age, or about 2,500 to 2,000 years B. C. Impressions of wheat have been found on ancient pottery, hence it is proved that wheat was known in that time, but this is the real original wheat of at least 4,000 years ago, and that is indeed something rare. Likewise with the apples, the first discovery of its kind in Scandinavia. A wooden hook was also found in a crack between two logs. This is the first wooden implement from these ancient times, found in Sweden in perfect condition.

Next year, when Mr. Frodin will study that, from a scientific view

point, most interesting part, namely the construction of the house, he hopes to find under the logs many more remarkable things, probably even remains of wearing apparel.

That, which is already found, bears witness, not only that the country around was rich and fertile, and inhabited by a people who lived in pole dwellings, but it also shows that these people stood in communication with other nations.

The flint implements show it—as all flint was imported—as does also a beautiful amber ornament in the shape of a double axe, a symbol of the deity, which was also found in the ruins.

The Government Antiquarian of Sweden, Mr. O. Montelius, says that this is undoubtedly the oldest remains of its kind, not only in Scandinavia, but in the whole world.

The attention of the scientific world has recently been centered in the discovery by the public that the two supposedly very large mounds 27 miles from the city of Mexico are not mounds at all, but stone pyramids built of solid basaltic rock. When the Spaniards first visited the ancient city of the Aztecs they noticed these two large mounds and supposed as has the public for several hundred years that they were in reality large hills shaped down by artificial means. The Mexican Government recently discovered they were pyramids and so ancient that the dust and dirt had completely covered them, in many places to a depth of more than fifty feet. Huge trees in many places were growing on them and brush and smaller vegetation had completely covered the sides.

It is believed they were built by the Toltecs, the forerunners, or perhaps ancestors, of the later tribes that inhabited Mexico. One of the pyramids, the larger, is called the Sun and the smaller seems to have been built to the Moon. They are connected by a stone paved roadway, called the path of the dead, more than two miles in length.

From excavations it would seem that the Pyramid of the Sun is the largest pyramid in the world, covering at its base more than fourteen acres and with a height of several hundred feet, making it by far the largest pyramid known.

The Mexican Government has a large force of men at work making explorations and, with a small army guarding the work it is extremely difficult for the public to even get near them. It is said by those in a position to know that the men in charge of the work have discovered secret passages into the larger pyramid, and are guarding them closely as they expect to find an immense amount of gold hidden in the interior.

Scientists are very much interested as the work progresses as it is believed many evidences will be found connecting the builders with the civilization of ancient Egypt. It has long been contended by western archaeologists that there is evidences in eastern Nebraska of the southern origin of those races who built the ancient ruins along the Missouri River, and with the recent Gilder explorations uncovering Egyptian types of carvings it only adds evidence that such races must have migrated from the south.

By S. P. Hughes.

Paul Mignon, Navasota, Texas, reports he was beat in the purchase of some Indian stone implements. It would be well for collectors before purchasing such relics to submit them to some competent authority and get their opinion. There have been a number of relics offered that have at the least resemblance to the genuine, either in workmanship or design.

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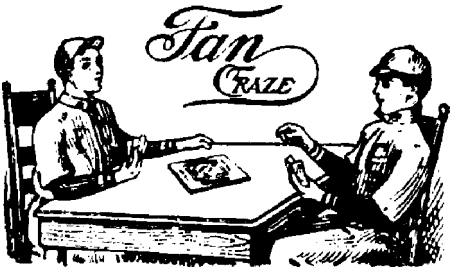
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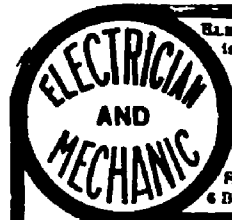
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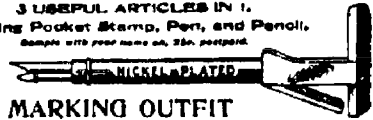
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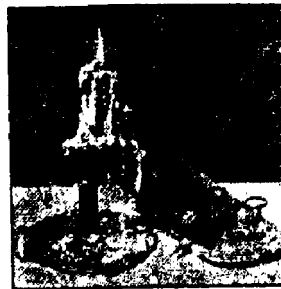
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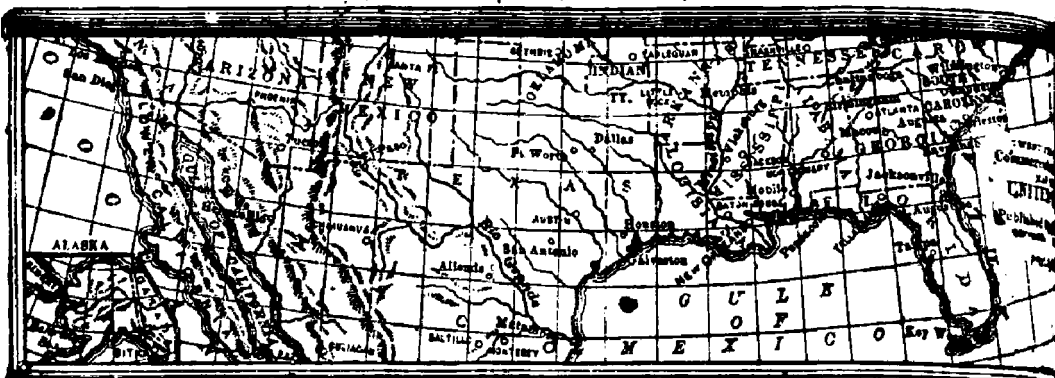
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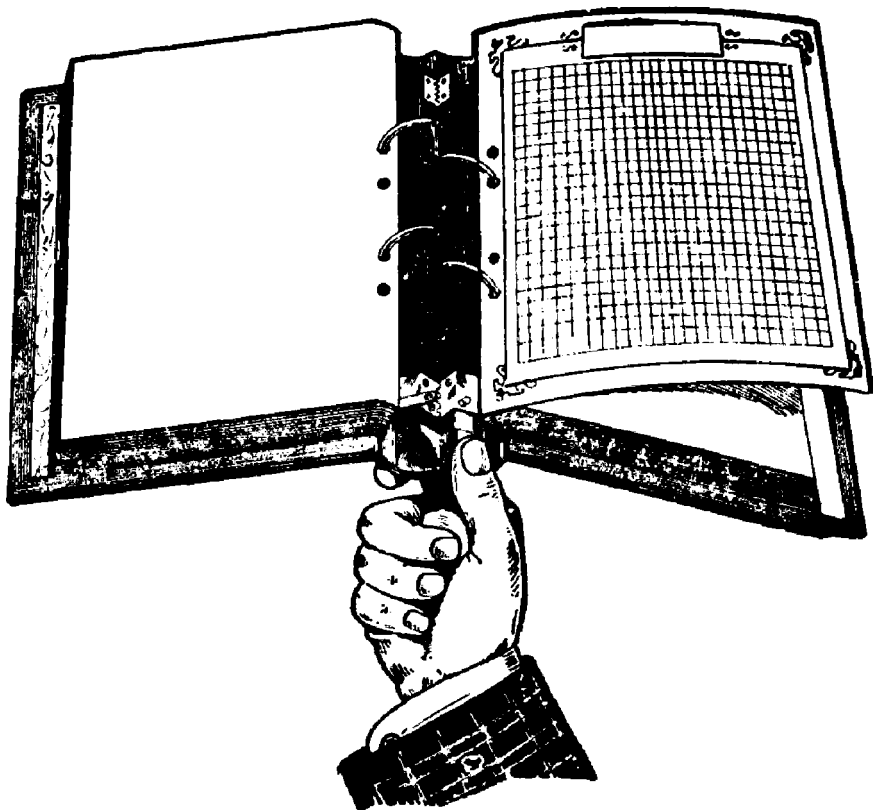
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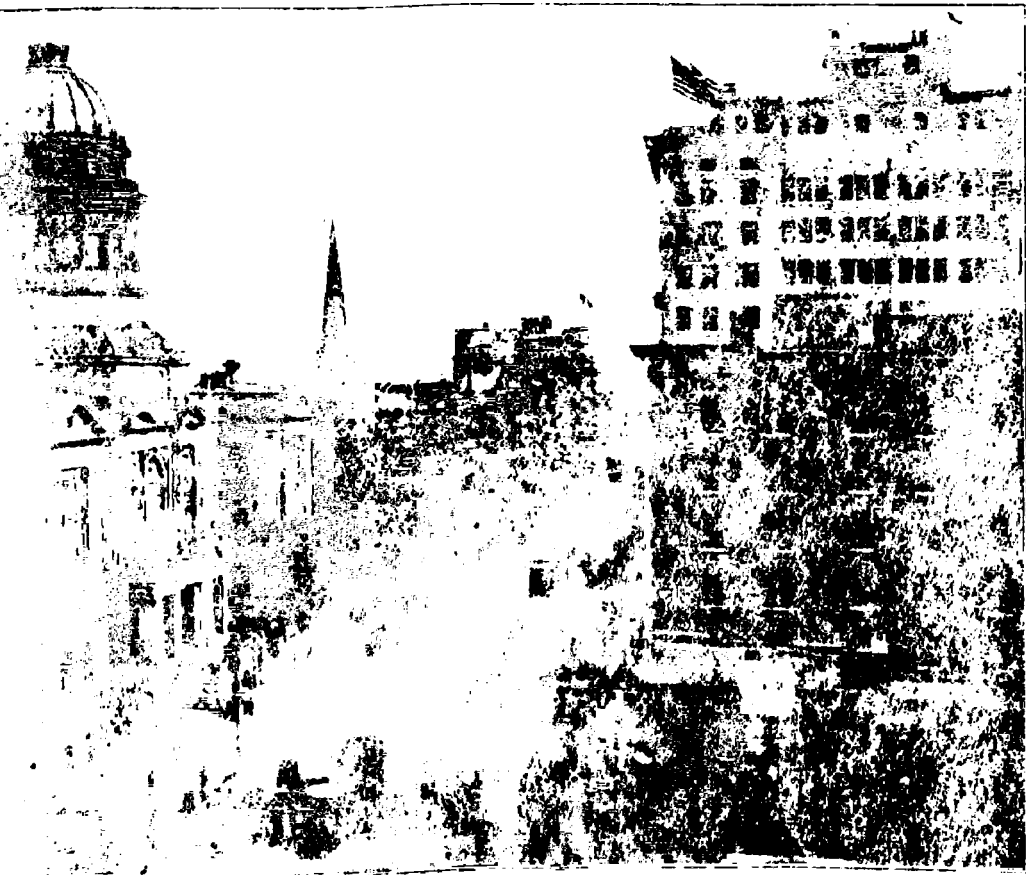
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2c Pair.....	06	Block.....	12
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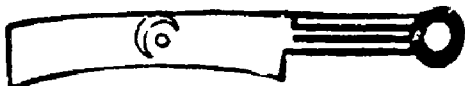
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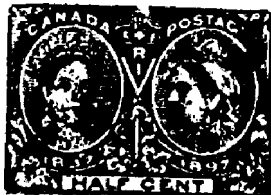
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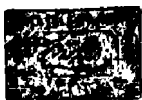
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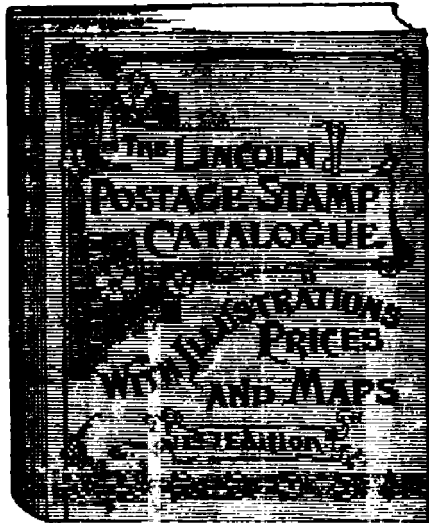
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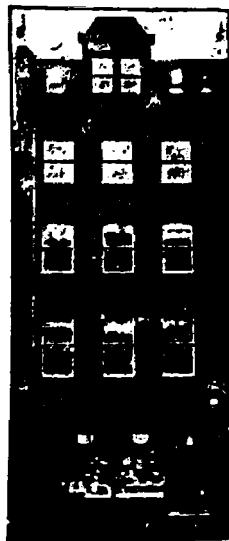
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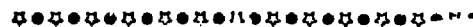
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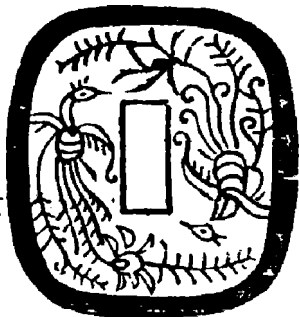
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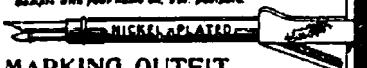
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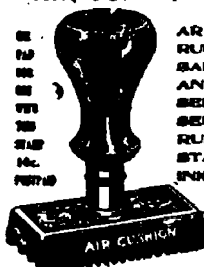


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2c " " 1887 " " "	50c
1c " " 1890 " " "	25c
2c " " " " " "	20c
4c " " " " " "	1.00
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1c Columbian per 1000	1.00
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4c " " " 100	.50
5c " " " " "	.50
10c " " " " "	1.00
3c " " 1895 per 100	.35
4c " " " " .000	.75
5c " " " " 100	.08
8c " " " " "	.15
10c " " " " "	.20
5c " " 1898 " " "	.08
10 " " " " "	.15
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2c " " " " "	.15
1c " " Pan Am " " "	.50
2c " " " " "	.20
4c " " " " "	1.50
6c 1902 " " " "	.25
8c " " " " "	.15
13c " " " " "	1.50
15c " " " " "	.75
50c " " " " "	2.50
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2c " " " " "	.15
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1881	1c yellow brown	1
	2c lake	1
	5c blue	1
	10c orange	1
	20c gray violet	2
	50c blue green ..	4
1887	1c blue green	1
	2c vermilion	1
	5c blue	1
	80c olive	10
1892	1c orange	1
	2c brown	1
	5c vermilion	2
	10c green	2
	20c red brown	5
	50c maroon	5
	1 sucre blue	5
	5 " purple	6
1894	1c blue	1
	2c brown	2
	5c green	2
	10c vermilion	3
	20c black	5
	50c orange	10
	1 sucre carmine	15
	5 sucre blue	30
1895	1c blue	2
	2c brown	3
	5c green	2
	10c vermilion	5
	20c black	5
	50c orange	15
	1 sucre carmine	25
	5 sucre blue	30
1896	1c green	1
	2c red	1
	5c blue	2
	10c bistre brown	3
	20c orange	5
	50c blue	6
	1 sucre yellow brown	10
	5 sucre violet	25
1896	Jubilee	
	1c rose	2
	2c blue	2
	5c green	2
	10c ochre	4
	20c red	2
	50c violet	5
	1 sucre orange	7
	1896 5c on 10c orange ..	8
	Same with inverted surch	15

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1896	10c on 4c brown	10c
	Same with inverted surch	25
1897	1c blue surch 1897-1898	5
1897	1c green	1
	2c orange red	1
	5c lake	2
	10c dark brown	2
	20c yellow	3
	50c dull blue	5
	1 sucre gray	7
	5 sucre lilac	25
1898	1c on 2c orange red	5
	5c on 10c brown	7
1899	1c gray, blue and black	1
	2c brown, lilac and black	1
	5c lake and black	1
	10c violet and black	2
	20c green and black	2
	50c lilac rose and black	3
	1 sucre ochre and black	9
	5 sucre lilac and black	75
1901	1c scarlet and black	1
	2c green and black	1
	5c gray lilac and black	1
	10c blue and black	2
	20c gray and black	3
	50c blue and black	15
	1 sucre bistre and black	20
	5 sucre gray and black	1.50
1903	1c on 25c yellow	2
1904	1c red and black	5
	2c blue and black	5
	5c yellow and black	5
1906	1c on 5c gray	1
	3c on 1 sucre blue	5
1907	1c red and black	1
	2c blue and black	1
	3c orange and black	2
	5c lake and black	2
	10c blue and black	1
	20c green and black	2
1908	Jubilee 1c brown	2
	" 2c blue and black	3
	" 5c lake and black	20
	" 10c orange and black ..	5
	" 20c green and black ..	20
	" 50c gray and black	35
	" 1 sucre black	65
1909	1c green	1
	2c blue	2
	3c orange	2
	5c claret	2
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100 3c green all good	05
100 2c brown all good	05
100 2c green 1887 all good	05
100 1c blue Columbian all good	10
10c green 1852	15
1c blue 1857	08
12c war unused o g	15
14c war unused o g	15
24c war unused o g	18
Block of 4 2c Lincoln imperforated	14
Yukon Alaska 2c imperforated	14
Hudson Fulton block of 4	14
1/2 Columbian dollars uncirculated	70
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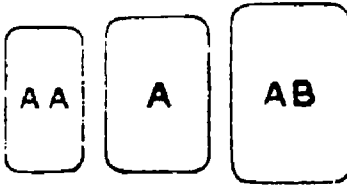
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3c	"	"	20
2½	"	"	19
2c	"	"	18
15c	1893	"	27
20c	"	"	28
30c	"	"	30
10c	"	"	31
25c	1900	"	37
1G	"	"	42
2½G	1900	Scott	43
30c	1885	"	106
50c	1885	"	108

Greece

1	Lepton	Olympian	1895
2	"	"	"
5	"	"	"
10	"	"	"
20	"	"	"
25	"	"	"
40	"	"	"
60	"	"	"
1	drachma	"	"
2	"	"	"
20	Lepton	1900	No 129
30	"	"	" 130
40	"	"	" 132
50	"	"	" 133
1	drachma	1900	No 134
25	Lepta	"	" 160

Greece

1c	1 lepton	to 25	1901	½c each		
1c	30 lepton	1901			4c	
2c	40	"	"		5c	
1c	50	"	"		3c	
6c	1 drachma	"	"		6c	
12c	25 lepton	1902	No 180		8c	
12c	50	"	" 181		15c	
8c	1 lepton	to 20 lepton	1906	each	1c	
12c	25	"	blue	Olympian	3c	
50c	30	"	"	"	5c	
90c	40	"	"	"	6c	
15c	50	"	"	"	8c	
32c	1 drachma	"	"	"	15c	
1c	1 lepton	Crete	1900		1c	
20	"	"	1901	No 20	4c	
1c	20 Lepton	Crete	No 9		5c	
1c	25	"	"	" 21	4c	
1c	25	"	"	" 27	6c	
2c	25	"	"	" 15	6c	
6c	German	1900	12va	2pf to 2m	15c	
10c	Sierra Leone	No 107	o g	face 24c	15c	
20c	Danish W I	dues	complete		35c	
4c	U.S. Rev	for Porto Rico	3c	1899	2c	
30c	"	Prop 1898	complete	o g	35c	
3c	"	Telegraph			10c	
6c	"	3 Playing	cards		3.00	
6c	"	3c Prop	unused	o g	15c	
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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

H. HEMPEL, a collector of postcards for ten years and a reader of the WEST for four years, says that the WEST gets first place on his desk among all other journals. WEST is great! Is a member of more than ten clubs and has a collection of a few thousand cards. Now he will start a newspaper collection and also street car transfers. After these are completed he will start on a coin collection. He was born in Germany Cassel 1884 and came over here in 1900 and started to collect cards in the same year. See his card ads.

I. CLAY ELLIOTT is eighteen years old and collects stamps, coins, postcards, Indian relics and curios. Also has a small collection of shells and minerals, and his latest hobby is a collection of woods. He has 89 different varieties including teak, ebony, ironwood, satin wood, rose wood etc. He would like to correspond with other readers of the WEST interested in same. He says he takes several collectors' papers but the WEST is best of all, "he couldn't 'keep house' without it".

CURJO OLSTAD, is a collector of Alaskan and European antiquities, curios, stamps and coins. Has made three trips to Europe and three to Alaska, one tour of less than a year. He has traveled over 47000 miles and speaks three languages.

The mastodon remains you see in views were found by me in the Nome district, Alaska, in 1900. The large bone is the skull bone and measures 4 ft., 8 inches in diameter. Weighs 348 pounds. Other pieces you see are in proportion and all are in the finest condition. I have had it on exhibition in several of the principal cities in the U. S. The mastodon skull is for sale, and can be purchased at a reasonable figure. He says, must say the WEST is immense, and complete.

"CONDITION."

One of the very first rocks that bob up in the pathway of the beginner in stamp collecting is that of condition. It is a question of momentous decision when this time arrives, and will tend to influence his entire future as a follower of the hobby. Of course, all of us desire anything that we possess to be as nearly perfect as is possible to have it, and when we are collecting stamps they are no exception to the rule, but the question is, does it pay to harp on this question of "perfection" to the exclusion of all else? Is it not a fact that, so long as a specimen has proven itself at least good enough to have been accepted by the postoffice authorities as capable of prepaying the cost of transmitting a letter or parcel through the mails, that it should at least have the same standing when it reaches the hands of the collector and he considers the advisability of allowing it to occupy a place in his album? If you were collecting stamps for the sake of pretty pictures, why would not a collection of the cheap, "made-for-collectors" issues more nearly fill the bill than the "cut-for-business" issues of those countries whose least thought is given as to how their issues will be viewed by collectors and whose only thought is as to whether their stamps would prove acceptable and easy of handling to the business world in general? Stamps printed in great quantities by a country that finds it a hard struggle to keep up supplies in the face of a great commercial demand are more apt to be off-center and poorly perforated than are those of a so-called country or colony whose stamps are very seldom met with in a postally used condition and who chiefly count on the "easy marks" of collectors to keep its treasury supplied with good money enough through the sales of its gaudily printed circus posters. Of course, a heavily-cancelled stamp, one which is so daubed up that the design or lettering is almost indecipherable, is an abomination to any collector, but this craze for "well-centered" and "all four sides perforated" stamps seems a silly thing at most when you sit down and calmly think it over. If you are collecting postage stamps, any and all specimens that have actually served to prepay postage are worthy of a place in your collection; if you don't think so, you'd better give up stamps entirely and go to collecting pretty post-cards,—it will probably do you as much good and undoubtedly be a great deal more satisfactory to your "artistic" eye. But, if you are a real stamp collector, you'd rather have a torn specimen of a postally-used stamp, or one that was either "off center" or "with one side unperforated" than all the sets of unused "Liebecks" or "colonials" that were ever issued on this mundane sphere. A real "postage" stamp will afford you much more pleasure and satisfaction every time you look at it than would pages and pages of the other kind. So, take a word of friendly advice and if you wish to become one of the genuine, true blue, dyed-in-the-wool species of stamp collectors, see to it that you give preference not to "condition," but to the fact that a stamp has been really and truly intended to be "postally used," and secure them in that condition if possible.

C. S. L.

Bavaria, after clinging for forty-three years to the design which we all know so well, has at last begun to consider the advisability of a change. A commission has for some time been sitting, but the only conclusion at which its wisdom has been able to arrive is that it would save expense if the stamps were printed with the shield of the country in colors instead of embossed, as it has always previously been, and this notion is to be adopted.

A New United States Official Stamp

By J. U. P.

AN OUTLINE OF THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

Final plans for the carrying into effect of the enactment by Congress for the operation of postal savings banks, are at last nearing completion. Since the passing of the law, four months ago, the committee of postal experts appointed by the Postmaster General has been meeting day and night in an effort to perfect a satisfactory system, and the result of their labors will in a few weeks be laid before Postmaster General Hitchcock, on his return from abroad.

At the start, the small appropriation made by Congress will permit of the establishment of not more than fifty postal banks, which will, of course, be scattered throughout the country. The service will, therefore, at first be limited, but inasmuch as deposits will be made by mail as well as in person, a fair test of the plan will be afforded for future guidance.

The entire amount appropriated was only \$100,000, and out of this all preliminary expenses, such as providing forms, stamps, and instructions, must be paid. Larger appropriations will be made later, however, as soon as the needs of the service are thoroughly understood, and some definite estimate of the cost of operating the banks can be arrived at. The basic idea of the plan is that the whole system shall be self-sustaining. Two per cent interest will be paid on deposits, and the banks and trust companies acting as depositories for the funds collected by the Government will under the law have to pay $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent interest. This quarter of one per cent will represent a profit to the Government, and is expected to pay for the cost of maintenance of the system.

There will be two ways of making deposits,—in person at one of the newly established banks, and by mail. In the first case, a card perforation system will be used; that is, instead of the book, as provided by private banks, a card will be issued to the depositor, showing by perforation the amount of money on deposit. This card will be duplicate of a similar one perforated at the same time and is kept in the bank, the latter furnishing at all times an absolute record of the funds received for. Should a card be lost by the depositor, a duplicate may be obtained upon application. The cards will be made non-transferable and non-negotiable. A machine resembling a cash register will be used to punch the deposit cards. This will insure an absolutely correct record, as on account of the depositor's card and that held by the Government being punched at the same time, no discrepancy can exist.

The second method of depositing funds, by mail, will be provided for by the issuance of special stamps. These will be of the denomination of ten cents each. They will be sold at all postoffices, together with a special card, which will also cost ten cents. As the card will hold just nine of the stamps, it will, when filled with stamps, represent a deposit of one dollar.

In anticipation of the adoption of the proposed system, a large supply of the ten cent stamps have already been printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, so that if it is approved, the stamps and cards will make their appearance in the early fall. Stamp collectors, however, will be particularly interested in the announcement that a new two cent stamp, which is to be used as a frank on all letters of official business relating to the postal banks, has been designed and printed. If used in this way, the latter stamp will undoubtedly be considered as an "official." It is said that both stamps are by far the most artistic stamps which have ever been designed and printed at the Bureau.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



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

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678—What stamp journals are at present published in England?—Dr. Rommel, in October, 1909, gave the following list for Great Britain: Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular, Philatelic Record, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, London Philatelist, Snyth's Philatelic Journal, Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Stamp Collector, Philatelic Trader and Fraud Reporter, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Philatelic Exchange and Mart, West End Philatelist, Gibbons' Stamp Weekly, Monthly Report of the Herts Philatelic Society, Wright's Annual List and Advertiser, Philatelic Invoice and Stamp Market Journal, British Philatelist, The Postage Stamp, Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society, Mack's Stamp Review, The Stamp Lover, Philatelic World, Griebert's Philatelic Notes and Offers, Carter's Monthly Record, The Collectors' Weekly.

I may add Appleton's Weekly, and should not wonder if there are still others that are unknown to me and to Dr. Rommel. I have not seen copies of all that Dr. Rommel names, and if any of the publishers should read this paragraph I would thank them for a sample copy.

679—What is the meaning of "old," "silk," "wove," "laid," "pelure," "hard" and "soft porous" paper as used in regard to stamps?—"Old" paper is the common paper of the U. S. revenues of 1862, and is called so in distinction from the later "silk" paper. It may be either thick or thin. "Silk" paper is similar to the old paper, only it has many little silk threads scattered over its face, somewhat like the paper of the U. S. paper money. These silk threads can best be seen through a magnifying glass. "Wove" paper is the common paper, as that used for newspapers. The West is printed on wove paper. "Laid" paper is used in the manufacture of the U. S. stamped envelopes. By holding it toward the light one may see numerous lighter and darker lines in the body of it. Laid paper is much used for writing with pen and ink, also for books. "Pelure" paper is a very thin partly transparent paper, something like "onion skin" or tissue paper. "Hard" paper is any paper containing a large quantity of glue, and it is therefore obvious that there may be various degrees of hardness. Generally speaking, all U. S. adhesives before 1879 were printed on hard paper. When the American Bank Note Co. obtained the contract for printing the U. S. stamps in 1879, it introduced a paper containing much wood pulp and less glue than the kind used before. This paper is of a coarser texture also, which can be seen by holding it toward the light. It is called "soft porous," and by a little practice it can easily be distinguished from the "hard" paper. The 2 cents crown of 1883 is printed on soft porous paper. There are several other kinds of paper, and since we are just at it, we may mention a few more. "Quadrille" paper is a kind of "laid" with lines that cross each other. "Watermarked" paper is any kind that shows lighter or darker figures in its texture. If you get a piece of the white margin from a sheet of the current U. S. stamps and hold it toward the light, you will see part or all of the letters "U S P D" appearing lighter than the rest of the paper. "Granite" paper is similar to the U. S. silk paper, only the colored silk threads on its surface are smaller and more numerous. It may be found in some of the Swiss stamps. "Dickinson" paper is a kind that consists of two layers with a pair of silk threads between running along the whole width or length of each sheet. The early 1 shilling and 10 pence stamps of Great Britain were printed on Dickinson paper. What is meant by "ribbed" and by "double" paper seems to be sufficiently clear from these terms without any further explanation.

680—Canal Zone 2 cents present issue surcharge reading up, is this an error?—I think not. If I remember right this surcharge, which by the way is smaller than the surcharge reading down, is made in New York by the American Bank Note Company, who at present are the printers of the stamps for Panama. It may be expected that this surcharge will be the commoner one in a short while, and that it will be free (or nearly so) from errors, as the A. B. N. Co. does good and exact work. Ewen's Weekly Stamp News for May 28th lists this surcharge as follows:

1c green and black, 1d; 2c rose and black, 1½d; 5c blue and black, 3d; 8c lilac and black, 5d; 10c violet and black, 6d.

Should I be in error about this or any other matter, I would consider it a great favor to be corrected by our readers. (Dorpat.)

681. How many different kinds of U. S. Stamped envelopes are now current? There are 58 kinds if we do not count the minor varieties. They may be classified as follows: 14 sizes, 4 values and 5 papers, namely: Size 1—2⅞x5¼ in., 2 cents, white paper only. Size 2—3¼x5¼, 1c, white and amber; 2c, white, amber, buff and blue. Size 3—3⅝x5⅝, 1c, white and amber; 2c, white, amber, buff and blue; 5c, white and amber. Size 4—3⅝x5⅝, 2c, white and amber. Size 5—3½x6 5-16, 1c, white and amber; 2c, white, amber, buff and blue; 5c, white and amber. Size 6—3½x6 5-16, 1c, white and manila, (ungummed). Size 7—3⅝x8⅝, 2c, white, amber, buff and blue; 4c, white and amber. Size 8—4⅞x9¼, 1c, white and amber, (ungummed); 2c, white and amber; 4c, white and amber. Size 9—4⅝x10¼, 2c, white and amber; 4c, white and amber. Size 10—3 9-16x4⅝, 2c, white only. Size 11—4¼x5¼, 1c, white only; 2c, white only. Size 13—3¾x6¾, 1c, white, amber, buff and blue; 2c, white, amber, buff and blue. Size 14—3¾x6 5-16, 2c, white, amber, buff and blue. Why the old size No. 12 has been withdrawn I am not aware. Perhaps some of our readers can tell us.

The minor varieties consist of die varieties and paper varieties, as the present contractors repeatedly re-engraved their working dies and used up some old paper left over from former issues. There are also differences in the regular paper made especially for the present contract, and some varieties of color in the stamps, the two principal ones being brown-red and carmine for the 2 cents. If we count in all these, we may get something like 100 varieties, or more, for the present issue. Any of the former issues may, of course, still be used, as none have been declared void.

682. Is there a 3 cents purple of Cuba 1905-7, and what are its marks? If I had not received A. C. Roessler's Stamp News a day or two ago, I would have answered no. But Mr. Roessler, on authority of Mr. Chas. R. Morris of Washington, says there is, i. e. a 3 cent re-engraved which would be Scott's No. 235 but which is left out in Scott's Catalog. What the distinguishing mark is, is not yet made public, but Mr. Melville will divulge the information in his stamp book treating of the U. S. Colonial stamps, which is shortly to appear. I cannot say that I like this kind of business, the withholding of such information from the general collector for any length of time, because doing so will enable those that have this information to corner the rarer variety, if there is such, and thus take advantage of the collector.

LITERATURE NOTES. Philatelic Literature Collecting is one of our hobby's most fascinating branches, and no collector should neglect his library while publishers are offering magazines at such moderate rates. Every collector should subscribe to at least half a dozen of the larger magazines.



New Issues Column

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The Oldest Established Stamp Dealer in the World.

Since writing you last month we have received a number of very interesting New Issues. There is also much talk still of the stamps bearing portraits of His late Majesty King Edward VII, and my readers are advised to fill up their collections with these.

As you are probably aware, Messrs. De La Rue have lost the contract for printing the stamps and Messrs. Harrison & Sons will start this now, and it will therefore be interesting to see what the new printers will do with the future series which are being prepared for issue.

Belgium 1910.

Second Series.

Last month I told you about a new charity set issued for the Brussels Exhibition in Belgium.

We are surprised now to receive another issue of these stamps. The same two artists have again been employed, only in the first series the colors and order of the artists' work were as follows:

- 1 centime, grey (Montald).
- 2 centimes, chocolate (Lemaire).
- 5 centimes, green (Montald).
- 10 centimes, rose (Lemaire).

whilst in the second series they are reversed:

- 1 centime, sage (Lemaire).
- 2 centimes, brown (Montald).
- 5 centimes, emerald (Lemaire).
- 10 centimes, lake (Montald).

This second set is also sold at an appreciation over its face value and the sum thus collected will be, at the wish of Queen Elizabeth of the Belgians, devoted to various charities.

Bermuda 1910.

We have just received the first value of what will eventually be a new series for this colony. It is well engraved and represents a fully rigged sailing ship of the 17th Century, and is evidently symbolical of the Arms of Bermuda. It is printed on the usual multiple C. A. paper, and is issued on account of the Bermuda Tercentenary.

$\frac{1}{2}$ penny, green.

Crete 1910.

The current Italian stamps are now overprinted "La Canea," for use in the Italian Post Offices in Crete. The various political disturbances that are now in progress in this island render this series of great interest at the present moment.

Overprinted "La Canea."

- 1 cestesimi, chocolate.
- 2 cestesimi, brown.

Haiti 1910.

A new stamp, bearing a portrait of A. T. Simon, has reached us from Haiti. It is beautifully engraved by the American Bank Note Company of New York and is very handsome.

1 centime, crimson and black.

Sweden 1910.

The first stamp is just to hand of a new design, bearing the Swedish Three Crowns on a shield. The effect of the color and design is both pretty and novel.

4 ore, lilac.

Panama.

Canal Zone 1910.

The new issue of Panama is now overprinted "Canal Zone," for use in that part of the territory. We have received the following:

1 centesimo de Balboa, portrait of Vasco Nunez de Balboa, green and black.

2 centesimos de Balboa, portrait of Fernandez de Cordoba, vermilion and black.

5 centesimos de Balboa, portrait of Arosemena, blue and black.

Siam.

The new design, well executed, is received. At the top is a portrait of the King, Chulalongkorn, supported by the uplifted arms of a native god. The stamp is beautifully engraved and forms a striking addition to a collection. The values are:

2 satangs, orange and sage.

3 satangs, green.

6 satangs, rose.

Switzerland 1910.

I have for some time past been recommending my clients to fill up their Swiss stamps, and now I have received the most interesting curiosity of all these fascinating stamps. This is no less than what is known as "Tete Beche," which means that one stamp is printed right way up and the adjoining stamp printed upside down. Naturally these must be collected in pairs, as when separated they would, of course, be simply normal. We have got pairs of the 2 centimes brown, 5 centimes green, 10 centimes red, and the 25 centimes blue. The 2 and 5 centimes are of the William Tell's Son type, the 10 centimes the head and shoulders of Helvetia, and the 25 centimes a seated figure of Helvetia.

Tete Beche Pairs.

2 centimes, bistre.

5 centimes, green.

10 centimes, red.

25 centimes, blue.

Uruguay-Montevideo 1910.

Two celebration stamps are received bearing dates 1810-1910, and for the first time in the history of philately we have a picture of a Centaur, that mythical being, half man and half horse. The stamp is beautifully engraved, the picture of the Centaur being outlined against a most effective background.

2 cents, red.

5 cents, blue.

NOTES.

Cuba's two colored 50c stamp is an improvement on the unicolor grey stamp used heretofore. The new \$1.00 stamp is insignificant in its appearance beside the bright 50c stamp. Both are worth getting, if obtainable in good condition.

There are many stamp collectors that do not belong to any society, are not subscribers to any philatelic paper, nor in fact have any connection with other stamp collectors. Their collections are most likely to be in a pitiable condition, and they are very apt to entertain erroneous ideas regarding the values of stamps. It would be a service to them as well as to philately in general if they can be reached, to make them acquainted with some one of the many philatelic publications, the PHILATELIC WEST, for instance, and to interest them in the study of stamps. This may be done by giving their names to the publisher that he may send them a sample copy and by talking to them about the advantage that may be derived from regular subscribers. Send names of any active collectors.

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

The Handbook and Check List of the U. S. State Revenue stamps by J. Delano Bartlett, deserve all credit due to compiler of the book, comprising so many new state taxes, of which the average collector has only a faint knowledge. The 32 pages will certainly help, that many state revenues will be saved and so be brought ultimately into circulation and their respective values better adjusted.

Here a few words on the cash value of tax paid may be an assistance to others. I picked up about 25 of one kind and marked the first one 10c. It went and so increased the price gradually to 40c. where the sale stopped, and have never been able to get more than 35c for the same. My idea may be wrong, but one thing is sure, it depends on the other fellow, how much it is worth to him.

In continuation of last month's WEST describing revenues found in my collection I arrive to my fatherland. Under German Empire proper, the Wechselstempel from 1869 to 1901 are practically complete. In 1907 the issue was put on watermarked paper, and they are now beginning to come into the hands of collectors. Another advantage and saving the worry of a new issue. Ample time to consider how scarce they will be. Railway tickets require a tax. Bills of lading are not forgotten. Transactions of speculation in bonds, merchandise, lotteries are supplied with a double stamp of 5pf to 1000 M. Sometimes you get the left, and other times the right side, and occasionally an entire used copy. The 90 pf. is scarcer than the 50 M. Odd values seem to be always scarcest. The 500 and 1000 M used only in Berlin. The W comes on Mdse., and L on lotteries. All German States have their own issues and also many municipalities.

Bavaria is about the easiest procurable. Baden got only 5, but one is hard to get. Bremen got quite a number and so far only few came my way. Brunswick has some. Hamburg a pretty set. Hessen offers a field for specialists. Mecklenburg has issued 8 lower values and 4 higher values, on latter the date has been changed every year since 1874 and makes them scarce.

Oldenburg is not easy. From a correspondent I received 2 values which have been in use only 2 weeks. In Prussia I have done fairly well. There exist perf. varieties. Saxony is rich on town and village taxes. Wurtemberg got only a few, but the capital, Stuttgart makes up, and has issued for many years an annual fair tax.

There are several other states which use about a dozen stamps each. German colonies are few.

Great Britain has issued for England, Scotland, Ireland and a few of the islands. England has a great variety of different special issues and outside of Admiralty, Colonial Office, Land Registry, Peddlers certificate, lightly represented by 400 copies. The impressed Bill and Note stamps are so numerous that I am perfectly satisfied if I can get one year date of each variety. Some good varieties are the 9, 13, and 14 sh. The so called Lead stamps are in my opinion interesting even if they are not included in catalog, being movable and not fixed charges. I must have about a hundred of them up to 100 face value.

France revenues are fairly well represented and occasioned no difficulty to me in collecting them, but I shall try once more to explain more explicit, the different issues under the "Effects de Commerce" to those who are unfamiliar with the detail and distinguishing mark of each issue.

The first issue 1860, gray, commerce seated and eagle, white embossed circle, does not need particular mention. Issue 1864 head of Napoleon, lilac with values in red. Here you have to pay attention to the values, so you can tell it from

the 1871 issue. In 1864 the tax is 5 cents for every 100 francs, so the 20 centimes stamps bear the value of atx 300-400 while in 1871 the tax being doubled reads 100-200. All values above 10 francs belong to 1871. In 1872 the design is very similar, only the head is replaced with a star. In 1874 the 1871-72 series was surcharged with Demi-Droit En Sus (an additional tax) most the time in red, the other colors can be found. In 1874 a new design was adopted which run till 1892 but represents 7 issues. The design 2 females seated, value always below and background gray. Date 187—com in the first 5 issues. 1880-81, date 18—only. All are imperforate, except 1881. Remember this. 1874 first series bears: demi droits en sus. Ornaments on side of value.

1874 second series, value in small letters tax 15 cent for every 100 franc.

1877 small values in a medallion, same tax rate.

1879 values in larger type. Rate reduced to 10c for every 100 fr. The first 5 cent value issue 1880 large numeral in a medallion. Same rate.

Now, bear in mind 1874 and 79 have no medallion. 1877 and 80 have [the same: the higher tax to the first two, the reduced tax to the other two.

In the 1879-80 series are no values higher than 10 francs.

1881 July, the last imperforate, date 18 only, value only to fr. 5.

1881 Sept. perforated up to fr. 30—

1892 new design: head of Liberty. Date 18. above value.

1900 same design, but date line shows only numerals.

According to the Australian Philatelist, it looks as if uniform postage stamps for the entire Australian Commonwealth will be issued within a year. Our informant says:

"The events of the past few weeks have brightened Federal prospects considerably. Last month the State Premiers held a conference, and by agreeing to a new and fixed method of allocating Commonwealth revenue, which will put an end to the bookkeeping period in March next year, have made the way clear for the full Federalisation of the Australian Post Offices. The Postmaster-General has already intimated that preparations will begin at once for the introduction of an uniform series of stamps within twelve months, and that penny postage through Australia is now assured. The latter does not concern philatelists any more than regards the effect it will have on the relative rarity of all denominations.

Neither does the place of printing. While we may have our own ideas as to what should be done, it need not follow because we claim to be stamp students and collectors that the authorities must fall in with our views. They do not show much disposition to be influenced by arguments, either in regard to the place of printing, manner of printing or designs. The two latter, however, do concern philatelists, although here again opinions will differ, some contending for steel plate, and others for surface printing, and some arguing in favor of King's heads, while others want Australian pictures. Letters frequently appear in the daily press on the subject, and it is quite evident that no matter what decisions are arrived at, they will be challenged by the opposite side.

"The Postal Commission, which has been sitting for a long time, inquiring into all sorts of things, has almost concluded its labors. Little attention was given to postage stamps, and we have not learned anything new from that source in regard to them. The great point is that within twelve months separate State issues will be a thing of the past, and our labors will be considerably lightened.



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Desames recibir esemplares de cambio de las publicaciones filatelicas estranjeras la adressa enseguida. L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis. U.S.A By

The Philadelphia Stamp News is jubilant over receiving admittance to second-class mail rates and promises to double its size from August 26th on. It is doing some good work, and we hope to see it flourish. Our readers who have not yet seen a copy of it might do well to send 2 cents to Mr. Percy McGraw Mann, 1706 N. 18th Str., Philadelphia, Pa., for a sample, or better still, 50 cents for a year's subscription, not forgetting to mention The West in doing so.—No. 16 of the P. S. N. illustrates the Esperanto sticker inscribed "Sesa Internacia Kongreso de Esperanto, Washington, August, 1910," also the Pan-Americano stamp issued by Brazil and the \$500.00 stamp of the Straits Settlement.

From the daily press we glean that 240 postmasters in 36 states have sent in requests for starting the recently authorized postal savings banks. Similar requests are noted from 535 banks in 44 states. According to notes from Washington, the start will be made with but 50 offices, and after these, one of which is to be the Washington office, are in working order the service will be gradually extended to other offices. Special savings stamps are expected.

The Southern Philatelist, that prospering little contemporary from the South, has in its July number a remarkable article on "Gormandism," in which it advises its readers to keep within the bounds of their pocket-books and so to avoid trouble. This is good advice, and many a young collector—and some older ones as well—might have spared himself some anxiety had he not overstepped these bounds. There is much pleasure to be gotten out of cheap stamps honestly, while the dear stamps, if acquired by making debts that cannot be paid, will spoil both pleasure and collector.

Die Post, speaking of counterfeit stamps on genuine C. A. wmk paper, as they appeared in the case of the St. Lucia 5/, suggests a way to prevent the marginal strips of stamp sheets being used for such a fraudulent purpose, namely, the printing of lines or ornaments on the margin around the stamps, as has been done in the case of certain German and English stamps. One might wonder what these fancy margins were good for. Here we have the explanation. Leaving no blank margins, they make it impossible to use the genuine paper for counterfeiting.

According to Die Post, Brazil is to have a 1,000,000 reis official stamp. Happily one reis does not amount to much, and the whole million amounts to only about \$546.00 of U. S. money. Still this will be the highest face value of any stamps issued, and we must not expect to get them by the dozen before the remainders are put on sale. Besides the one million stamp, there are to be other values of 20,000, 50,000, 100,000, and 500,000 reis. If all this is true, it is most likely that these stamps will be used similarly as our newspaper stamps of \$50.00 and \$100.00 were used and that they will never come into the hands of the general public.

The Nederlandsche Philatelist says that the 17½ cents is now on sale in two colors and advises its readers to get a few of the lilac stamps of this value, unused, while they can yet be had at face value. This was still the case in June.

One of the events of the present year will be the Philatelic Exhibition at Berne, Switzerland, in September. An event which is mentioned by most philatelic papers on both sides of the "pond," and for which preparations

are being made far and wide. It is to be hoped that American collectors will not be conspicuous by their absence.

German papers are speaking of the great philatelic meet which is to be held at Kiel, August 12 to 16. Kiel is the home of the German navy, and as such, a city in which many connections are upheld with far away countries, especially the German Colonies. No wonder then that it is a philatelic stronghold as well as a marine base and place of world interest. A large attendance is expected and the program is excellent, including several free meals and free beer, as well as stamp exchanges and auctions.

Dr. Rommel, in No. 388 of *Der Philatelist*, concludes his list of irregularities in the dating of philatelic papers. He mentions also the Philatelic West and the discrepancies between the inside dates and the dates on the covers. In some cases these are of no importance, as in Vol. XXXIII of 1906, where the date of No. 3 is July 31 on the cover, while the inside date reads July 30. In other cases, however, the difference is important enough to be noted, though it will be easy enough to arrange a complete file, if one has it, in the proper order. It is to be hoped, nevertheless, that our printer will be a little more careful in the future to get both dates, that on the cover and that on the first inside page, correct. This is important in all cases where special reference is taken to any article with quotation of volume and number.

From the *Attleboro Philatelist* we learn that a society has been organized among the collectors of Precanceled stamps. It is called The International Precanceled Club, and Mr. F. Percy Collingwood, the publisher of the A. P., is the president; Mr. F. B. Griffith, Jr., Red Jacket Parkway, Buffalo, N. Y., is the secretary. Annual dues 50 cents. The A. P. will publish lists of precanceled stamps. Those of Chicago, Ill., will be next, of which more than 300 varieties are said to exist. Parties interested in precanceled stamps would do well to get a complete file of the A. P. as long as it can be obtained.

The *Globe Trotter*, No. 34, which was to appear in July, made its appearance in August. This delay was due principally to the newness of its own typesetting department. In the future this department will help much toward promptness and other improvements. It means a considerable saving both in time and in money. The membership list now ends with No. 7150, 106 new members having been added to the C. C. C. since the publication of the previous number of the *Globe Trotter*. Mr. Dorpat has charge of the Stamp Department.

The A. P. S. quarterly, under the title of *The American Philatelist*, has now appeared in three numbers. It is generally welcomed as a "long felt want," and is commended favorably, the adverse criticism being hardly worthy of mention. We certainly should have a few first-class journals in our country, and the A. P. S. should be able to publish the best.

COLLECTING REVENUE STAMPS.

Almost every collector of postal issues receives from time to time stray copies of revenue stamps in the mixed lots that reach him from abroad, which revenues he may view as being outside his "line," and may either throw them away or relegate them to some obscure corner in the hope of their possibly proving "useful" in some way or other at some future time. Such revenues he may be glad to sell for a small sum, or to exchange for other classes of stamps in which he is more interested.

It should be a good hint to a beginner in revenue collecting to advise him to try to get into correspondence with collectors of this type. In time to come, when revenue collecting becomes more popular and the value of copies more universally understood, the likelihood of securing cheap lots in this way will possibly have become more remote and all are rare lots.—The Bazaar.

Is the Postage Stamp Doomed?

By J. DeJung Jr., Rhinelander, Wis.

The postage stamp has long been a power in the world, but will it continue to rule? With the collector it surely will, but the time of issuing stamps may soon come to an end. Such, at least, is the opinion of a writer in "Das Blatte Blatt," and he has some good reasons to think so.

The annual production of stamps is 40 millions. Assuming that each stamp requires five minutes of work: preparing, receiving, distributing, selling, buying, using (as paper money), detecting and prosecuting counterfeiters, cancelling, accounting, etc., etc., it would mean 300 working days for 1,300,000 persons—too much for our busy time and our deficits.

Furthermore, the governments suffer losses of millions of dollars through counterfeiting and removing of cancellation, and the detection and punishment of these crimes cost large sums. And to the business houses it means a great burden and a loss to take care of the enormous remittances in stamps.

Is the use of the stamp necessary to insure delivery of mail to its place of destination? Certainly not. The stamp is practically only a receipt for prepaid postage. Something must take the place of the stamp, that does away with the waste of time involved in the handling, etc., of a separate object or body like the stamp; that makes counterfeiting impossible, and that prevents removal from the original package and re-use.

The panacea is a simple postmark denoting the amount of postage paid, the date, name of post office, etc. The government would place slot-postmarking machines wherever they would be needed and where there are mail boxes now. The clerks at the postoffice would postmark the mail brought to them. The large business houses might have postmarking registers and the government would collect the postage. Smaller consumers might, upon payment get a small machine that would postmark only a certain number of times. When it has marked so often it is brought to the postoffice and reset. Satisfactory precautions can be taken against fraud.

And this is not merely a dream. The Wurtemberg government adopted the postmarking system at Stuttgart for mail in large quantities. The postoffice department of Austria decided to do the same. The plan has not been carried out as yet, but not because of a fault of the system. And on Feb. 1st the Bavarian government introduced this no-stamp postmarking for large inter-Bavarian mails and such to everywhere within the German Empire.

The Germans are a careful people and if the new system is found practicable there, the postage stamp will gradually go. But collecting stamp "relics" would become probably still more interesting and—profitable.

VICTORIA'S HEAD ON NEW STAMPS.

Stamp dealers' windows in New York are exhibiting new postage stamps just issued by Western Australia bearing the familiar head of Queen Victoria.

In response to an inquiry, a dealer explained that the accession of King George made it possible to re-issue government stamps with Queen Victoria's head. If such a statement had been issued in King Edward's reign, it would have been an affront, according to court etiquette, as Queen Victoria was in immediate predecessor. This does not apply to King George, and thrifty Western Australia saves money by using old printing plates discarded several years ago while Edward was king.

The Ideal Society Member--By Rip Van Winkle

While the work done by philatelic societies is undoubtedly good up to a certain point, there is plenty of room for improvement. I am sure all readers of these lines will agree with this sentiment, and there I have no doubt their enthusiasm will end. If they assign any reason for things being not what they might be, they will put it down to the secretary, the chairman or the committee, anybody, in fact, but themselves. And yet, it is the members who are lacking in their duty to the Society. A society is composed of its members. It is true the officials do all the hard work, and of course come in for the blame if things are not what they might be; but they put into action the results (if any) of the work of the members. My experience has been that it is the officers who keep a society going in the matter of displays, etc.; but this is not as it should be. In an Ideal Society's programmes there should be no such things as displays, excepting of course, in the case of countries, where certain specialists hold practically all the fine stamps.

This may seem a bold statement to make, but it is undoubtedly correct. A philatelic Society should exist, chiefly at least, for the study of stamps. Now can anyone name one that puts this principle into practice? I think not. This however, is not the fault of the officers, but of the members. I will explain this in a few words.

The Ideal Society's program should be headed "Countries for Study." Then each member should be asked to give a list of fifteen countries which he would consider suitable for study. (I mention fifteen as I think this is the usual number of meetings held in a session.) These lists should be brought to the Annual meeting, and, after the usual business has been transacted, given to the chairman who would read them out, and those countries to which the majority of votes were given should constitute the programme. The method of procedure would be for each member to bring his collection of the country under consideration, having first put together a few notes giving impartially particulars of any peculiarity in any of his stamps. The pages would then be passed around and anything worthy of note or fresh information, suggestion, etc., could be put together in the form of a short paper by the member with the best qualification for so doing, to be eventually published in the official organ of the Society. This in my opinion, would be the Ideal Programme.

But to put this into practice the Ideal Member is necessary. Now my experience of stamp collectors is that either they possess a general collection, which they candidly admit is not worth showing, or they attempt to what they call specialize in a country in the way of finding minute differences in their stamps, but the reason for which they do not know and do not attempt to try and find out or to advance an intelligent theory for. The latter type of member will generally show his stamps, but this has the deplorable effect of boring his listeners.

Now, our Ideal Member when he received his nomination paper—which should be given him a fortnight before the meeting—should go honestly through his collection and see which are the fifteen countries in which he is strongest, and fill up his paper accordingly. The fifteen countries eventually decided upon should then be eventually transferred to a special blank album—there is no use for it to be an expensive one—and gradually worked up in readiness for the programme: any varieties from the normal to be written up and theories advanced if possible. Then think of the pleasure with which societies' meetings would be looked forward to and the practical results that would be seen.

But we must have the Ideal Member first!—Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

The Cry of the Young Collector

By Douglas C. Smith

The young collector has of late years loomed large in the philatelic world. The old fogeys of philately are crying out that he should be taught this and taught that, that he should be kept from falling a victim to the charms of the unnecessary and speculative stamp, and that a guardian angel should watch over his footsteps as he traverses the narrow way that leadeth to philatelic knowledge.

The philatelic press has given vent to this subject with so much fervor that it has become a hardy annual that springeth up in the slack season. And lastly, the second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain has discussed the evil that the "unsolicited approval sheets" wreaks havoc among the ranks of the rising generation of philatelists.

Despite the fact that he looms so prominently in the philatelic eye, the young collector has never come forward on his own behalf, and has never given his views on the many vexed questions concerning his own welfare and the welfare of philately in general. This is a pity: For, the young collector of today, who is struggling with Latin and Euclid in all the schools is the philatelist of tomorrow, and on him rests the future of philately and the carrying on of the great hobby, when the grass waves above those who now wear the laurel wreaths of philatelic wisdom. It is high time the young collector should come forward and show the "stuff" he is made of, and endeavor to win his spurs in the arena of philately.

Therefore, as no one else shows any likelihood of doing such a deed, I have come forward with my "Cry of the Young Collector," and, although many could do it far better than I can, I mean to try and show a little of what the Young Collector really thinks and feels. And one thing I have in my favor for the task I am going to attempt. I am sixteen years old and have been an enthusiastic collector since I was five. Thus it will be seen I am fairly representative of my class.

The Young Collector is the first to admit that he is inexperienced and likely to fall a victim to the class of stamp which the true philatelist hates with a righteous hatred, but he will not listen to the advice which some are always so ready to give. This is because he realized what the advice giver persistently fails to see, i. e., that it is impossible for him to collect the more really desirable stamp because the state of his finances will not permit. The Young Collector is lucky if he has 25c a week to spend on his stamps, and this does not go very far in buying the old issues that he is told he ought to collect. Also, he finds that it is possible for him to get as much pleasure out of Seebecks and North Borneos as the specialist in old Europeans gets in his immaculate stamps that have no slur passed on their respectability.

The Young Collector cannot be taught. He can be guided along the right path, but he cannot be drilled into a "correct" form of stamp collecting by an outside agency. It must come from within. If a young collector has not got an "eye for stamps" he can never become a philatelist; similarly, if he has he cannot be prevented from being one. A philatelist is born, not made. It is a mysterious thing, that "eye for stamps"; with it a young collector will emerge triumphant from all the disappointments and disillusionments, that beset his early philatelic career, while without it he succumbs at the first rebuff.

It has been said by some that the young collector who joins a philatelic society is discouraged by the specialized collections that are shown at the

meetings. This is most emphatically not the case. Speaking from my own personal experience, I may say that the young collector is greatly encouraged. He sees what a wonderfully wide field there is in stamps, and what a task of pleasure it must be to build up, bit by bit, a specialised or moderately specialised collection. He feels the desire to do likewise burn strongly within him. And then—the philatelist is made.

There are two great evils against which the young collector has to contend. The "free" advertisement and what immediately follows, the "unsolicited approval sheet" against which the second Philatelic Congress had a debate, which, like everything else they attempted to do, ended rather tamely. These two things are the greatest evils that beset the budding philatelist of today. Would that they could be eliminated forever! But I am sanguine enough to think that the future of philately will be no less glorious than it is at the present time. I believe, from what I have seen in school and out, that the great pastime will go on flourishing, that the coming generation will be as capable as the present, and that the goddess philatelia will go on making the whole world kin fifty years hence, even as she did when she was born, fifty years ago!

Don't Miss Being at Kansas City, Oct. 3rd

If you are a collector don't fail to be at the convention as it will be worth taking in and there will be reduced railroad rates, together with many other attractions. It will pay you big to be present. That city has a branch society, among the members many leading men of that city and many in main P. O. department, who are always glad to help you. The city covers nearly 60 square miles of territory, has 18 systems and 32 distinct lines of railroads, so you can come most any way. It has 78 per cent of native born population, about 200 churches, 50 miles of Boulevards, 2000 acres of parks, close to 300 miles of paved streets, has more high school scholars in proportion to the population than any city. And within 150 miles has close to three million population. It is near natural gas fields and coal, oil, zinc, and lead producing districts. K. C. has the best street railway system in U. S. for its size and a single fare carries you to any part of the city with transfer. Being the most accessible city in the West, this is an ideal city for conventions. Together with the lower rates to that city than any other point and the fall attractions, you will find it worth all the time and money you may spend. Bescher at City Hall Market and Canfield and Saint at P. O. department may be found quite easily and they can give you full information. The Commercial Club of that city is one, if not the most active clubs we have seen and loaned cuts used in this issue.

ENGLAND'S NEW COINAGE.

The new Georgian coinage will differ from the present design only in the portrait of the king, the reverse side being left as now. The design for the head of George V. has been intrusted to Bertram McDonnal, associate of the Royal Academy, an Australian sculptor, who will also design the medal to commemorate the new king's coronation. Mr. McDonnal has been favored with many Royal commissions for sculpture. He has executed statues of Queen Victoria for India, Australia and Blackburn, Lancashire. He will also be responsible for one of the first statues of King Edward to be erected at Adelaide, South Australia.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

An Englishman has recently published a book on the old British hand stamps and franks, used prior to the introduction of adhesive stamps. Will a similar book ever find the light on the similar hand stamps used in the United States?

The latest from Chile is that the 12c and 1 peso stamps of the 1905 issue are now being sold over post office counters, but at a liberal premium over face!

It is known that a new design Great Britain 2p stamp with King Edward's head, was printed, but the issue held up on the death of that sovereign. Whether the stamp will yet be placed in use was, at last, advice still undecided. The color is bright violet.

Italy is the latest country to hold a "philatelic congress," its members having met in Milan several weeks ago. As usual at such gatherings, one of the leading questions discussed was the suppression of speculative stamps. We have not heard, however, that the Italian government is to discontinue its long list of surcharges for the levantine offices.

Most important to stamp collectors and to philately everywhere is the accession to the British throne of the man who has for years been one of the foremost stamp collectors of the world, owner of one of the finest collections in existence, President of the Royal Philatelic Society, and known not only as a possessor, but as a real student, of stamps. The public fact that the King of England is a stamp collector, ardent and unashamed, raises our beloved hobby to a new and lasting dignity in the eyes of the world. And what a far cry back it seems to the days when the stamp collector was fair game for the expression of feeble wit that could find no more helpless mark!

A well-known gentleman who keeps in close touch with philatelic and business conditions, upon being asked, recently, to "guess" what three groups of stamps were most likely to grow in popularity in the near future, replied: "First, British North Americans, because they did not receive their share in the last colonial boom. Second, United States Envelope, because this accompanies naturally the great present interest in U. S. adhesives. Third, South and Central Americans, but I am not so sure of this last, because American collectors do not 'take to' these stamps so naturally as to those of English speaking countries."

It is stated that noticeable characteristics of the forgeries of the Bulgaria, 1902, Commemorative set are white, instead of creamish paper, and perforation more regular than in the genuine. The letters below and at the right of the Turkish soldier who is firing are missing and the soldier in the right upper part of the stamp appears to be headless.

The twelve months of 1910 appear more likely to be more prolific of new issues than any years for several seasons past. The Portugese colonies alone will roll up a considerable total, to which will be added complete sets already issued or in prospect, from Cuba, Costa Rica, Brazil, Chile, Salvador and probably others in the western hemisphere with not a few from other parts of the world. These are some troubles which the "Nineteenth Century" collector escapes.

The question of stamps for the new South African Union has not yet been definitely settled, but it is probable that each country will continue its own issues for at least a year longer. Judging by the time it took Austria to adopt Commonwealth stamps, the "year" may be a long one indeed.



MPPEL and a part of his large collection of post cards, Brooklyn, N. Y.

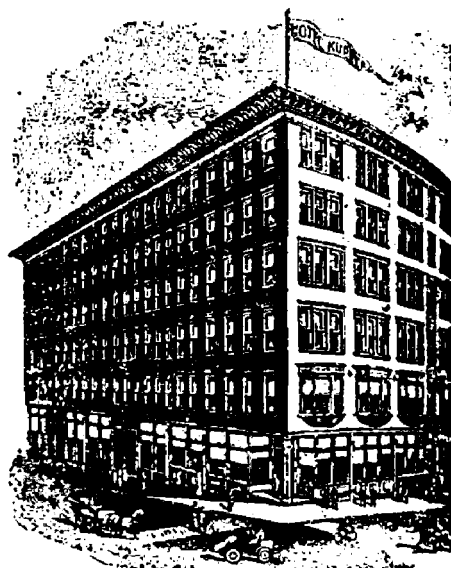
See their ads in this issue.

Taxidermist Collection of THORNE BROS., Utah

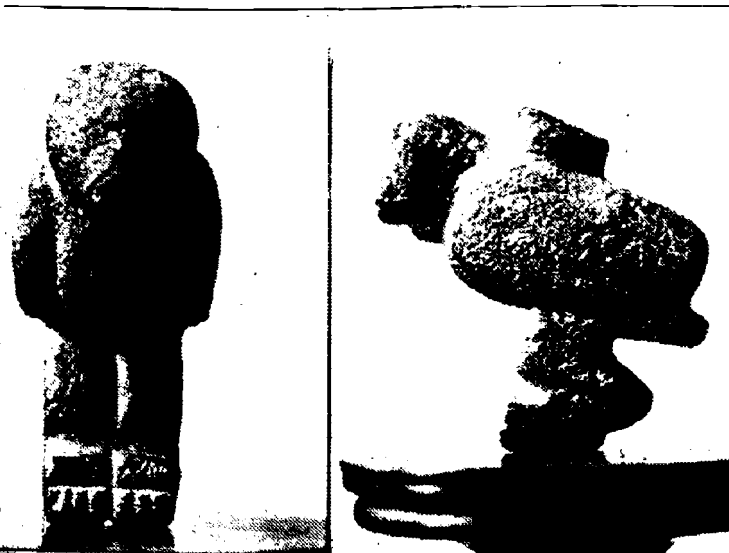




Shelter Building and Sunken Garden in Swope Park, Kansas City Mo.

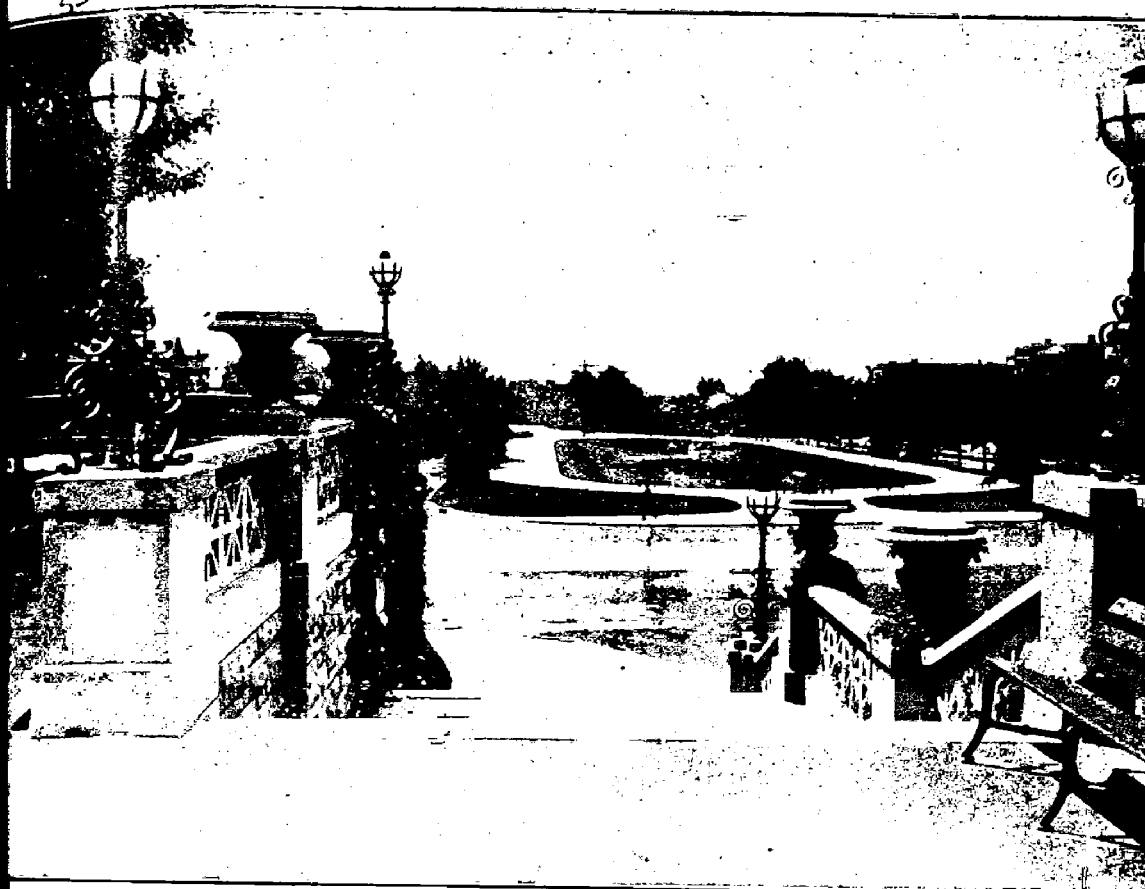


Official Headquarters of the South Philatelic Association Meeting Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 3, 1910



Ceremonial Pipe front and view, weight 10 lbs. Mound Builders Pottery, 15th Property F. E. Ellis, St. Louis





Paseo from 12th St. Terrace. Walnut St. South from Eight. Views of Kansas C





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Various new cards from S. America show fine views of some interesting cities there, showing the great strides this country has made in the new century. The solid stone structures, wharves and docks planned to endure to the end of time, have cost millions of dollars. Farms, mines and forests are being opened, and old cities are being remodeled to the most advanced ideas in sanitary engineering. The transformation of Rio de Janeiro, always a notoriously dirty city and deadly plague spot into a beautiful modern city was a miracle for which it would be hard to find a parallel. Hundreds of buildings were torn down to make room for fine avenues. Twenty-one miles of other streets were widened and paved, the parks were connected by a system of boulevards, and the whole city was given an open, sunny, sanitary life. The various views taken along the Croya line give some idea of the varied difficulties that have been overcome by railroad engineers in the mountains of South America. The high trestles are an essential feature. The highest R. R. point in the world is on the Andean Divide, Peru.

The ports of Rio Janeiro, and Rio Grande de Sul are being improved on. The port of Para, on the bank of the Para river is perhaps 60 miles from the Atlantic ocean, and is a dividing point between ocean and river navigation.

Turning to views of Rio de Janeiro, we see fine sights of the water fronts, also from the hills overlooking the harbor; the business streets and Canal street which is one of the finest. I have many fine views of Buenos Ayres, which has a population of 1,100,000 or so. This is a rich city as seen and host of the finest opera houses, club houses and other luxuries as well as fine schools. The Modern Tramway station is seen; docks, banks, Terra do de la Plaza Colon, Futuro Palacio del Congress, Plaza Vitoria y Avenida de Mayo, Esquina Peru y Vitoria; Restaurant Parque Lezaima; Marande Hacienda; Adnana; Paisage en el Tigre; Depositode Argeas Corrientes.; Natives of Argentina, and their homes. Hippodrome; Laguna, Parque 3 de Feber and many others showing suburban views, woods and habits of natives, etc., which prove very interesting. From Brazil, British Guiana, Chile, Costa Rica, Equador, Paraguay, have many views of interest. Buenos Ayres, is having the centennial anniversary of Argentina's independence this year. Views are seen of Pernambuco, Port Aegre, Parana, Pelotas, Sao Paulo. From Uruguay, Argentine's little neighbor across the way, we have fine

card from Montevideo.

From Chile, way beyond the Andes, are sent many fine view cards. This country is much like Argentine in population and energy.

Santiago the capital is a flourishing city. The earthquake, which wiped out a large part of Valparaiso really performed a service for it was then the modern city was built. A fine new view is seen of the great falls of the Rio Loja where a stream half the size of the Hudson drops over a ledge more than 100 feet high. Many fine waterfalls are seen in the mountains of Chile. From Iquique I have many fine views, also from Tenneco, Pisaqua, Santiago, Valparaiso showing up some fine public buildings. Iquique, shows fine buildings, the Cuastel de Infanteria, Vista general del puerto, Call Tarapaca; (a business St.); Tacua-Plaza, etc.

British Guiana comes in fair with all sorts of views from Georgetown, Demerara. From San Jose, Costa Rica, as well as from Equador are seen interesting views.

Guayaquil has many of them and Paraguay even has cards as seen from some showing views of Asuncion. Even Peru shows up fine cards as well as Equador, which looks so small on the map, but is progressing fast. Colombia and even incorrigible Venezuela are progressing and falling in line with their neighbors in the triumphal march of progress.

THE POST CARD COLLECTOR.

She's got them from China and from Peru.	The Sphinx and the Pyramids, Suez Canal
From Egypt, Japan and Honolulu!	The Rock of Gibraltar, Malta, Pall Mall!
She's got them in all conceivable styles.	Higgledy-piggledy, see! there they lie,
From Italy, Belgium, the British Isles,	No trouble to write, and so cheap to buy!
From Switzerland, France and the Isle of Man.	It's not the custom to write letters now.
From Holland and Russia and Astrakan!	People, it seems, have forgotten just how!
She wants but one more to make up the whole—	If of your movements friends wish to keep track,
Then she'll be satisfied—from the North Pole!	Just get a postial, with picture on back.
Pictures of Paris, of London, of Rome,	Then write the address and mail it—
The Tower, the Louvre, and St. Peter's Dome.	that's all!
	The trouble, you see, is infinitesimally small!
	—From Chatter

Illustrated postcards are being viewed with greater interest by prominent educators of our country in regard to their high educational value in such subjects as English History and Geography.

If teachers would form collections of postcards, for instance, a collection of historical views for use in United States History, there would be greater interest displayed on the part of the students, and a dry and tiresome subject would soon be converted into a live and interesting hobby. The student could collect cards relating to their several subjects and form a school collection which would prove both fascinating and profitable.

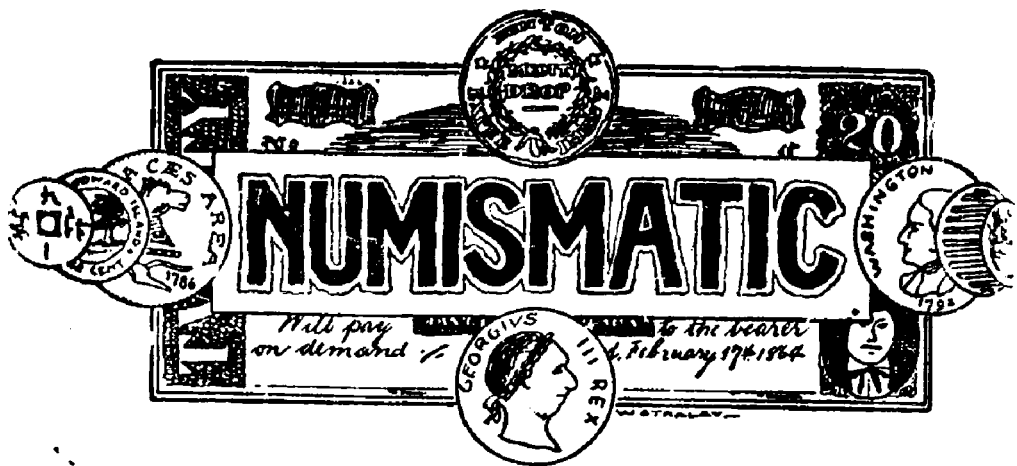
This plan would work best in grade schools, and especially in the country schools. Its chief beauty lies in the fact it is so cheap.

No losing day or sleepless night; for the man who advertises right, and puts his ad, in the WEST, costs 2c a word, three insertions for price of two.

DON'TS FOR CARD COLLECTORS.

Carroll A. Pitkin.

- Don't use a cent stamp on a foreign card, and thus make your correspondent pay deficient postage.
- Don't expect a one-cent stamp to cover the postage on a card to England, but be sure to place a two-cent stamp there the same as for any foreign country.
- Don't send a black card, and then kick because you do not receive a colored card in return.
- Don't forget to always give your full address, as well as your name on every card.
- Don't forget that very few collectors want comic cards, and that they will ask if they so desire.
- Don't try to beat your correspondent by sending a cheap card in return for one of better value.
- Don't annoy collectors desiring foreign correspondence only by sending local card.
- Don't forget when arranging for continued exchange to inquire as to what subjects will be most appreciated.
- Don't mail more than one card to a correspondent until you find out what he intends to return.
- Don't stamp on the address side when asked to stamp on the view side, but don't select the most prominent part of the picture to stick the stamp upon, but find and use the position covering the least of the subject.
- Don't forget to mark "over" when stamping view side.
- Don't get mad when you don't receive an answer from Australia, Japan, etc., but remember it often takes months to receive an answer from out of the way places, and from small islands, where the mail steamers do not stop except at rare intervals.
- Don't forget your correspondent is your friend until proved otherwise, but do not expect courteous treatment if you fail to render the same.
- Don't fail to join a few good card societies, and lend your support toward giving the hobby a sound and influential footing.
- Don't, on the other hand, use all your money on useless club memberships.
- Don't send a personal photo unless requested, as it is usually disgusting to a correspondent.
- Don't hurriedly address a foreign card, but be sure to take sufficient time to properly spell and number it.
- Don't expect to hear from every card sent out, as 75 out of 100 is a very good percentage, particularly in foreign correspondence.
- Don't fail to keep a record of every card sent out, thus avoiding duplicates and weeding out unsatisfactory correspondents.
- Don't send photo cards of purely personal interest, but rather those that will illustrate a strong and interesting subject.
- Don't overlook the fact that an occasional commemorative stamp, such as the Lincoln, Yukon, or Hudson, will be appreciated by the correspondent. When such stamps are on sale it is well to lay in a good supply for future correspondence, as they are worth at all times their face value at least.
- Don't send your very best card the first time, but use an average one, and then increase their value with later exchanges, thus keeping your correspondent interested.
- Don't try to flirt with a correspondent by card. If you must bring this in, do so under sealed letter, as no one wishes their heart affairs aired on a postal.
- Don't, and this is mighty important, send indecent or suggestive cards. If you do not get into trouble with the Postal Inspector, you will at least stand a chance of losing your correspondent.
- Don't have an idea that you are the only exchanger the other party has, and then try to impress them with that idea.



The Names of Coins

I know that a great many of my readers are coin collectors, and have written the following article in the hope that it will interest them and give them some information that will be of value to them in their hobby.

The florin—one of the most famous of modern coins—originated in Florence. Some say that it gave the name to the city, while others assert that it was first so called because it had a fleur de lis—from the Italian florone, or "flower."

The standard coins of the Continent are:—In France, the franc; in Spain, the peseta; in Italy, the lire; in Holland and Austria, the florin; in Germany, the mark; in Russia the rouble.

Belgium and Switzerland use the French name for the piece of twenty sous. Each of these pieces is divided into one hundred parts, called kopeck in Russia, pfennig in Germany, kreutzer in Austria, cent in Holland, and in Italy, France and Spain the word meaning hundredth.

Rouble is from the word meaning "to cut," and was so called because originally the coin was made with an ornamental edge.

Ducat is a coin, either of silver or gold, struck in the dominions of a duke, the silver ducat being generally of the value of an American dollar, and the gold ducat is worth twice as much. Farthing means the fourth of a penny, and is derived from the Anglo Saxon word, ferdha, the fourth.

Few persons have ever troubled themselves to think of the derivation of the word dollar. It is from the word thal (valley) and came into use in this way about three hundred years ago. There is a little silver mining city or district in Northern Bohemia, called Joachimsthal, or Joachim's Valley. The reigning duke of the region authorized this city in the sixteenth century to coin a silver piece which was called "Joachimthaler." The word Joachim was soon dropped, and the name "thaler" only retained. The piece went into general use in Germany and Denmark, where the orthography was changed to "daler," whence it came into English, and was adopted by the Americans with still further changes in the spelling.

The Mexican dollar is generally called "piastre" in France, and the name is sometimes applied to the United States dollar. The appellation is incorrect in either case, for the word piaster, or piastre, has for years been only applied with correctness to a small silver coin in Turkey or Egypt, which is worth from

five cents to eight cents.

Dime is derived from the Latin Decimus, the tenth; from decem ten; and cent is from the Latin centum a hundred. Mill which may be called an imaginary coin is also from the Latin mille a thousand.

FACE OF SIOUX INDIAN ON FIVE DOLLAR BILLS.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 10.—Chief Hollow Horn Bear of the Rosebud tribe of the Sioux Indians, whose picture is probably the most sought after of any American's is at the Methodist Episcopal hospital, Cuming and Thirty-sixth streets.

The more fortunate citizens of the country—those who are lucky enough to have about their person one of the \$5 bills issued within the last few years—have a picture of the old chief. It appears on the face of the bills.

The chief is in Omaha having his eyes treated.

His son, Henry Hollow Horn Bear, is with the old chief at the hospital. Chief Hollow Horn Bear is 60 years old but can talk no English, and through his son told today how he came to occupy such a conspicuous place in the affairs of the country.

He was in Omaha in 1898 during the Trans-Mississippi exposition with a delegation from his tribe, and while here met President McKinley.

Among his people he was regarded as a great orator, and through an interpreter he and the martyred president had a long talk about the affairs of his tribe. McKinley showed a deep interest in the old chief and met him again a few months later when Hollow Horn Bear went to Washington on some mission for his tribe.

It was at this time that the president had an artist reproduce the face of the old fighter for the engravers at the mint.

OWNS ONE-SIXTH OF A DOLLAR.

Referring to the letter with reference to a \$6.00 Colonial bill he owns and also the three Colonial bills of the issue of 1776 and 1778 inherited by a Mr. Cook of Kansas City, Kansas, as stated in a recent issue of your paper I would like to tell you what I have:—I own a "One-sixth of a dollar" bill, signed and numbered by hand, issued at Philadelphia, February 17, 1776, having a vignette of a sun dial and with the motto "Fugio, Mind your own business" (I fly, therefore Mind your own business), around the dial. Around the border of the note is "Continental Currency." The note bears the No. 69473 and is signed by Sam Sellers and it reads "One Sixth of a Dollar, according to resolution of Congress, passed at Philadelphia, February 17, 1776." The note was printed by Hall & Sellers in Philadelphia, 1776.

I have another one just like it except it is a two-thirds of dollar note. I also have a \$20.00 note very similar to Mr. Johnson's \$6.00 note. Mine states on the border that it is issued by "The United States of North American" and was issued January 14, 1779. I have seventeen Colonial and Continental notes in my collection of various denomination and states. The smallest denomination I have is for 6 pence—about 12 cents.

The Colonial notes bear a warning which states "To counterfeit is Death."—K. C. Journal.

E. A. Bowers of the class of 79 has given to the anthropological department of Yale a collection of curiosities obtained from a mound in North Dakota made by Mandan Indians, a race now about extinct.

PREHISTORIC KANSAS CITY.

RELICS OF AN INDIAN CIVILIZATION FOUND ON EAST SIDE.

Boys of the Woodland School, Many Years Ago, Discovered Ground Littered With Stone War Implements—Now a Region of Paved Streets.

Well within the limits of the Kansas City of today, where streets are brick paved, population dense and houses crowd one another, there once stood dwellings of quite another character, in which lived an aboriginal population that, to judge by what is left for another people to find centuries after, must have been industrious and much given to the manufacture of articles and implements necessary to the demands of a primeval existence.

Standing at the intersection of Thirteenth and Vine streets one is in the center of what was once a prehistoric Indian village that at one time covered with its wickiups, tepees, wigwams, whatever they might have been, the district surrounded as far as a block and a half in every direction, north, south, east and west. So remote were the times of this village that when the first whites came to this section there was nothing of it remaining to suggest that it once existed, nor was there even any legend or tradition of it among the Indians the first white adventurers found in the vicinity.

Ground, teeming as though sown broadcast with myriad chips of flint, arrow heads, spearheads, stone hatchets, axes, round stone balls, once heads of warclubs, and the like did not speak to the first whites as it did to even the small boys of a generation that came along after, who found the evidences of the prehistoric town indicating its past existence, its life and its thrift as plainly as the debris of the mounds of Mosul show that Nineveh once was, although over and between those mounds the travelers of peace and the armies of war had journeyed for centuries unseeing, unheeding and uncomprehending.

That this prehistoric Kansas City once was, was discovered by small boys who attended the Woodland school in the first few years after its opening and were wont in the noon recess, hours after school, Saturdays, Sundays, vacation days and holidays, to roam in quest of adventure and anything else of interest to a small boy, all over the open common, the fenced fields, meadows and woods pastures then adjacent to the school. The site of the old Indian town and its vicinity was a favorite range of these small boys—the writer was one of them—and in those days it was inside a rail fence and some years planted in corn and cultivated and again, during one or two seasons, it lay fallow.

Then a Rural Section.

Twelfth street, then a country road, with no houses on either side from a cottage in a pasture at what is now Lydia avenue to the Johnson place, then well up the hill beyond Woodland avenue of today, crossed by a stone culvert, through which small boys could pass if they stooped enough and waded a little spring-fed brook, one of the head feeders of O. K. creek.

Below Twelfth street for nearly half a mile the brook oozed or spread in pools through the low lying, flat, boggy ground, where green willows, reeds and rushes and the roving boys found many "cat-tails" among the reeds and chased an occasional minnow or a more occasional frog, tadpole or crawfish in the pools. From the edge of this marsh on the west the ground rose in a gentle slope, with drainage enough for cultivation.

On their first exploration along this slope, a squad of boys—there were Maurice Royster, Jim Hull, Jack Allen, the writer and one or two others—found the ground, then freshly plowed, littered with chips of flint, from which the boys picked up flint arrow heads and spear heads of many shapes and various sizes, some broken and some complete. All morning they searched the soil, and when they returned home at noon their pockets bulged with these relics of remote times, the indicia of a prehistoric Kansas City.

Many and many a time these boys and others renewed their search for

Indian relics. They found arrow heads, more or less perfect, of every size from that used by the huntsman and warrior down to the tiny point in the arrow of the little Indian boy when he was firm enough on his feet to go forth and bring down his first rabbit or bird. Some of these minute arrow heads were of agate, semi-transparent and beautifully shaped and finished. The boy searchers found many spear heads, some long and slender, some more squat and bulky. Every now and then, though these were few and the finding as of a gold piece in a barrel of pennies, the boys found stone hatchets and axes, mostly broken, and stone balls as round as a baseball and about the same size.

Materials Not Native.

These hatchets, axes and balls were made of pinkish granite, which material, together with that of the arrow heads and spear heads, is not to be found anywhere in the vicinity of Kansas City. This shows that the Indian makers came from far away and brought the material they used for implement manufacture in their settlement of prehistoric Kansas City.

The vast amount of litter, flint chips, etc., on the site of this old-time Indian town surely betokens a long settlement and stay. The stone litter was leavings from the cleavage of manufacture. It takes a long time to chip out a rough arrow head with best steel tools, and few white men have ever found themselves able to make even a very clumsy and crude one, nothing like so perfect as the poorest the Indians made from stone with stone. An Indian population such as was confined in the well defined limits of that old village, hard by the brook, must have stayed there many years to have left such quantity of industrial debris behind.

Only as this debris suggests can there be even a reasonable surmise as to the history and life of this ancient village. Whether it was of war or peace, trouble or content no man can know. Certain it is that a considerable number of its inhabitants worked hard, skillfully and patiently.—Kansas City Star.

MAJOR ANDRE RELIC.

Horace B. Way, New Haven, Conn.

Recently, while in the Yale University Library, I had the pleasure of looking at two very interesting relics which had been placed on exhibition there.

One was a small gilt frame, which contained a sheet of paper, faded and yellow with age, upon which was fixed a lock of hair, very dark in color, having extremely fine filaments.

A written inscription below stated the hair was taken from the head of Major Andre, the British spy.

With this was also a pen portrait of Major Andre, drawn by himself on the night before his execution, and given to one of the American officers in charge.

The second relic was a large tankard, bearing an inscription which showed that it was owned by President Daggett, who was head of Yale College from 1766 to 1778.

The inscription also showed that it was given to the college church by a granddaughter of President Daggett.

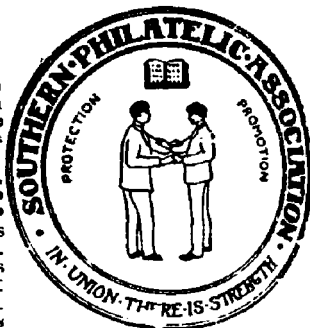
These two interesting relics were found in the vaults of the Yale treasury, where they had been hidden away for many, many years.

Laysan Island, which lies in the North Pacific Ocean, 800 miles northwest of Honolulu, is described as one of the most remarkable "bird islands" in the world. Naturalists have rarely visited it. Dr. A. K. Fisher, who examined the island during the voyage of the United States Fish Commission steamer, Albatross, in 1902, found it to be the home of countless thousands of sea-birds, including albatrosses, terns, gannets, frigate-birds, shearwaters, and petrels. Its lone situation is, no doubt, one of the reasons why it is preferred as a home by these wild creatures, who fly before the approach of man when once they have learned his destructive propensities.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members:—I trust that as many as possible will attend the convention to be held at Kansas City on Oct. 3rd. I assure you that the committee will have a 'good time' in store for all visitors.

It is necessary that we get to work more strongly in the recruiting line. Satisfactory results are not being obtained. We should have twenty-five new applications at least every month.

Only a few have responded to the call for State Vice Presidents. I want a person from every State, Canada and all other countries to hold such an office. That is, a person that is willing to work for new recruits in his state or country. If you would like this office for the state you live in please write me to that effect at once lest you forget.

H. S. Powell, Pres., Storm Lake, Iowa.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, AUGUST 26th, 1910.

91 books in circulation as per last month's report, value	\$2017.66
27 books received since, value	\$459.38
118 books, value	\$2477.04
23 books retired during the month, of which the amount of \$134.34 or about	
24 per cent were sold	\$572.04
95 books in circulation	\$1905.00

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report	\$122.00
1 per cent from retired books	5.72
Total amount	\$127.72

I am extremely sorry to hear, that some members have sent books belonging to this department through the mails without registering them. I would ask that every member receiving book unregistered, report the matter at once to me. The party sending stamps in this way will be taken from the circuit, as we cannot afford to run the risk of a heavy loss through the carelessness of some of our members.

Remember I have a plentiful supply of blank sales books, with printed rules of this department. They hold 120 stamps and cost 5 cents each.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Sup't.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN RECRUITING COMMITTEE.

Dear Members:—It is with pleasure I note the goodly number of applicants

every month It shows our society has some backbone to it, and we have a right to feel proud of the second largest stamp society in America. I myself in the last year or so have introduced into the S. P. A., nealy 25 new members. Others have did better, for instance, our president. But what if every member had done the same. We certainly could boast of a great club then. Let's try in the future to grasp every opportunity to get a new membe s. Our power depends upon our size.

The ballots will no doubt be out 'ere this is printed. Be sure to vote I would call your attention that I am on the ballot for Ex Mgr., having been nominated for same. It is my sincere belief I can make this department the drawing card of the society Will you help me by voting fur me?

NON-MEMBERS.

Allow me to call your attention to the second largest stamp society in America. Our rates are the LOWEST, our benefits, the grëatest. Our large Sales Dept. is worth the cost alone. Again, the Ex. Dept. is worth the cost of membership alone Besides, we have our grand year book and our various other departments. Send to me for a blank today.

Yours Respectfully, Clarence V. Webb, Perry, Ohio.

LETTER TO S. P. A.

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 24, 1910.

Dear Fellow Members:—I note that I have been nominated Exchange Supt: Thanks to the responsible parties, as it has been a desire to hold an office, although I did not seek this.

My interest in stamps began back in 1895 or '96. My interest started in S. P. A. in 1907 or '08, when I became a member. I did not do much in the way of getting members until this year I made up my mind to do something. I have landed sixteen and a branch society and more pending. I will not burden you with promises but if elected I will serve the Dept. to the best of my ability.

Thanking you one and all in advance for your vote, I remain

Fraterna'ly yours,

August Mack.

BUSINESS.

Scranton Branch of S. P. A., Aug. 21, 1910.

Meeting called to order by President A'ex McKee. The minutes of last meeting were read and also the Treasurer Mr. Mack's, report. No objections being filed, Peabody moved that seconds be adopted. Mr. Dyer seconded the motion. Were adopted as read.

Peabody then made the motion to appoint a committee to make arrangements for the stamp exhibition and to set date Motion made, seconded and carried.

No more business, session closed at 9:30 p. m. Mr. M. W. Lowry then showed some very interesting covers used before stamps one of which was dated 1818, another Dec. 5, 1820 from Greenwich, others to numerous to mention up to 1854 Also showed an envelope bearing a strip of 5 lc Pan Am., showing imprint and plate No. 1177 and 1172, the five stamps being all in one strip

Auction sale was then conducted by Sec. Mack, some stamps bringing over full catalogue. Mr. Mack gives 5 per cent of net sales, not 65 per cent as stated last month in the WEST, to the Treasury.

APPLICATIONS.

1. Bert Payea, Box 205, Saginaw, Mich., 35, captain lake steamer; F. J. Martin, A. P. S. 3613. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

2. Thos. L. Hoamer, 5th Court Ave., Des Moines, Ia., 24, salesman; H. Wendt, Hawkeye Trans. Co. Proposed by H. Wendt.

3. William W. Clewley, Woburn, Mass., 17, student; H. B. Clewley, M.T. Clewley. Proposed by August Mack.
4. Wililam C. Webb, Boonton, N. J., 17, student; C. V. Volt, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.
5. T. H. Webb, Boonton, N. J., 21, dealer, F. B. Curby, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.
6. Charles K. Warren, Cocoonut Grovt, Fla ,15, student. Mr. Werren, father, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.
7. Clifford E. Bresee, 1107 E. 36 St., Kansas City, Mo., 17, student; Mrs. F. M. Bresee, Geo. D. Levi. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
8. Jno. N. Denglmann, Mankato, Minn., 37, Ass't. cashier; L. Brodstone, Eben S. Martin. Proposed by R. L. Doak.
9. Richard E. Dunne, 48 Hope St., Attleboro, Mass., 15, silversmith; Chas. A. Dunne, Universal Phil. Assn. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
10. Chas. E. Kelsey, 202 Gin Ave., Saginaw, Mich., 26, merchant; F. J. Martin, Peter Mitts Proposed by H. S. Powell.
11. H. R. Goulder, Box 197, Montreal, Canada, dealer. Ref. Brodstone.
12. J. O. Hubel, Detroit, Mich., 1305 Trumbull Ave. Ref. Brodstone.
13. Merrill Zwolle, Berlin, Nowames, Germany. Ref. Hempel.
14. J. H. Stewart, Box 8, Butler, Pa., 22, bank clerk, Jno. G. McMarlin, Geo. D. Smith. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
15. Hattie R. Stratton, 321 Poplar St., Chattanooga, Tenn., teacher of Natural Science, A. P. S., H. S. Powell. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
16. Ralph Spray, Manbua, Ohio, 18, clerk, Fred Weber, George Weber. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
17. Charles L. Heartwell, Box 402, Long Beach, Calif., 40, retired, J. T. Hartwell, Maj. B. C. Kenyon. Proposed by Evans Brown.
18. Johnston Craig, Kirkwood, Mo., 15, student, R. H. Craig, T. A. Schultz. Proposed by R. L. Doak.

The above will be admitted within 20 days if no objections are filed with the Secretary prior to that time.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Rasmus Bartleson, from Sunbeam, Minn.. to Chisholm, Minn.

H. B. Clark from Chetopa, Kans., to 1718 Woodland Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

REINSTATEMENTS.

389. Emil Richter, R. D. 43, Norwalk, Conn.

424. Hermann Norman, Kissy St., Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Dear Members: I wish to call your attention to the fact that the next Convention is near at hand and I hope all the members that live in proximity to the convention city, Kansas City, Mo., will arrange to be present. There will no doubt be many who have some matter that they want to lay before the meeting and I hope all will feel free to send this with their proxy and it will be sure to come up. There will be many important things that will come before this meeting and it is my hopes that our western brethren will have a record breaking turnout. I am now preparing some important legislation that I expect to place before the meeting.

The ballots and proxies will be in the hands of all the members ere this appears and it is my sincere hope that all will attend to the matter and mail their ballot and proxy ere it is too late. Hoping that I may hear from all and that we may see a nice list of applications next month, I am,

Fraternally, R. L. Doak, Secretary.

EPITAPHS.

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

This is a subject that has never received any attention in your valuable magazine, so I thought a few extracts from many epitaphs in the possession of the writer would prove of interest to all your readers as collectors, for whatever their cult or forte, where is the collector who is not fond of a ramble through an ancient church or cathedral, and if he, or she, cannot gather carved oak screens, gargoyles or stained glass in their travels, they could at least give us a few epitaphs from the ancient tombstones they have stumbled across. So I lead, trusting that others will soon follow, with a gentle hint to the many reverend readers of your valuable magazine.

During a holiday last year in the southwest of England, I visited the noble old Winchester Cathedral, and happened across the following unique lines, with its moral.

In memory of Thomas Thetcher, a Grenadier of Hants Militia, who died of a fever, violent, contracted by drinking small beer, when hot, on the 12th of May, 1764.

Here sleeps in peace a Hampshire Grenadier,
Who caught his death by drinking cold small beer.
Soldiers be wise, from his untimely fall,
And when yere hot, drink strong, or none at all.

Added 1781:

An honest soldier never is forgot,
Whether he die by musket or by pot.

American visitors should look out for this unique epitaph when they visit Winchester Cathedral burial ground. It stands on tombstone directly opposite main entrance to the cathedral, and near to the cross paths.

WASHINGTON

The Brave

The Wise

The Good

WASHINGTON

Supreme in War, in Council and in Peace

WASHINGTON

Vallant
without
Ambition

Discrete
without
Fear

Confident
without
Presumption

WASHINGTON

In Disaster Calm

In Success Moderate

In All Himself

WASHINGTON

The Hero, The Patriot, The Christian, The Father of Nations, The Friend
of Mankind, who, when he had won all, renounced all

and sought,

in the Bosom of his family and of Nature,

Retirement;

and in the Hope of Religion,

Immortality.

—Copied from the Tomb at Mt. Vernon, Va., by J. Leiblinger.

BONES FOR YALE.

The anthropological section of Peabody museum has received from Louis Giraux, treasurer of the Prehistoric society of France, a collection of prehistoric stone implements and bones used in implement making. The collection comes from the society's palaeolithic station in southern France. The section has also received from Harry Whitney, Arctic hunter, a collection of Eskimo objects, including a kavak, and from the estate of W. H. Hotchkiss, '69, a collection representing the Ohio mound builders.

Send ten cents to the WEST for three numbers and have them sent to a friend who is interested WEST. Get two friends at 50 cents a year and get your own free.

Chas. L. Fry



J. B. Baker

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Value of Rare Autographs

QUOTATIONS ON SIGNATURES OF FAMOUS PEOPLE.

Whose signature, among those of celebrities of today, is worth most from the point of view of the autograph dealer and collector? The question is a difficult one to answer, for the simple reason that so much depends on the character and importance of the letter or document to which the signature is attached.

For instance, according to a catalogue issued a short time ago by a London dealer in autographs, while a Kipling letter referring to his writings is worth \$10, an ordinary epistle of the same writer would be sold at \$2 50. The signature of Queen Alexandra can be bought for \$5, but attached to a letter written in her girlhood days would fetch five and probably ten times that amount.

Here are a few of the market prices, so to speak, of other celebrities: Sir L. Alma Tadema, \$2; Sir Squire Bancroft, 75c; J. M. Barrie, \$1; Max Beerbohm, \$2; Sarah Bernhardt \$5; Mr. Birrell, 75c; Miss Braddon \$1; Hall Caine \$2; Mark Twain \$10; A. Conan Doyle \$1.50; Sir W. S. Gilbert \$1; Rider Haggard \$1, and Sir Charles Wyndham \$1.

With regard to famous men of the past, it is interesting to note that while \$315 was asked for a Tennyson letter, a Byron was only priced at \$90 and a Cowper at \$50. The latter amount would have also bought one of Pope's, while the signature of Sir Walter Scott was valued at \$75. \$105 would have bought the signature of George Washington, and \$60 that of Queen Victoria.

\$405 and \$475 was asked for the autographs, respectively, of Dickens and Thackeray, while that of Edward Fitzgerald was priced at \$105.

Mention of the autograph of George Washington reminds one that according to a New York dealer one of the rarest American autographs is that of Thomas Lynch, Jr., who signed the Declaration of Independence as proxy for his father, who was ill at the time. Soon after young Tom Lynch went to sea, and was never heard of again. Autographs of Declaration signers are much sought by collectors, and the dealer referred to bought one affixed to a letter addressed by Lynch to George Washington for \$4000 and sold it to Augustin Daly for \$4500. Daly sold it, and ultimately repurchased it for just over \$5000, eventually presenting it to the Lenox Library, where it now is.

It is curious to note how variable are the prices of royal signatures. While, as already mentioned, \$60 is asked for a Queen Victoria letter, a two-page epistle by the late Empress Frederick of Germany only realized \$5. The sign-manuel of George I has been sold for 50c, that of George III for \$5 and that of George IV for \$2; and it is an interesting fact that while at one sale a letter from Charles I, to

the Earl of Kingston, dealing with the request for a loan of \$25,000, only fetched \$150; Cromwell's signature went for \$400.

There are many persons who collect series of signatures. Some prefer those of literary celebrities, others those of artists, musical celebrities, politicians and so on.

A remarkable collection was that which came into the possession of a London bookseller two years ago, consisting of parliamentary "franks," or postpaid letters. Previous to the introduction of the penny post members of both houses of parliament had the privilege of franking, or causing the free delivery of the letters of themselves and their friends. Thus many thousands of envelopes passed through the post signed in the left-hand bottom corner with the name of a member of the house of lords or commons. An enterprising gentleman succeeded in accumulating 10,000 of these franks, probably the greatest collection of M. P.'s autographs ever made.

One of the most curious collections of autographs is that possessed by a celebrated London firm of hatters, who number royalty among their customers. On the back of the cardboard "shapes" from which a hat is modeled is written the name of the customer, his address, the date of the order and other particulars. The person ordering the hat in most cases writes his own name, and in this way the firm has secured the signatures of many illustrious personages.

Among them are those of King Edward, the Prince of Wales, the King of Spain, the late King of Portugal, the German Emperor, Prince Fushimi of Japan and many other princes and potentates of foreign countries.—English Paper.

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The 144th meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held on the evening of Aug. 30th in the north room of the Cabanne Library. President Bain in the chair and the following members present: Anschuetz, Bain, Chase, Lewis, Mann, Marston, Myers and Schoemann.

Application of Mr. Hugh M. Clark of Chicago proposed by Mr. Chester Myers, for membership was received.

There being no business on hand this evening except that the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved the rest of the evening was given to Mr. Myers, who entertained the members with a most interesting talk of the happenings, and pleasures of the A. P. S. Convention held in Detroit, Mich.

At 10 o'clock it was moved by Mr. Mann seconded by Mr. Myers to adjourn. Motion carried.

Wm. J. H. Anschuetz, Sec. pro tem.

Walter Bain, President.

AFRICAN WEAPONS GIVEN TO YALE.

The anthropological department of Peabody museum of Yale university, has received from the Natural History Museum of Stockholm, Sweden, a large collection of objects from the Congo State of Central Africa. It consists of native African utensils, weapons, implements and domestic objects.

Fort Lincoln Site

Lewis and Clark's report tells us, under date Oct. 20th, 1804: "* * * After making twelve miles we camped on the south (it means along the western border of the Missouri river), at the upper part of a bluff containing stone coal of an inferior quality (this is our lignite, or a species of brown coal, wood coal); immediately below this bluff and on the declivity of a hill are the remains of a village covering six or eight acres, formerly occupied by the Mandans. * * *

That village site is now named "Fort Lincoln site," for the vicinity of what once had been the military post Fort A. Lincoln, built as a cavalry post in 1873, and which was situated immediately south of that knoll on which Lewis and Clark had their camp, the fourth camp within the limits of the present state of North Dakota. On top of the hill overlooking the village site an infantry post was erected in 1872, named Fort Hancock. On the village site below the hill was the forge of the infantry post, which furnished the shoes for the mules and made and repaired the wagons of the baggage train.

According to the information given by an old Indian, about 58 years of age, living on the Sioux Indian reservation at Standing Rock Agency, that village was termed by the Mandans "the slanting village." The Indian referred to claims to be a Mandan, but I believe him to be an Arikara. He reports that he was captured a baby by the Sioux on the south side of the Cannon Ball river, while his folks lived in a village on the north side. The Mandans lived at that time away up the Missouri at Fort Clark, about sixty miles north of the city of Mandan, following the course of the river, while some of the Arikaras lived in some few villages about the Cannon Ball river and below. I have found their villages, and also that village site north of the Cannon Ball river, which, if indications tell a story, seems to me plainly to have been an Arikara village. The Arikaras have been called by French traders "the Rees," and they bear that name yet with the Sioux. The Sioux speak of that village on the north bank, on top of a high plateau, as a "Ree village." Now let us look at the Mandan village site at present known as "Fort Lincoln site." It had been built on a gradually sloping, even ground, sloping toward the Missouri river, and no doubt but that river has washed its eastern banks at the time of occupation. The growth of timber on the lowlands below marks unmistakably the different beds at different times this capricious, changeable river has taken. Now the Missouri is maybe a quarter of a mile off to the east and the Heart river, probably having taken up the old bed of the Missouri, empties into the latter to the northeast under the ancient village. Between the now existing broken bank of the village site and the mouth of the Heart river into the Missouri is first a land-slide, which tumbled down part of the village, and lower still a sandy bottom, grown with red willows and overflowed every spring at break up.

On both sides of the site, to the northwest and to the southeast, are deep ravines, grown with timber now. Towards the southwest and south, on the declivity of the hill, were ditches running downwards into the ravines. The earth from the ditches was thrown inside toward the village and heaped to form higher mounds surrounding the village than those found inside the intrenchment. Inside are low mounds, caused by the leveling of the sloping surface, for obtaining a level floor for the lodges. The circles of the former lodges are deep impressions, plainly visible, and often grown with buck-brush or, very prettily, with briars, when the wild roses are in bloom. In one of the lodge circles even an ash tree, about ten inches in diameter, found its growth. The lodge circles, surrounded by a very low elevation, are from 40 to 45 feet in diameter. The elevations have been formed in the first instance by the ground being thrown up, leveling the place, by refuse thrown out of the lodges, and also by the clay covering of the lodges falling from the timber walls to the ground. In these elevations do we find our specimens of relics, though they are not deeper than a few feet, and the

finds are pretty meagre there. It seems that the inhabitants of that village have been a very clean and orderly people and that they have carried the rubbish out of the lodges, either to the edges of the village, at the same time elevating the outer earthworks for better protection, or had some common dump pile where all the neighboring lodge owners heaped up the refuse and rubbish of their domiciles. This conception seems to be endorsed by the fact that on the broken bank, once closer to the center of the village before the occurrence of the landslide spoken of above, is one of the best treasure resorts in relics. The deposits there are 8 to 10 feet deep. All along the broken bank there three or more layers of charred corncocks, about 9 to 12 inches apart, mixed with ashes, dirt and refuse, are recognizable. If every layer of such corncocks means one corn crop, and each corn crop one year, the village had been occupied for about ten years.

By authentic sources I am informed that the Mandan and the Arikaras lived there together, or in close proximity, twenty years before the arrival of Lewis and Clark, but after a quarrel they had separated. The Mandans and some of the Arikaras moved together up the Missouri, while the sore-heads of the Arikaras preferred to migrate down toward and below the Cannon Ball river, and that is where that lone Mandan or Arikara Indian at Standing Rock Agency originates from, born about 1847.

Before I go on further to describe and to explain the use of implements found at Fort Lincoln site, a village of distinct Mandan character, I wish to impart my practice and my observation as to how these implements are found. Of course, by digging for them. There are different ways of digging. I saw a man thrusting his spade into the ground as if digging potatoes, breaking up valuable bone implements by this rude way of procedure. I dig a small hole, or rather start at the foot of a mound, easiest at the broken bank. Then I use the pick and undermine. Implements frequently fall from the top on to the loose ground and are easily picked up. Then I search the loose ground by aid of a hoe. Many specimens are found that way. Finally, I throw the searched ground out, spreading it, or at the bank I let it slide down. Then, after a rain or after heavy wind storms in dry weather, I go over the surface of the ground thrown out or rolled down the bank, and often am the lucky finder of very valuable articles. Arrowheads and smaller flint implements are generally found in that way.

1. Then I have observed that in some place you find principally flint chips, fragments of flint implements, broken and perfect arrowheads and bone chippers used in the manufacture of flint implements.

2. In another place there are bone implements prevalent, either of one kind or another.

3. At another place ornaments and bone beads; at another, potsherds, hoes from shoulderblades of the buffalo, scrapers, flint knives, bone awls.

4. Again in another heap there are ashes, fishbone and fishhooks.

Broken bones are all over, remains of the feasting when buffalo was in plenty.

My observation led me to believe that the Indians had their tradesmen. Some were more skillful in the manufacture of some certain kind of implement, and made such for their own use as well as for trade with their neighbors. The Indians always have been great traders, and also gamblers. They enjoyed games of all sorts, as the marked bones cut square, or scoria and other flattened bones marked on one side, found among the refuse, make us presume with a good reason.

Where potsherds and ashes are deposited in profusion, we intrude on the kitchen department and find implements used by the women, while the fish bones and hooks tell us that in the neighboring lodges the ones lived who were commissioned with the catching of fish,—catfish generally.

The publisher and printer in charge of WEST were away most of August and this was the cause of part of the reading pages being mixed among the ads in the back.

MINERALOGY

EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles etc. to the Dept. 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

Put-in-Bay Island is one of a group in Lake Erie, midway between Detroit and Cleveland. It abounds in minerals, being chiefly underlaid with limestone, in which are many small caves. In these caves the water of the lake forms numerous clear pools. Mr. Gustav Heinemann bought a portion of this island, including a well which had been drilled to the level of the lake, and a bed of strontianite, partly worked. On examining this well, Mr. Heinemann determined to enlarge it, and in doing so, broke through into a wonderful circular cavern, walled and overhung with great blue-white crystals of the rare mineral. He has now fitted this grotto and the passages leading to it with electric lights, so that it glitters and sparkles like a fairy palace. It is believed that other caves are waiting discovery here, and the whole region invites the exploration of scientific men. Some of our readers must know of other interesting caves. Let us have descriptions of them, which will be thankfully received by all of our other readers interested in rare formations and mineral discoveries.

Engraved gems are among the most interesting objects of art inherited by us from the ancients. Though many of the cameos and intaglios were engraved on precious stones over 2,000 years ago, they are still as clear and fine as if they were cut yesterday. The designs engraved on these stones indicate that the old Greeks and Romans regarded them as charms against accident or misfortune. This superstition generally took the form of a fondness for representation of certain animals. Sailors affected the dolphin, because it was believed to be the mariner's friend. Women, so far as fishes were concerned, preferred the representation of the prolific aringa of the Adriatic, which was a symbol of fruitfulness because of the great number of its eggs. The ant was worn as an emblem of industry. By the frog was indicated the idea of resurrection, because that interesting batrachian renews its youth each spring by shedding its old skin.

According to a British scientific journal, there are seventeen metals more valuable than gold, viz., iridium, valued at 60 pounds per pound troy; gallium, 75 pounds; rhodium, 85 pounds, osmium, 120 pounds; ruthenium, 200 pounds; palladium, about 216 pounds; barium, 280 pounds; didymium, 500 pounds; cerium, 525 pounds; yttrium, 630 pounds; strontium, 670 pounds; calcium, 700 pounds; glucinium, 820 pounds; lithium, 1,080 pounds; zirconium, 1,115 pounds; rubidium, 1,400 pounds; vanadium, 1,725 pounds.

FOREST GAINES.

Finds Montezuma's Park

ARCHAEOLOGIST THINKS SUCCESS CROWNS LONG SEARCH.

After five years of study Dr. Guillermo Tellez, an archaeologist believes he has discovered the famous botanical garden constructed by the vassals of Montezuma I, emperor of the Aztecs.

The site of the garden has been located near the ancient town of Oaxtepec, state of Morelos, and Dr. Tellez has discovered numerous plants and trees, unknown in other parts of the republic, which give confirmation to his belief that the playground of the famous emperor has been found.

Another indication that the actual site of the ancient garden has been located is the finding nearby of stones bearing Indian hieroglyphics which are supposed to be the ruins of a hospital built near the garden by Moctezuma II.

The few parchments of Aztec history which are found in the republic speak of the botanical garden made by the first Moctezuma, in which were rare plants, trees and flowers gathered from near and far. The garden seems to have been the favorite hobby of the emperor and it is written that he spent much of his time in a palace constructed in the Indian village not far from there.

The climate of Oaxtepec offered a desirable change after a residence in this altitude and Moctezuma with his court traveled frequently between the two points. It is stated that at one time he contemplated establishing the capital of the kingdom at Oaxtepec, building his palace in front of the great garden.

Spanish history confirms the finding of an immense park in which every species of flora native to this part of the continent could be found. The park is now covered by deep folds of clay and sand deposited by the centuries but Dr. Tellez has succeeded in digging out of the mass some rare plants which he thinks will be a valuable addition to Mexican flora. He has asked the government to build an arch or gateway in Aztec style at the entrance to the park and that the latter be restored to its former glory. It is estimated that the park covers several hundred acres.

FIND ANCIENT SPANISH HAMMER IN OLD MINE.

City of Mexico, July 10.—When the Oate mine in Sonora was recently drained three was found say the Oasis of Nogales, in the old workings an antiguo hammer of peculiar model left there more than a hundred years ago by the early Spaniards who worked the mine and are reputed to have extracted much gold. The hammer, which had been rusted greatly by a century's action, is nearly twice as large as an ordinary sledge hammer, which weighs about eight pounds. The one found in the mine weighs about fourteen pounds. The striking head is flattened, as in an ordinary sledge, but the other end is drawn to a chisel edge, blunted greatly now by corrosion. The tool has a short wooden handle, no longer than that in an ordinary single handed drilling hammer. When found the handle was covered with an earthy deposit which dried and fell away, leaving free the wood, which is remarkably well preserved.

The object of the chisel on one end of the head of the hammer has been, the cause of much conjecture by those who have seen it. The Oasis hazards a guess that it was to start the great drill holes the antiguo miners made to break up the ground. They sunk to great depth holes about four inches in diameter. These they filled with lime, plugged, and poured in water. The swelling lime broke up the ground. Such an implement as was found at Oate would be needed to start the hole and sink it a few inches, then a large hand churn drill would be used to sink to the depth needed.—Mexico Daily Record.

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—INTRODUCTION—

There are over 5000 people in the United States who are especially interested in old fire arms and to whom no magazine, paper or periodical has ever devoted any attention worth mentioning. The membership of the American Society of Antique Weapon Collectors and all other persons interested in the study of antique guns and pistols are to be congratulated that Mr. Brodstone has so kindly established this department. It is my ambition to make this new feature of the WEST one of interest not only to collectors of ancient fire arms, but to all other persons as well.

G. ELLSWORTH BROWN.

—BUREAU OF INQUIRY—

All questions addressed to the editor of the Fire Arm Department will be answered under this head each month hereafter. All inquiries concerning antique fire arms are earnestly solicited and will be answered in full. Address communications to G. Ellsworth Brown, Athens, Tennessee.

QUESTION—Name some of the best books on old firearms I can buy to study.
J. E. C.

ANSWER—I would suggest the following, yet there are many others of equal interest and importance: "Firearms in American History," by Charles W. Sawyer. "The Rifle in Colonial Times," by H. Kephart. "The Gun and its Development," by W. W. Greener. "Weapons of War," by A. Demmin. "A Treatise on Ancient Armor and Weapons," by Francis Grosse. "The Tower Armories," by Hewitt. "Notes sur un Pistolet Ecossois," by Georges Stain. If you will send me a stamped self-addressed envelope I will be glad to tell you where you can purchase the books mentioned.

QUES.—(1) Were Wheellock arms ever used in America, if so, when?

(2) Is the statement correct in the article, "Early History of Firearms," No. 3 of Vol. 47 of the WEST saying wheellocks were operated by means of a spiral spring, and that one winding would usually discharge the gun several times? I have never heard of other than the ribbon spring variety and would like to know if there is one operated by a spiral spring. P. M. M.

ANS.—(1) Wheellock muskets, rifles and pistols were used in this country, by such as could afford them, until about 1700. They were imported from Europe and were very expensive.

(2) I have consulted several authorities on antique pistols and have studied the wheellock in American and European museums, both by means of photographs and descriptions and actual handling thereof, and I have never seen or heard of a wheellock such as you inquire about.

NOTE. The descriptive sketches of old pistols will be continued next issue, omitted this time on account of lack of space.

THE KENTUCKY RIFLE.—By G. Ellsworth Brown.

We listen with amazement to the stories of Daniel Boone and other men of his time, who handled the rifle with as deadly effect as did Robin Hood with his long bow. We venerate, as we listen to these tales of pioneer days, the brave, cool, self-reliant forerunners of western civilization as they stood on the bastions

of Boonesborough and Ft. Watauga exchanging shots with the treacherous Shawnoe or Cherokee when every bullet fired was intended to extinguish a human life.

This part of America lying east of the Mississippi was conquered by the gun and the axe. To the early settler these tools were indispensable, but the gun was absolutely necessary to existence. Food had to be procured from the wilds of the forest; protection from the hands of the merciless savage was secured only by the terror of the pioneer's well directed bullet; the title itself to the new and unexplored country was purchased and retained by the power of the conqueror's deadly fire from what the superstitious savage thought to be a magic wand or scepter of Death.

The American rifle, called for a great while the Kentucky rifle, frightened the aborigines from their ancient haunts, crushed and exiled them forever from their beloved hunting grounds, drove two mighty European nations from their usurped possessions, and were the first firearms whose effects were the result of accuracy and careful aiming instead of mere chance or terror inspired by the explosion.

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NOTICE. There are in course of preparation for this department two articles of unusual interest, one is entitled, "The Pistols of Henry Nock," the other is, "A Study of Wheellock and Multi-Firing Pistols Made Before 1800." Both will be profusely illustrated.

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AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

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 1964. R. J. Mertz is specializing in park views and water scenes; would like to hear from all.
 1992. C. L. Bloxham says he is leaving for several months absence in the

hills and will be unable to receive mail.

2027. In printing name of this member part was omitted. It should be Miss Ida J. Kinney, Box 213, Guilford, Conn., desires foreign views only, stamp view side.

Members who have not done so, should send stamp and receive the June and July copies of the monthly list. They contain considerable information that can not be printed here for lack of space. A list is now being printed each month.

RENEWALS.

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The 79th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Aug. 5th, Mr. Virgil M. Brand presiding in the absence of the President and Vice President. The following fourteen members were present: Messrs. Lewis, Green, Verkler, Carey, W. F. Dunham, V. M. Brand, Leon, Michael, Vercouter, Jochem, Blumenschein, Holmes, Johnston and Baker.

The special order of the evening was the discussion of the matter of inviting the American Numismatic Ass'n. to hold its convention in Chicago in 1911. Those present gave expressions on the subject, and on motion the Secretary was instructed to send an invitation from the Society to the General Secretary.

Mr. Johnston offered a resolution that it is the sense of the Society that there should be adopted in this country an uniform grading of uncirculated coins into two classes: those that are absolutely perfect, and those short of that condition.

Mr. Baker read a poem on the Value of Money.

Magazines received since last meeting were: The Elder Magazine for June and July, Mehl's Monthly, Spink's Circular, Numismatische Correspondenz, Numismatischer Verkehr and Philatelic West for June. Auction catalogs were received from Elder and Steigerwalt.; and a priced catalog from Low.

Adjourned to meet Sept. 2nd, 1910.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

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By W. L. White

Lake county, known as the "Shut in or Walled in" county, owing to the many ranges of high mountains that surround it on all sides, contains much of interest to the traveler, naturalist and Indian relic collector. Here still roams the last of the "Digger" and "Pomo" Indians, far famed as basket makers; makers of that queer little "Tule" or "Tuley" boat that was at one time used on Clear lake. The writer saw an old Indian in a race with other boats, skiffs and dugouts not over two years ago. I doubt if there is one now left of a fleet that perhaps numbered a hundred or more. A few of the dugouts made of a single tree trunk, burned or hewn out, with stone axes, are still to be seen on the lake. Many a time when out in my launch I have seen an Indian and family going to town, paddling along in a good breeze with a sea running, and never shipping a drop of water, while I was taking them solid over the bow of the launch. These dugouts are very long and narrow—about 18 to 20 feet long, 10 inches deep, 16 inches wide; they are very good sea boats if one knows how to handle them right—something a white man never can learn to do.

Many are the "finds" of relics of the distant past found around the shores of Clear lake, a fine body of water 25 miles long by 9 miles wide (in winter it is about 30 miles by 10 or 11 owing to the very large rain fall). Sometimes it rains as much as an inch a day for weeks together. Old Capt. Atherton, an old sailing master that came up here years ago, from the coast to spend his remaining years in peace, owned launches on the lake, and while taking parties out around the lake shore, always spent the time ashore hunting Indian relics. I am told that he had a fine collection numbering some thousands, something like three or four cracker boxes full—mostly arrow heads. There are also many other collections that I do not know of, I am sure, as one can see in Lake Port, etc., in the gardens and yards large howls and pestles and of different colors. Be it noted, that we have here a volcanic mountain known as Konockti—in Indian it means a dead horse, as there is to be plainly seen any day (but much better after a shower when the outlines are all filled with snow) the figure of a horse upside down. This horse is about one mile long by half a mile wide and presents a very queer sight. This mountain contains miles of a striped glass looking like agate. This was used by the Indians in making their arrows as well as ornaments, now very rare. The writer has an arrow that is red and looks as if made of blood, then faded. Of the many thousands of arrows I have seen, having been in the curin business about eight years on land and sea, I don't think I ever saw such a queer looking arrow. Also in a fine collection owned by a Mrs. Reeves, I noted a queer looking pipe, which was made of a three-colored soft stone, and looked like the heart of a small animal. Then lastly I have seen some fine large beads—some melted containing bones, (Indians?) that are made of two to four colored stone or the so called volcanic bottle rock, or volcanic glass noted above. But note the colors are not in stripes but are like 3 different sized beads inserted inside of each other. Thus some beads about one inch long, show an outside an ash color, next inside is a red; then a blue or sometimes a brown or a mixed color as melted glass. I think these beads are made of the glass, volcanic bottle rock. Then in some manner the Indian bead manufacturer, used the pigment coloring of roots, etc., and so colored same. I would like some information on this from some one that known something in regard to same. I have some thousand of the beads, about

10 different kinds, but all that are melted in any way show that the colors had "run." On the ranch of C. G. Rogers near Finley, on Jan. 22, last, Mr. Rogers' three young sons while digging about 100 feet back of their house, found a heap of gravel, etc., in which were found all kinds of beads some made of shell from a clam that is still found in Clear lake, some from salt water shells from the ocean, some were of horn, some bone but mostly of the queer colored stone mentioned above. Many pounds of them were found, also some bones which I think were from animals cooked there. I was able to obtain about three pounds of the beads, mostly a kind of seed bead that is very small while many were melted in a lump containing 25 to 100 beads each.

At the time of finding the beads, Mr. Rogers also found a very good small ax or adze, and when the rust was removed the ax was found to have a fine temper and it is now as good as new. Some long (four to eight inch) sharp rods or something about the size of large nails were also found. Those, I think, were used to drill holes in making beads, etc. The Indians now are making and using an odd drill for making holes in the crude beads they make today of shell or most anything that can be worked up. I notice the small boys and girls on the gravel roads hunting soft stones for bead material, etc.

The different Indian tribes, there are parts of three tribes left—make beautiful baskets of all sizes from that of a buckshot or pea made of horsehair, in many colors, and valued by curio dealers any way at \$5.00 or \$10.00; up to the large wood and fish baskets three feet high. Almost every night now the Indians go around the creeks, get in, wade up stream making all kinds of noise—with their fish baskets held ready to dash over any luckless fish seen in shallow water. They sometimes get as many as 500 to a wagon load of fish. It is very odd (a very great distance to windward) to see the Squaws big as a bear mostly, baking the fish in the many camp fires lighted for that purpose. Only recently I heard of an old Indian woman that was grinding up a lot of acorns, for mush. In early days before the whites came here, the Red Man lived on the wild animals, seeds like buckeye, weed seed and many other things that are now only a memory of the savage past.

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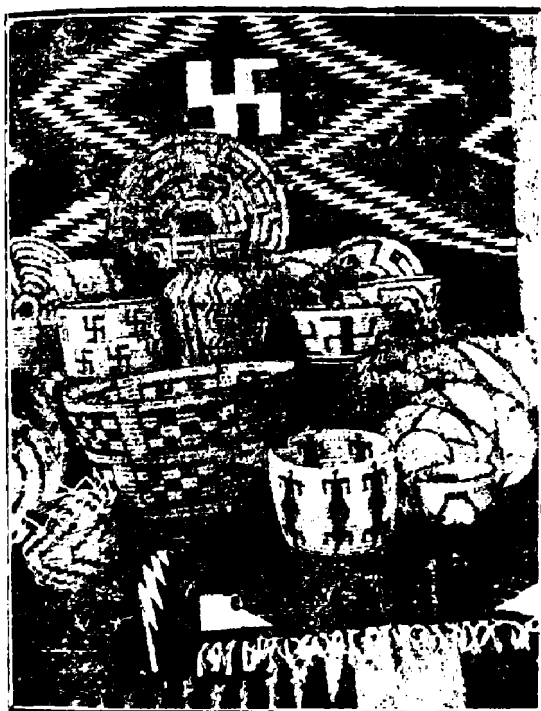
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DEAR MEMBERS:—With this issue I resign control of the society and on Sept. 1st, Mr. James A. Carr, Jr., Belleville, Ill, will take charge and push the society for a greater society than ever. I am confident that Mr. Carr, will be of greater help to the society than I have been and he is thoroughly interested and experienced all along the line. I beg of the members to wake up and help the new Sec. Treas, and keep the society growing faster all the time. I thank the members for their help and support and offer you the new manager with a full knowledge that he is a fine fellow and that he will over-reach the limit to give the society the best there is to get. He has written me of several changes and I know that they will be for your own good.

- 2344. E. H. Hufham, Llano, Tex.
- 2345. F. Sherman, Pueblo, Colo., 229 W. 15th; stamps.
- 2346. Mr. O. L. Halvorson, Box 28, Gunder, Iowa, Post cards; names should have been in Feb. Report.
- 2347. Minne Zwolle, Berlin, Nowawes, Germany, publisher and post card collector.
- 2348. J. Hubel, Detroit, Mich., 1305 Trumbull Ave., stamps recancels.
- 2349. C. Goulden, Montreal, Can., stamps. Agent Stanley Gibbons goods.
- 2350. Edgar Lincoln, London W England 144 Kensington High St., coins, stamps.
- 2351. Dr. G. R. Gleason, San Francisco, 126 Guadalejaro, Mexico. stamps.
- 2352. H. Hempel, Brooklyn, N. Y. post cards.
- 2353. Selma F. Smith, 104 Dallas Road, Victoria, B. C. Can. old china.

Don't miss being at Kansas City at the convention as many members and collectors are expected to be present.

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THE PHILATELIC WEST, Superior, Nebr.

I notice you have a Curio department and will give you a description of two relics which may interest your readers.

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Yours truly,

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International Stamp Exhibition

In Berne is situated the Central Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, by which are organized the great conventions of representatives of the postal administrations of all nations. These conventions are meetings of a veritable Parliament of Posts, which meets at intervals of about seven years to decide questions affecting the international exchange of correspondence. Here, in the Swiss capital has been erected the monument by M. de St. Marceaux to commemorate the "Jubilee" of the Union; this monument was unveiled there last year.

One of the duties of the International Bureau of the Postal Unions is to receive "specimen" copies of all new postage stamps issued in any part of the world. About 750 copies of each stamp, specially overprinted with the word "Specimen", are sent to the bureau by each issuing country, and the bureau uses these stamps to notify other postal administrations concerning the new issues, so that the stamps will be duly recognized as legitimate issues when they commence to circulate throughout the world.

It is the postal importance that attaches to Berne, as well as to the natural attractions of Switzerland, that I attribute the large influx to the Swiss capital of stamp dealers and collectors from practically all the European States, and from America, to visit the International Philatelic Exhibition which was opened there on September 3rd. The United Kingdom is well represented and most of the leading English collectors were quartered there several days, assisting in the building up of the exhibition.

The new Berne Casino, where the stamp exhibition is being held, is undoubtedly the finest hall that has been used for such a purpose. Its area is enormous, and although well laid out, the committee has had a task of no mean difficulty in apportioning the space amongst nearly two hundred exhibitors.

The scene in the Casino on the night of September 2nd was one that would have opened the eyes of the philistine in stamp matters. For two days it had seemed as if the exhibition would not be nearly ready by the opening time, and by dinner time of September 2nd, everything seemed in a very backward state. The predicament of the Swiss workers was discussed over the dinner tables of the chief hotels, and as soon as dinner was over the English and American contingent of visitors went in a body to the hall, and armed themselves with hammers and drawing pins, and set to work arranging collections in the frames. In evening dress, but discarding their jackets, there were millionaires and merchant princes working harder than they had ever worked before, and others who had motored here in luxurious ease were working themselves at high pitch as if life itself depended upon getting the exhibition ready, and all for the overwhelming interest that they find in postage stamps.

The exhibition was ready in good time for the inaugural ceremony at half-past ten on September 3rd.

M. Ruffy, the director of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union made the opening speech in the presence of a large company of ladies and gentlemen. He referred to the attraction and interest stamps possess for persons in all stations and at all stages of life. The schoolboy, he said, forgetful of his tasks, would dream of a Basle dove or a Geneva "Large Eagle" (rare varieties of early Swiss cantonal stamps) flying into his small album. From the little Tuscan boy who, bare footed, meets you on the steps of San Domingo or San Agostine, and showing you his collection in an exercise book, demands "a francobollo estero", and then conducts you to see the native masterpieces, to the occupants of Royal palaces, postage stamp collecting had its interest for all. (To be continued).

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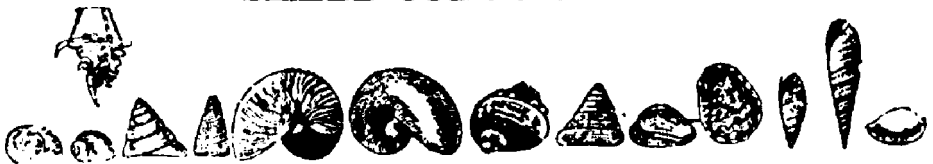


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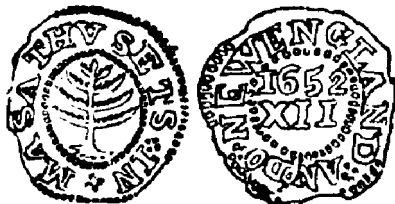
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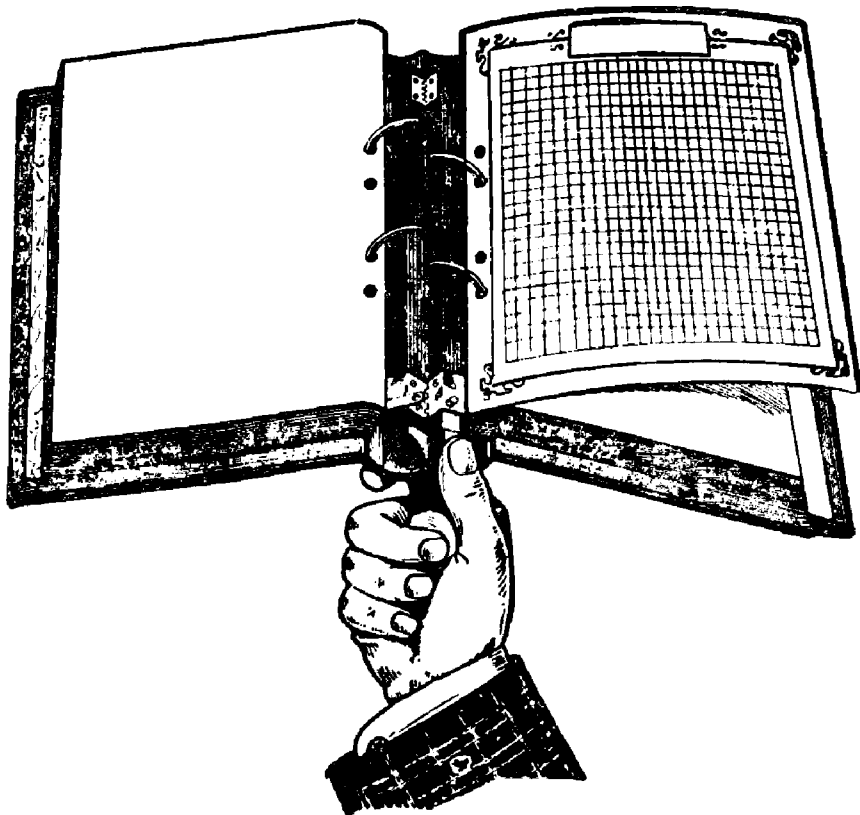
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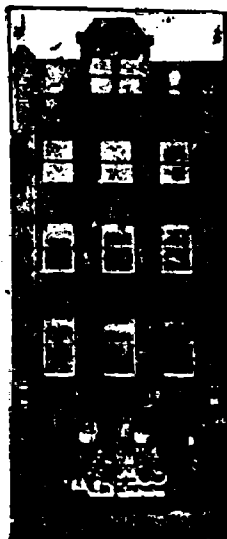
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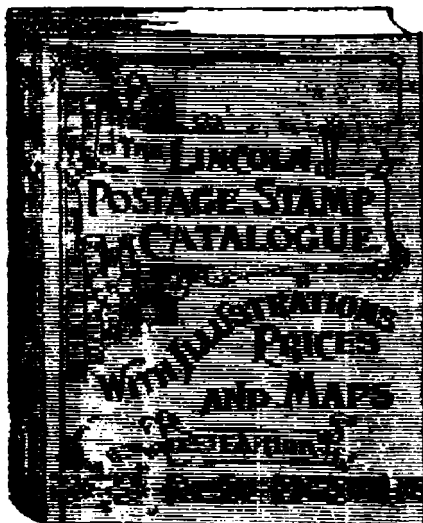
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copy, when I shall be able to give a more explanatory account of it. He tells me it will be published about the end of September, and the price will be 8d or 12 cents,—post free 14 cents. See his ads in WEST and his brother is the oldest stamp dealer in the world. He has had 2 page ads most of the year and issues one of best stamp catalogs seen.

VERNON P. GALE is greatly interested in the collection of stamps and curios and is always glad to hear from fellow collectors and will answer all. He says he expects to take the WEST as long as he can spare the price of subscription. He has collected for twelve years and has over four thousand varieties of stamps. He also collects old curios. He was born December 2nd, 1886, and is a mailing clerk in the Valley City post office and is a sergeant in the Co. G 1st No. Dak. Nat. Guard and has served 5 years with that company. He has read the WEST for the last nine years and has taken it for the last five. He is especially interested in Siam and the Philippine issues.

MR. STEPHEN GOLDER, editor of the Canadian Philatelist, is better known to American stamp collectors by his contributions to the American press, than in person. He has always been an enthusiastic collector, but like many others has from time to time disposed of his collection only to start collecting again. Mr. Golder has had many opportunities to meet collectors in different parts of the world, having some few years ago travelled extensively in the United States, Mexico, Hawaii. He has twice visited South Africa, making one of a party that crossed the Rhodesian district in a bullock wagon before the railway was constructed to Salisbury. He has been to Mozambique, Nyassa, Madagascar, Zanzibar, and many points in British East, West and Central Africa. In addition he has visited every capital of Europe twice. In his early days Mr. Golder was for seven years connected with the large publishing house of Iliffe and Sturney, of Coventry, England, acting as private secretary to the firm, and for two years was editor and manager of *Bicycling News*, resigning his position to act as foreign and colonial representative for a big English Syndicate. During his residence in Regina, Canada, for three and one half years he has occupied the position of night editor of the *Regina Leader*, contributing and editing a philatelic column in that paper, besides contributing to other papers. Mr. Golder's stamp collection is a general one. He collects stamps of all kinds, and if he has any particular weakness it is for old European issues. His collection is not large, numbering 10,200 varieties, but contains a complete collection of all the Japanese issues.

In this issue the WEST presents to its readers a picture of a rare collection of old guns owned by Steven B. Smith of Findlay, Ohio. Mr. Smith is an enthusiast along this line, and has succeeded in obtaining a collection that is admired by all who see it. The collection consists of fifty guns, all acquired in about three years. He has secured fine specimens from the old Colonial flint lock to the modern self action revolver. All were secured in his native state, Ohio. The most historic gun in the lot is a four barrel Sharps, 32 calibre, said to have been carried by a member of the Jesse James gang that terrorized the middle west by the atrocious robberies of thirty years ago. The manner in which the present owner secured this weapon was quite strange indeed. The wife of the owner of this gun at that time sued in the county court for a divorce on the grounds of cruelty. In the testimony brought out during the trial it developed that the defendant, in his younger days was a member of the Jesse James gang of outlaws. This was brought before the notice of the court, it was claimed, to prove the character of the defendant. The divorce was granted and the defendant soon sickened and died. Among his personal effects was found this historic weapon, and Mr. Smith knowing its record, arranged for its purchase.

General Collecting

Mr. Ewen is making strenuous endeavors to set collectors on the "right" road. A stamp collection should show the stamps of the world, it cannot be expected to go into the minute details, it would cost too much money to the owner and be too cumbersome for his friends to look at. A stamp collection should be like an advanced school history which give a general view of the governments and peoples of the entire world. In the same way a stamp album should show the postal issues of the whole world. Give examples of every type of stamp and the various makeshifts which have been adopted in times of trouble by nations, or through lack of communications by distant colonies. The "Seebecks" show the efforts of impecunious governments to make money out of collectors and are as notable in this way as the five pound stamp of Great Britain which indicates the enormous business of that country. The silly ideas of other countries which refrain from placing the Emperor's head on their stamps because they would be struck and defaced by the postal clerks. (The base uses to which their portrait coins are put has not occurred to them). The schemes adopted by countries inhabited by people speaking different languages are interesting and must be noted by the onlooker of average intelligence. The flaunting of religion on the stamps of Belgium carries us back to the dark ages of numismatics when the only religion in the state was expressed by a scriptural quotation on its money. Space will not allow us to call attention to one tenth of the things brought or called to mind by stamp collecting but to show these things the collection must be general. The stamps of your own country may show its modern history but the lowest grades of the public school has impressed this on the memory of all children and does not require a stamp collection to enforce its lessons. Going back to Ewen we clip the following sensible remarks from his advertisement:

"We consider that general collecting is the backbone of the hobby. Dealers whose stock is selling slowly will find on careful analysis that this is not due to the ever-increasing popularity of New Issues but to the falling number of general collectors on their ledgers. Specialism, although perhaps scientifically a higher form of collecting, tends to increase the demand for really rare or abnormal varieties or "pieces" at the expense of the rest of the stock. "General collecting" evens up the demand, so that everything is saleable. In other words, the system of collecting fostered by Exhibitions and Club displays increases the demand for what a dealer has not got in stock and diminishes the sale for stock after it has been picked over by one or two specialists, whereas with general collecting there is a general demand for everything. As soon as this is more generally recognized, "New Issues" will cease to be blamed for what they are not responsible and the opposition in certain quarters to Simplified Stamp Collecting will change to support of what we really believe to be a system of collecting that will prove of great benefit to the hobby"

General collecting is the only rational way to fill an album but to make this popular all the frills must be omitted. Watermarks, perforations, varieties of surcharges must be eliminated, while such things as "due stamps" which are not postage stamps, "official stamps," which in the majority of cases are simply made to sell to collectors or where legitimately made are used to simplify book-keeping, taking money out of one pocket and putting it in another with the precaution of taking a receipt for it.—Metropolitan.

The first ½c blue & 2r scarlet stamps of Costa Rica were issued April 20, 1862.

WASHINGTON NOTES--By J. V. Perkins

The National Museum at Washington has recently inaugurated an exhibit of postage stamps. Although not generally known, the Museum has for years been in possession of a large collection of stamps left by a former Secretary, S. F. Baird, to which has been added from time to time various gifts of collections, new issues etc., as well as many official stamps received on mail matter all over the world. This makes the second collection under Governmental auspices in Washington, the Post Office Department possessing the well known collection of unused United States stamps of all issues in sheet form.

The last Congress passed a bill granting the franking privilege to ex-president Roosevelt, and at the same time extended its provisions to include all future ex-presidents, as well as the widows of dead Presidents. Mingled applause and laughter greeted the remark of a prominent Democrat in opposing the bill: "Knowing the former President as well as we do, we should provide an additional appropriation for the postoffice service."

Ten million sheets of internal revenue stamps were recently destroyed at the Bureau of Engraving. These stamps, representing a face value of nearly five million dollars, were rendered useless to the Government by reason of the changes in taxes caused by the new Payne-Aldrich tariff act. The stamps were first counted and then burned in bundles of a ton a day.

For the first time the gross receipts of the Chicago postoffice have exceeded the receipts of the New York City postoffice, the margin being over \$55,000. This record was made during the month of August. At the fifty largest postoffices in the United States, the receipts for August of this year exceeded those for August, 1909, by nearly a million dollars.

The Secretary of the Treasury recently announced his intention to reduce the size of paper currency, claiming thereby a saving to the Government, in the matter of paper, etc., sufficient to justify the proposed change. While it has not been stated just when the change will be put in operation, it is understood that vigorous opposition to the plan has developed in various quarters, the principal argument being the inconvenience resulting from having two styles of paper money in circulation at the same time. It is claimed that it would take at least ten years to entirely effect the substitution of the smaller notes. The banks would probably be the most inconvenienced, owing to the necessity of sorting large and small notes, changing of certain fixtures, etc., and the decision as to the innovation will probably rest with them.

NEW POSTAL CARD.—A new reply postal card has just been issued at the Washington postoffice, bearing on the original card a portrait of General Washington, and on the reply card a likeness of Martha Washington. This new card supersedes the card bearing the pictures of Sherman and Sheridan. It is printed in bronze blue ink, on bluish card stock, and measures 3 1-3 by 5 1/2 inches. A circular border carries in capital letters above the subject the words "U. S. Postal Card" and below the subject "One Cent." Under the border is a ribbon bearing the names "Washington" on the message card and "Martha Washington" on the reply half, in small capitals. A branch of laurel extends from either end of the ribbon outside the border to a point above the numeral "1" which appears within a circle breaking the border on either side of the subject. To the left of the stamp in a single line in plain Gothic capitals is the inscription. "This side of card is for address only," within a panel of parallel lines, the inner line being heavier than the outer one. Above this inscription on the reply half are the words "Reply Card" in large capital letters within a panel having a solid background. The two halves of the card are separated by a perforated line.

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All officers by virtue of their office, are members of this committee.

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

The ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Southern Philatelic Association convened at the Kupper Hotel in Kansas City, Mo., Monday morning, October 3, 1910. M. O. Canfield temporary chairman. W. H. McNeil and Jno. Straley were selected to act as permanent President and Secretary respectively. Bescher, Brodstone and Straley—Credentials & Finances; Barnes, Clark and Canfield, Standing Committee. Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Following members were present: W. H. McNeil, St. Joseph, Mo.; S. K. Barnes, Marceline, Mo.; H. E. Clark, Cheopta, Kans.; J. Straley, Nelson, Nebr.; B. J. Bishop, Wyndotte, Mich.; L. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr. Following members of Kansas City: M. O. Canfield, Frank Bescher, C. C. Breeze, Dr. Scott, W. S. Dodd, J. H. Heffer, M. H. Berger, R. R. Moore. Visitors: Michael, Söderstrum, Nelson, Madison, S. Baker, Peru, Mo.; Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Barnes and others.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Report of Committee on Credentials read. Motion carried that Secretary notify Mr. Wolsieffer that his request to be dropped from ticket came too late and that he was elected with but one dissenting vote. President's address read and received and ordered printed after exterminating personal advertising. Secretary's report read and received and ordered printed in official organ. Report of Sales Superintendent read and received and ordered published. Report of Exchange Superintendent read and ordered published. Mr Bescher requested to get financial statement of Treasurer and included in the Secretary's report.

Motion made to amend Art. 4 Sec 2. of constitution—add to after word "proxy" in last line:—"No member to have voice or vote in a convention unless in good strading." Adopted. Motion made to amend Act. 6, Sec. 3 11th line, after word association add: "Also an alphabetical list of members in good standing 30 days before meeting of convention to be forwarded to the Credentials Committee." Adopted.

Following suggestions made to Sales Superintendents: Section 2. Books be made up by member by countries in rotation as per album. Scott's Catalogue numbers to be added. Section 5. On 10 book circuit 7 days to be allowed and strict enforcement of fines for over time.

Secretary instructed to get out Year Book on or about the 1st of January of each year, to solicit and obtain it at a reasonable rate, Secretary to receive 33 1-3 per cent of all advertising; printing to be done by lowest and best bidder. Ar-

range membership both Alphabetically and Geographically by states.

Chairman of Trustees to be chairman of Recruiting Committee, he to appoint his assistants. That this association appropriate \$25.00 for this purpose and that donations be solicited. Adjourned until 10 a. m. Tuesday.

Social Session at 8 p. m. Monday and McNeil, Bescher, Scott, Baker, Clark and others showed many rare stamps and covers.

Meeting called to order at 11 a. m. Committee reported in reference to the yearly dues of the Association. The following amounts have been recommended: \$1.00, 50c, 35c, 25c, and according to Roberts' rules voting on lowest first, 25c and 35c were rejected and 50c for dues adopted and at the option of members to send direct for the official organ. As the Association has occasion for money, it is admissable that at some time the dues should be increased to provide sufficient funds for the work. The Secretary shall send to each member two forms—one in regard to his dues and one to be forwarded direct to the WEST for the official organ.

The following cities were mentioned as convention seat in 1911: Galveston, Tex., 83; Cleveland, O.; St. Louis, Mo.; Atlantic City, N. J.; Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati O.; Scranton, Pa., 62.

Add to Sec. I, Art. 4: The president to appoint a committee of three residents of convention city to receive and canvas ballots. Art. 5, Sec. 1, line 6: change word "two" to "three."

The following proxies were held: By Dodd 19, Brodstone 25, McNeil 18, Bescher 25, Straley 25, Canfield 25, Bergun 1, Scott 1, Goodhue 1, Powell 9.

The canvas of ballots resulted as follows: President, H. S. Powell 135, Henry Wendt 5, Scattering 10; Vice President, Henry Wendt 92, Chas. H. Nammack 49, Scattering 2; Secretary Treasurer, R. L. Doak 150, H. A. Fowler 1; Sales Superintendent, Chas. Roemer 148, Leon V. Cass 1; Auction Manager, Max F. Bier 140, P. M. Wolsieffer 3; International Secretary, Willis Nolan 149, H. S. Adair 1; Attorney, Frank D. Goodhue 89, H. A. Fowler 62; Information Bureau, L. G. Dorpat 102, Percy McG. Mann 47; Counterfeit Detector, P. M. Wolsieffer 128, Eben S. Martin 22; Purchasing Agent, H. M. Wichman 107, Iole Dione 40; Librarian, R. L. Allen 85, C. V. Webb 65; Fraud Investigation, H. A. Fowler 118, H. N. Haas 33. Trustees, M. O. Canfield, Frank Bescher, Jno. Straley of Kansas City, 40; Jack Ralston, H. L. Washburn of Houston, Tex., 30; Scattering and not legal and not voting, 59. Official Organ, Philatelic West 130, Philadelphia Stamp New 3, Scattering 6; Exchange Superintendent, August Mack 88, C. V. Webb 61.

We certify the above is correct.

L. Brodstone, Chm.

Committee.

Jno. Straley,

Frank Bescher.

On motion of Mr. Clark a resolution of thanks of the Association was hereby extended to the Secretary Mr. Doak, and Sales Supt. Roemer, and Ex. Supt. Ault, for their efficient and effective work though the year.

Adjourned, after which a photo was taken in front of P. O. building and a 40 mile auto ride over the city, Banquet and then viewed the P. of P. Parade.

See report of officers in next issue.

Wm. Straley, Sec., pro tem.

SECRETARYS' REPORT.—APPLICATIONS.

1. J. G. Grant, M. D., 19 South Forge St., Akron, Ohio, 49, Physician, Evans Brown. Proposed by Evans Brown.

2. R. W. St. Benno, Jr., 1531 N. California Ave., Chicago, Ill., 26, Physician, B. St. Benno A. Wachmann, Proposed by R. L. Doak.

3. S. H. Barnes, 4 Askew, Kansas City, Mo., 32, Traveling Salesman, M. O. Canfield, W. S. Dod; Proposed by M. O. Canfield.

4. M. R. Hondlette, Melrose Highlands, Mass., 38, Merchant, Walter F.

Littlefield. Proposed by August Mack.

5. Howard Eckweller, 2126—8th Ave., New York City, 39, Policeman. A. P. S. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

6. J. Clifford Safley, Tipton, Iowa, 16, H. Wendt, Clarence Safley. Proposed by H. Wendt.

7. John George Hindley, Derby Line, Vt., 28, Minister, A. A. Lamorey. R. W. Morey. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

8. Paul D. Peterson, Miller, S. Dak., 15, Stamp Dealer, Mrs. D. C. Peterson, F. E. Saltmarsh. Proposed by Rev. L. G. Dorpat.

9. H. E. Sargent, Grand Rapids, Mich., Legal Director of Science Museum, Donald W. Martin, C. V. Webb. Proposed by Donald W. Martin.

10. L. Harald Kjellstedt, 1026 Woodlawn Ave., Scranton, Pa., 46, Principal I.C.S., Merchants & Mechanics Bank, August Mack. Proposed by Aug. Mack.

11. F. R. Hayworth, 1559 N. Topeka Ave., Wichita, Kans., 28, Clerk, L. T. Brodstone. Proposed by L. T. Brodstone.

12. C. E. Randall, Box 39, Cedar Junction, Kansas, 26, Farmer, Mrs. J. D. Randall, S. D. Randall. Proposed by R. L. Doak.

13. Fred J. Martin, 26 So. Washington Ave., Saginaw, Mich., 24, Merchant, A. P. S., Charles E. Kelsey. Proposed by Chas. E. Kelsey.

14. J. H. Stewart, 217 North 4th St., Saginaw, Mich., 26, News Dealer, T. J. Martin. Proposed by Chas. E. Kelsey.

15. Charles D. Shaw, 127 S. Potter St., Saginaw, Mich., 34, Civil Engineer, Road Commissioner, Alphens Greer. Proposed by Chas. E. Kelsey.

16. Rob. W. Grant, 405 Thompson St., Saginaw, Mich., 21, Draftsman, F. J. Martin, Chas. E. Kelsey. Proposed by Chas. E. Kelsey.

17. Dan Auzini, Mountain View, Calif., Student., Ref. H. S. Powell.
The above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed with the Secretary prior to that time.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

George Wood from El Paso, Tex., to 90 Hamilton Place, Oakland, Calif.

Wm. P. Browne from 316 Fayette St., to 111 Billow St., Wollaston, Mass.

W. H. Wynne, from 7222 Zimbel St., to 1823 Palmer Ave., New Orleans, La.

Ralph M. Le'and from Hundred to R. D. 1, Weston, W. Va.

L. V. Cass, from New Milford, Pa., to 12 Seminary Ave., Binghamton, N. Y.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

95 books in circulation as per last month's report, value	\$1905.00	
27 books received since, value	325 08	\$2230.08
36 books retired during the month of which the amount of \$271.29		
or 27 1-10 per cent were sold		998.90
86 books in circulation, value		\$1231.18

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report	\$127.72	
1 per cent from retired books	9.99	137.71

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Supt.

BUSINESS OF SCRANTON BRANCH, SEPT 21.

Meeting called to order by Pres. McKee, 8:30 p.m. Minutes of last meeting also Treasurer's report read and approved. Recruiting Committee announced three prospective members, one being present. Mr. Mack held an auction, Mr. Peabody acting as clerk, Liberia bringing double catalog. Mr. Chas. Warren of Coconut Grove, Fla., announced he will reside in Scranton, thus making 12 members. A Stamp Exhibit was discussed and it was partly decided to wait till December. Refreshments were served by Mr. Peabody. Adjourned at 11:30.

Papers Room with Postage Stamps

Ten years ago C. H. Lawrence, a local wholesale grocer conceived a unique idea. Since that time he has been saving material for its accomplishment. For more than three months he has been at work with the material and today he has accomplished his plan made ten years ago.

With the determination which makes Rockefellers and Morgans, the El Paso man has been doing no more than accumulating cancelled postage stamps since the year 1900, and for the three months he has been pasting them on his bed room walls and ceiling at his home, 315 Cnihauhau street. And now he has, without question, the most unique slumber apartment in El Paso

There are fully 60,000 postage stamps used in covering a 13x16 foot ceiling and a border of a few inches in width. The walls of the room are covered with the grocer's returned checks of the Spanish war time, each check bearing a war stamp.

The ceiling is a study in mosaic. On a basis of red two cent stamps are found many figures, material for hours of study. There are two comets in green with '1910' marked between them; two rabbits and a rooster and a hen of one cent stamps and 'C. H. Lawrence, Wholesale Grocer, Trade Mark' worked in the same color. Also there are a number of stars of Mexican stamps and a side wall frieze of an scalloped design.

It is explained by the man with the strange penchant that the stamps were largely accumulated by himself, but that impatience caused him to purchase a quantity from small boys who ravaged waste paper boxes for a supply. Each stamp was soaked from its envelope and dried in manageable form. In the work Mr. Lawrence was assisted by his 13 year old daughter, who papered most of the checks on the walls of the room.

"Oh, no. I am not satisfied," said Mr. Lawrence after displaying his mottled bed room. "I am going to keep on saving and buying stamps to paper another room." —Galveston, Tex., Paper.

AN EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT.

One cannot always be buying stamps, and on those occasions when interest flags because funds are low, it is well to remember that a good deal of entertainment and instruction can be got out of such stamps as one already possesses. A heap of common U. S. A., for example, may be made to yield up the secret of the different kinds of paper of the issues of 1890, 1895, 1898, etc.; this is an accomplishment worth learning. After a few lessons a collector should be able to say whether the 4c. under review is of the issue of 1895 or 1898, and the same with other denominations. Watermarks, too, on these stamps, are worth learning to know at sight; also a good evening's entertainment can be gotten out of gathering as many shades as possible. Of the 2c there are quite a few shades, of the 4c there are three or four, and of the 6c, two or three, and these shades have a meaning, because different printing on different dates seems to have been made in different shades.

Pays \$340 for a penny. A Philadelphia numismatist paid \$340 for a one cent piece at an auction recently. The price according to dealers is the largest ever paid for a penny. Two hundred and seventy-five dollars is the biggest previous price which could be remembered. The coin was struck in the year 1793. It is of the 'liberty cap' variety. —From J. J. Prouty.

The International Congress of Esperantists at Washington, D. C.

The OUTLOOK says: "There has just been held at Washington, D. C., a congress quite unique in the history of America; for although there have been five other Esperanto Congresses in Europe, this one, the sixth, is no doubt the first to attract, to any great extent, the attention of Americans. It will probably bring to the notice of many, for the first time, the progress that has been made in the universal language, both abroad and at home. Our State Department, through its Ambassador and Ministers, invited the various Governments to participate in this Congress, thus giving the same Government recognition that was secured for the Fifth Congress, which was held at Barcelona, in 1909. In response to this invitation nine foreign countries sent official representatives, and delegates from thirty-seven different countries were in attendance. The Spanish Government not only sent a representative to Washington, but also one who will attend the American Commercial Congress, to be held in the City of Mexico, September 8. The formal opening was on August 15, at which Dr. Zamenhof, of Poland, the author of Esperanto, made the opening address. This neutral language is the result of more than thirty years of arduous labor,—eliminating, as far as possible, the difficulties of grammar, pronunciation, construction and orthography of the world's languages; the result being that today there is offered, its advocates contend, a medium of speech so simple in grammar, with a uniform pronunciation of all vowels and consonants, and a vocabulary so largely composed of words with Latin roots and words used in common by several nations, that it can be easily acquired in a short time. To a person already speaking two or three languages, a page of Esperanto, given to him for the first time, seems strangely familiar. Esperanto Clubs can now be found in most of the larger cities of the United States and in many towns. A knowledge of reading and writing the language can be easily acquired by means of the Correspondence School, whose examinations are given in both preliminary and advanced work. Many make the mistake to think that the advocates of Esperanto hope that in time it may supplant other languages. This is quite untrue. It is only claimed to be an auxiliary language, one easy to acquire and one which will give to all nations a means of direct communication, thus aiding commerce and the cause of peace. The Secretary of the American Federation of Labor was present at one of the conferences, and spoke of the advantage of the adoption of a universal language by the International Congress of Labor. The mornings were devoted to important discussions both in the general assembly and at the special sessions of the Congress committees, while the afternoons were spent in sightseeing either in the city itself or in excursions to the interesting points outside, Mount Vernon being the Mecca for all delegates, both foreign and American. The entertainments for the evening included a concert, lectures, a moonlight excursion on the Potomac, a reception, the presentation of prizes in the literary contest, an international ball, and the presentation of Shakespeare's "As you like it." This last and most interesting event was held out of doors, and the play was given by the "Hickman Players", who three weeks ago knew nothing of Esperanto. Even the rules for baseball were translated into this auxiliary language and given to the foreign delegates that they might better enjoy our National game. On Thursday they witnessed the game between Washington and Cleveland. One interesting feature of the convention was a service on Sunday in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the language of the entire service being exclusively Esperanto; another novel feature was the teaching of Esperanto to

a few policemen who were to be detailed for service during the visit of the Esperantists. Washington policemen are always courteous and most willing to give important information, but what could they do if questioned in some thirty or more languages and dialects? The experiment is said to have worked successfully. Everything was done to make this first American Congress a success, and the thousand or more delegates will long remember their welcome to the National capital. New Orleans has petitioned to have the Esperanto Congress of 1915 meet there, in conjunction with the celebration of the opening of the Panama Canal."

As this is an excellent report and most stamp collectors are interested in Esperanto, we think it will be welcome to our readers.

St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society



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Recruiting Committee	Diamant, Chairman

The regular fortnightly meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held in the North Room of the Cabanne Library on Tuesday evening, September 13th. Owing to the continued warm weather, the attendance was not up to our usual healthy standard, which we have reason to believe we will maintain and surpass during the season now about to commence.

The meeting was called to order at the usual time by President Bain, and in the absence of the Acting Secretary, the writer was designated to officiate in the onerous capacity of Secretary Pro Tem., the regular incumbent having sent notice to the meeting that he would be out of the city on his vacation. The old question of returning to a down-town meeting room, more accessible to a greater number of the members, was again discussed at this meeting, and it being the sense of the membership that such removal would benefit both the Society and its individual members Mr. Chester Myers was appointed a Committee of One to consider ways and means, and to report not later than next meeting.

The Entertainment Committee announced that subscriptions for the illustrated lecture are coming in nicely but slowly. The date for this event having been fixed for November 22nd, it is earnestly desired that members who will subscribe to the Lecture fund, see the Chairman of the entertainment committee at an early date, if they have not already done so. It is proposed to make this event a very creditable undertaking, and it is hoped that the Society will gain an appreciable quota of new members thereby, as it will be open to the public. The entertainment committee also has several features in prospect for the edification and enlightenment of its members. At this meeting President Bain donated to the Society a nice lot of Confederates on covers, as well as other stamps, to be used by the Committee as gratuitous prizes for contests and competitive exhibitions. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Bain for his generosity.

Several important matters are expected to come up at the next meeting, and a rousing attendance is especially desired.

Respectfully,
T. C. Mann, Sec. Pro Tem.

Collectors of British Colonials should note that the current threepenny stamp of Victoria which bears the head of Her late Majesty, has appeared in a new shade of orange yellow which amounts almost to a change of color.

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

New issue service; The 20 paras lottery stamps comes now light brown on white paper.

Alsace Lorraine a value of M. 12.—light blue Lohnsteuer.

Ecuador 25c. violet 1909—10, same design of 1897.

Brazil—It appears to me that all bands at the time of appearance about 1898 were on wk. paper, and these wk. must have been changed. On the Wine bands and other bands of 1908 the wk. reads: Casa da Moeda. Another wk reads Consumo Republica dos Estados Unidos do Brazil across the sheet.

The Forbin Catalog fails to give two old beer stamps of So. Australia: One Kilderkin tax 2sh 9d yellow cancel 12497. One Bastard Firkin tax 1sh, 7d violet cancel 19797.

Of Mexican Revenues I got nearly 700 different. Nearly all issues bear the date of year, so should present no difficulty on this score. Now the main divisions may be said to be: 1. Aduanas, all bear the word aduana and year. From 1885 to 96. All perforated, except a few 500 and 1000 pesos values.

2. Contribucion Federal. A New issue every year, but have been always imperforate and have the word "Federal" somewhere on the stamp.

3. Documentos y Libros, perforated, issued every year and has since 1883 the words: Mexico, Oficina del Gobierno in very fine type at bottom of stamp. These stamps come without talon.

4. Renta Interior are perforated stamps with a talon attached. The inscription: Mexico, Oficina del Gobierno is found on the talon, and not on the stamp proper. Remember this, and you will be always able to distinguish between documentos and renta interiors.

5. Merchandise, Metals, Public Instruction, Tobacco, are represented with different issues, and finally.—

6. All State issues, of which perhaps Durango and Jalisco are the most prominent.

Monaco, Montenegro, Monserratt, got a few revenues of each. I got a few late Natal but have never been able to pick up a few of the plain embossed issues of 1854-69. There are 4 values 1870-77 which are of the identical design of postage of 1859-60—1d yellow, 6d rose perf. 12½ and 1sh blue or brown violet perf.

14. They are revenues. Revenues of Nevis are hard to pick up. See if you have a friend there. Why Nicaragua neglected its revenue issues I do not understand. Perhaps it was too busy with its Seebeck postage and present surcharges. Norway I got nearly complete. It is a nice clean country—Pretty stamps and few issues.

Of New So. Wales beer stamps and first issue of 1865 Stamp Duty I am shy of, but the rest is nearly complete down to diff. perf. and papers. The issue 1868-82 can be divided: 1. Blued paper, perf. 12½, wm. 2. White paper, diff. perf., wm. 3. Bright violet center, diff. perf., wm. 4. Blurred impression, rough perf., wm. 5. Thick wove paper, no wk. Only a few values appear on the same.

New Zealand I pass over. It needs a special treatment

The early Orange Free State are colorless embossed stamps of various designs. The later issues have been surcharged B. W., V. R. I. and Ord 22 85. The King Edward design of 1903 is quite pretty but colors fade in water.

In my collection of many thousands is only one Paraguay. They are not listed high, just failed to find the party who has them.

A short time ago I picked up a copy of the O Collecçiona dor de Sellos, a paper published in Portuguese and German at S. Paulo, Brazil, as far back as August 1899 and it contains quite a list of reprints.

Gleanings from the Foreign Press

Mr. Nils Strandell, in the Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift furnishes a philatelic index for the year 1909, including European publications only, as follows:

Abbreviation	Name
A. S. S. M. C.	Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular.
B. B. Z.	Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung.
B. C.	Booleman's Confidentialia.
B. P.	British Philatelist.
Coll. T. P.	Collectionneur des Timbres-Poste.
D. B. Z.	Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung.
D. D. P.	Der Deutsche Philatelist.
D. S. Z.	Deutsche Stempel-Zeitung (Supplement to D. D. P.)
Echo T.	Echo de la Timbrologie.
E. W. S. N.	Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.
F. I. O. B.	Friedl's Illustriertes Briefmarken Offertenblatt.
F. P. B.	Friedemann's Philatelistische Berichte.
G. B.	Germania Berichte.
G. F.	Gazzetta del Filatelisti.
G. P. N. O.	Griebett's Philatelic Notes & Offers.
G. S. W.	Gibbons' Stamp Weekly.
I. B. J.	Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal.
I. Z. d. K.	Illustrierte Zeitschrift für deutsche Kolonialmarken kunde (Supplement to D. D. P.)
J. d. P.	Journal des Philatelistes.
K. M.	Kohl's Mitteilungen.
Le Post	Le Postillon.
L. P.	London Philatelist
M. F.	Madrid Filatelico.
N. F. T.	Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift.
N. P.	Nederlandsche Philatelist.
N. T. v. P.	Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde.
P. A.	Philatelic Adviser.
Phil.	Der Philatelist
P. J. G. B.	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.
Post	Die Post.
P. R.	Philatelic Record.
P. S.	Postage Stamp.
P. W.	Philatelic World.
P. Z.	Philatelic Zeitung.
Riv. F.	Rivista del Francobollo.
S. B. Z.	Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung.
S. C. F.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.
S. F. T.	Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift.
S. L.	Stamp Lover.
S. P. N.	Schweizerische Philatelistische Nachrichten.
T. P.	Timbre-Poste.
V. K. B.	Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt.
W. E. P.	West End Philatelist.
U. B. S.	Ungarischer Briefmarkensammler.
Abyssinia.	J. d. P. 27; P. S. IV. 195, 207, 219, 233.
Afghanistan.	G. S. W. IX. 78; reprints; G. S. W. IX. 290; falsifications:

S. C. F. XIV. 231, N. P. 161.

Egypt. P. S. III. 186; P. J. G. B. 164, 188, 232; Suez Canal; I. B. J. 3, T. P. 109; Official: Echo T. 52.

Argentine Republic. Riv. F. 5, 21, 79, 86, 104, 122, 139; G. S. W. X. 273.

Australian Commonwealth. L. P. 237.

Baden. Post 2, 18, 50; falsifications: V. K. B. 177.

Bahamas Islands. G. S. W. IX. 291.

Bavaria. Entires: Post 149, 182; falsifications: B. B. Z. 194.

Belgium. G. S. W. IX. 5, 21, 43, 52, 86, 101, 117, 204, 238, 254, 268, 297, 314, 331, 346, 381, 394, 407; X. 33, 84, 156, 322, 415; Echo T. 179, 737; P. S. IV. 46; S. C. F. XV. 193; issue of 1978: T. P. 31; G. P. N. O. 41; S. C. F. XV. 148; issue of 1893: P. S. IV. 57, 114; obliterations: Phil. 281; dues: Echo T. 361; T. P. 83; entires: Echo T. 651; falsifications: Le Post 392; S. P. N. 146; N. T. v. P. 209; N. F. T. 185; S. C. F. XV. 196.

Belgian Congo. G. S. W. IX. 126, 388; P. J. G. B. 25; E. W. S. N. 1721, 1725, 1749; Le Post. 30; D. B. Z. 7mJ. d. P. 43; I. B. J. 189m N. T. v. P. 64; T. P. 71.

Bergedorf. Obliterations: D. B. Z. 61.

Bhopal. G. S. W. IX. 77.

Bhore. P. S. III. 175.

Bosnia. N. T. v. P. 65; K. M. 42; issue of 1906: P. J. G. B. 69; dues: L. P. 179; falsifications: P. Z. 35; V. K. B. 12; K. M. No. 2 | 14; N. E. T. 58.

Brazil. Official: I. B. J. 137.

Brunswick. Post 146, 162, 178.

Bremen. Falsifications: D. D. P. 132

British Bechuanaland. G. S. W. X. 350; falsifications: S. F. T. 12.

British Central Africa. G. S. W. X. 399; falsifications: S. C. F. XIV. 261; Le Post 82; N. F. T. 57, 62; N. T. v. P. 115.

British Columbia. falsifications: S. C. F. XIV. 235.

British Guiana. Issue of 1888: G. S. W. IX. 115; T. P. 50; P. W. I. 53.

British Honduras. S. C. F. XV. 139, 155, 165, 173, 183, 190.

British New Guinea. P. S. IV. 71; V. 88.

British East Africa. G. S. W. X. 518; falsifications: S. C. F. XIV. 261; Le Post 82; N. F. T. 62; N. T. v. P. 116.

British Solomon Islands. S. L. II. 26, 42; S. C. F. XV. 87, 93, 102, 110, 121, 131; G. S. W. X. 544.

Br. South Africa Co. (Rhodesia). L. P. 12, 71, 99, 189; P. A. 103, 116, 124, 134, 146; issue of 1896: P. S. III. 192; issue of 1909: E. W. S. N. 1773, 1805.

Bulgaria. W. E. P. VI. 12, 27, 42, 59, 72, 90, 102, 119, 135, 158; falsifications: Le Post 198; N. F. T. 92.

Cayman Islands. E. W. S. N. 1705, 1721, 1729; P. S. III. 222, 235; G. S. W. IX. 225, 282; S. C. F. XV. 54; P. J. G. B. 126; falsifications: Le Post 229; N. F. T. 93.

Charkhari. G. S. W. IX. 77.

Chile. P. J. G. B. 81, 102, 123, 140, 180, 213, 236, 263; G. S. W. IX. 316, 335, 351; T. P. 84, 97, 104, 111, 125; falsifications: Phil. 280.

China. K. M. No. 2 | 5, 59; A. S. S. M. C. 1, 9; G. S. W. IX. 156, 491.

Cochin Chna. V. K. B. 10, K. M. 37.

Colombian Republic. Issue of 1883: P. R. 9, 23.

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Curacao. N. T. v. P. 6, 164; essays: B. B. Z. 33.

- Cyprus. Obliterations: S. B. Z. 50.
- Denmark. N. F. T. 21, 41; issue of 1907: D. B. Z. 94; official: N. F. T. 22; entires: G. S. W. IX. 129; N. F. T. 69, 85, 101, 117; railway: P. Z. 45, 63, 75; private: P. Z. 30, 44.
- Danish West Indies. G. S. W. IX. 279, 423; X. 77, 173, 269.
- German Colonies in general. D. D. P. 5; J. d. P. 25, 46, 62, 78, 139; G. B. 53, 98, 127; reprints: P. R. 65; falsifications: F. P. B. 394, 468.
- German New Guinea. F. P. B. 369, 465, 469; obliterations: F. P. B. 329, 345, 347, 365, 451; Post 64, 191; I. Z. d. K. 87, 90, 98, 100.
- German East Africa. F. P. B. 465; obliterations: Post 15, 31, 48, 63, 79, 111, 143, 160, 175, 191; F. P. B. 329, 374, 365, 413, 431, 440, 465; I. Z. d. K. 83, 86, 88, 90, 96, 98, 100.
- German South West Africa. B. B. Z. 106; J. d. P. 62, 81; obliterations: Post 15, 31, 48, 63, 80, 95, 111, 143, 159, 175, 190; F. P. B. 330, 347, 365, 393, 413, 429, 447, 466; I. Z. d. K. 83, 84, 85, 88, 90, 94, 96, 98, 100; reprints: B. B. Z. 127; F. P. B. 346.
- Germany Empire. T. P. 47; issue of 1901: G. B. 59; issue of 1902: S. B. Z. 9; D. D. P. 111; perforations: D. D. P. 127, 133; essays: F. P. B. 332, 350, 370, 389, 405; G. B. 98; colonial obliterations: I. B. J. 26, 37, 61, 90, 133, 186, 205, 281, 301, 325, 395, 527; Le Post 104, 158, 230, 279, 326, 246, 276, 442, 490, 520; dues: P. Z. 150; railway stamps: G. B. 38; falsifications: V. K. B. 2; F. P. B. 428; Phil. 280; K. M. 105.
- Diego Suarez. Falsifications: Le Post 64; Echo T. 97.
- Dominica. P. S. IV. 124, 149, 171, 183.
- German Offices in China. Tsingtau F. P. B. 326; K. M. 40; I. B. J. 339; Futschau F. P. B. 328; In general F. P. B. 347, 461; I. Z. d. K. 85, 100; P. Z. 60; obliterations: F. P. B. 329, 331, 365, 391, 429; I. Z. d. K. 84, 87, 93, 96; falsifications: F. P. B. 424, 452.
- German Offices in Morocco. F. P. B. 348; obliterations: F. P. B. 330; I. Z. d. K. 84, 88.
- German Offices in Turkey. Issue of 1889: F. P. B. 431; issue of 1906: F. P. B. 395, 445; essays: I. B. J. 268; obliterations: Post 14, 111, 143, 175m; I. Z. d. K. 94, 98, 100; F. P. B. 467; falsifications: F. P. B. 334, 368.
- Equador. P. A. 3, 17.
- Ivory Coast. Falsifications: Le Post 198, 230; Echo T. 332; N. F. T. 93.
- Alsace and Lorraine. K. M. No. 2 | 11, 38; P. W. I. 107.
- Falkland Islands. W. E. P. V. 177; G. S. W. IX. 76; P. J. G. B. 33; P. A. 27; Post 21, 36, 55, 70, 84 O. \$. 8'. 15.
- Fernando Po. Falsifications: S. F. T. 96.
- Fiji Islands. G. S. W. IX. 214; E. W. S. N. 1809, 1813; A. S. S. M. C. 25.
- Finland. Perforations: S. F. T. 24; obliterations: B. B. Z. 419; N. F. T. 155; V. K. B. 157; Le Post 296; entires: B. B. Z. 7, 30, 52; railway stamps: P. Z. 128; falsifications: F. I. B. O. 467; S. B. Z. 22; Le Post 130; N. F. T. 44, 57; I. B. J. 268.
- Formosa. P. S. III. 273.
- France. B. B. Z. 185; Coll. T. P. 173; issue of 1849: Echo T. 217, 733; D. B. Z. 94; Le Post 117, 220, 268; issue of 162 | 70; Coll. T. P. 332; P. W. II. 38; issue of 1870: P. Z. 4; Echo T. 7; S. L. II. 131; dues: T. P. 133; P. W. II. 28; post strike stamp K. M. 96; perforations: S. F. T. 24; T. P. 34; Coll. T. P. 97; Le Post 156; P. S. IV. 62; M. R. H. P. S. II. 64, 143; obliterations: Le Post 18, 44, 68, 92, 115, 138, 164, 188, 212, 237, 259, 283, 308, 331, 355, 379, 403, 428, 451, 477, 501, 522; J. d. P. 40; Franks: Coll. T. P. 47; essays: P. J. G. B. 14; entires: D. B. Z. 51; falsifications: Le Post 82; N. T. v. P. 116; G. B. 135; P. S. V. 153.

Echo T. 79; L. P. 179.

French Offices in North and Central China. Dues: K. M. 81.

French Offices in Crete. Falsifications: N. F. T. 160.

French Offices in Turkey. Issue of 1890-91: J. d. P. 30.

French Farther India—Offices in South China. Echo T. 2; Le Post 40, 58; falsifications: Le Post 82; N. T. v. P. 48; N. F. T. 62.

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French Somali Coast. Falsifications: Le Post 273; B. B. Z. 312.

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Gambia. P. S. IV. 54, 142; G. S. W. IX. 432, 599.

Gibraltar. G. S. W. IX. 33, 49; G. B. 33.

Gold Coast. P. S. III. 185; W. E. P. VI. 97; 115, 130, 145.

Grenada. G. S. W. IX. 97, 113, 199, 232; P. S. III. 233.

Greece. G. S. W. IX. 1, 17; Riv. F. 8, 2338, 7178, 91, 109, 125, 141; T. P. 73, 121; P. J. G. B. 101; Echo T. 613; obliterations: G. S. W. IX. 241, 387; S. B. Z. 72; P. Z. 125; I. B. J. 533; falsifications: S. C. F. XIV. 247; P. Z. 16; V. K. B. 12, 21; T. B. 23; Le Post 199; N. F. T. 93.

Griqualand. G. S. W. IX. 81.

Great Britain. T. P. 76; S. C. F. XV. 141; G. S. W. IX. 133, 267, 287; X. 13, 111, 229, 279, 324, 512, 560; L. P. 65; B. P. II. 1, 9, 17, 25, 33, 41, 49, 57, 85; line engraved: S. L. I. 214, 239; G. S. W. IX. 12; X. 86, 536; B. P. I. 89; A. S. S. M. C. 61; issue of 1847-54: K. M. No. 2 | 14; issue of 1862: B. P. I. 91; issue of 1881: B. P. I. 91; obliterations: E. W. S. N. 1721; G. S. W. supplement IX. 1, 9, 17, 25, 33, 41, 49, 57, 65, 81, 97, 113; X. 131, 145, 161, 177; G. S. W. X. 541, 591, 621; colonial obliterations "used abroad": G. S. W. IX. 42, 109; B. P. I. 101; II. 4; essays: L. P. 92; entires: B. P. I. 92; E. W. S. N. 1785, 1817; P. R. 179, 204, 228; railway stamps: E. W. S. N. 1721; telephone stamps: P. R. 125; falsifications: V. K. B. 12, 53; S. F. T. 13, 113; S. C. F. XIV. 261; XV. 5; B. P. I. 98; II. 12, 65, 73; P. Z. L. 68; N. F. T. 47, 76, 93; P. S. IV. 100.

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Hayti. S. L. I. 206, 234, 256, 285, 304; issue of 1904: Echo T. 735; falsifications: N. T. v. P. 52.

Hamburg. G. S. W. X. 225, 275; falsifications: D. D. P. 112.

Hanover. B. B. Z. 5, 79, 98, 134, 158, 190, 218, 240, 265, 285, 327, 353, 378; G. S. W. X. 320, 365; certificates: D. D. P. 11, 30, 43, 54, 94, 106, 115, 136; obliterations: D. S. Z. 67.

Hawaii. B. B. Z. 104, 132, 257, 377, 473; P. Z. 58; D. D. P. 38; P. S. IV, 98, 112; G. S. W. X. 461, 557, 586, 615; reprints: G. S. W. X. 372.

Heligoland. P. A. 41, 48, 67; issue of 1973: D. B. Z. 30; P. Z. 48; falsifications: S. C. F. XIV. 229; Post 29.

Honduras. Issue of 1878: P. A. 151; falsifications: Echo T. 294; Le Post, 172; V. K. B. 53; T. P. 67; N. F. T. 76; D. D. P. 90.

Hong Kong. Obliterations: W. E. P. V. 195.

(To be continued.)

NOTE: Mr. Strandell is working on a similar index for the present year, in which he includes the philatelic journals of the extra-European countries also, so that it will really be an index of the philatelic literature of the world for 1910. On account of the translation, the alphabetical order is in a few instances broken, but this can easily be remedied after all is published and translated.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



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

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683. "Would the WEST print an article treating of Post Marks? Most likely it would. The interest taken in post marks seems to be growing among collectors, and rightly so because post marks are of some historical value and can in many cases be had for the asking. Any article that will help collectors to greater enjoyment of collecting should be welcome, provided it is written in such a style that it will attain its object. Good articles are rather scarce anyhow.

661 and 666. Post Marks. Mr Harold Hollinger, 1032 Oakland Ave., Detroit, Mich, (A. P. S. No. 3023) writes: "I am an ardent post mark collector and am very anxious to become acquainted with others also interested. Have corresponded with but one other post mark collector, Mr. H. K. Thompson of Boston, Mass. I would very much like to start a post mark society if enough collectors could be got together. I have a collection of over 8,200 different post office marks. I for one, wish that a list of names of such collectors would be published in The WEST. It would bring out many that are now not known of, and also encourage others to take up the fad." So then we have two addresses to start the list, and if others will take notice and write to me or to Mr. Hollinger we may in a couple of months have a society started, and the change of duplicates may be under way even before that.

634. What is the character and value of a current 2c U. S. stamped envelope in which the color of the stamp shows on both sides of the paper? This is an oddity caused by the envelope machine working empty, i. e., by running without any paper in it. Because there is no paper to take up the color, this is deposited on the bed plate, and the first sheet of paper that afterwards comes into the machine receives color from both sides until the color is worn off the bed plate this goes on, turning out stamps that show color on the back. As with other oddities that are not catalogued it is with this also, there is no fixed value or market price. Double face value ought to buy things of this kind. Sometimes they can be had for face value. In a well arranged collection of oddities the value might rise somewhat higher.

685. How can one distinguish the lithographed issue of Guatemala, 1886 from the engraved issue of 1887? There is some difference in the shade of the colors. The lithographed stamps appear more flat, while the engraved stamps are richer in color. This is especially evident in the figure of value. The background in the center, at the left of the bird and scroll, is formed of crossed lines in the engraved stamps, while in the lithographed stamps the background in this place is usually more or less blurred or solid. These marks together with a general knowledge of the difference between a lithograph and an engraving ought to be enough to enable one to make the distinction. It is however remarkable how very near these two issues resemble each other. Some of the clearest prints in lithograph are hard to distinguish from the poorer engraved stamps, but by careful comparison one may learn to keep them apart easily. A good plan is to take one of the surcharges of 1886, an centavo on 2c, which are all made on the lithographed stock, and one of the late 2c brown, which are quite common and easily gotten, and to compare them. From what one learns by the

comparison of these two one may learn to make headway with the other values.

686. Is there any special value to partly perforated U. S. stamps? Yes, there is. Some of the U. S. Revenue stamps were so issued and they are now so catalogued and bring special prices. In respect to partly perforated U.S. postage stamps we have no catalog quotations yet, but who can say that we shall never have them? They are of three kinds. One kind is produced by the accidental missing of a perforation between two stamps or two rows of stamps. The most desirable form in which these are to be collected is that of unsevered pairs or blocks, imperforate between. The other kind is produced by the cutting apart of large sheets of 200 to 400 stamps into so called post office sheets of 100 each. If a sheet of 20 be cut in half, there will be 20 stamps with one imperforate or straight side. If a sheet of 400 be cut into quarters of 100 each, there will be 72 stamps with one straight side and 4 stamps with two straight sides each. These are at present sold considerably cheaper than those perforated on all four sides. The same applies to the stamps contained in the little stamp books sold by the post office. These are cut so that each little sheet contains 6 stamps, 4 of which are imperforate on one side and two imperforate on two sides, while none of them are perforated on all four sides. If one wants to collect these, it seems best to collect them in sheets (or leaves) of 6 with margins. The third kind is produced by cutting up large sheets (mostly of 400 stamps each) into strips for use in the stamp vending machines. These are always imperforate on opposite sides horizontally or vertically. The perforation between the stamps, also horizontally or vertically, may be either the regular government perforation, or it may be one of the several private perforations made by or for the vending machine companies. These so-called "machine perforations," called so because they are made for use in the vending machines, are sold at higher prices than the regularly perforated stamps. As far as I know, the last kind is found in the last two issues only, that is since 1902. In a specialized collection of U. S. stamps it seems that all three kinds should be shown wherever they exist, just as well as imperforate blocks. The prices seem apt to fluctuate yet for some time.

687. Can any of our readers give any information about the following two stamps? 5 cents blue $18\frac{1}{2} \times 21\frac{1}{2}$ mm. on white paper imperforate. In the center there is a flag on a pole with two cords and tassels on a solid colored background in an oval. Around the oval, separated from it by two white lines, the inner one very thin, is a colored band inscribed RICHMOND POSTAGE above and 5 CENTS below. The four spandrels are filled by lattice work of thin white lines on blue back ground. The flag has in the upper corner a square field horizontally lined, with five stars. To the right of this field are two stripes, one white, the other vertically lined and below the field with the stars and the white stripe there is another horizontal stripe running the whole length of the flag, also vertically lined. The other stamp is printed in dark carmine on yellow, imperforate. In the center is a similar flag as on the other stamp, only there are no cords, no tassels and the field with the stars is solid. There are 8 stars, one large one in the middle and 7 smaller ones arranged in a circle around it. The flag is on a horizontally lined background. Around this, separated by one colored and one colorless line, is an oval band with the inscription C. S. of A. POSTAGE above and TEN CENTS below. In each of the upper corners is a circular disc with the figures 10. The rest of the stamp is taken up by ornaments which partly enter the band with the inscription. The whole stamp measured 21×35 mm. Both stamps seem to be lithographed and are gummed with a thin transparent gum. I am inclined to consider them a product of private playfulness, but would like to hear what others know or think.



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Sept. 24—Percy G. Coane's 34th Sale, U. S. and Foreign, New York.

Oct. 1st—Hussman St. Co, 8th Sale, U. S. and Foreign, Proofs—St. Louis.

" " Geo. R. Tuttle, 162d Sale, U. S. and Foreign, Revs. Envs.—New York.

" " H. M. Clark 9th Sale U. S. and Foreign, Rev. Proofs—Chicago.

Oct. 5th—Western St. Co, 46th Sale, U. S. and Foreign, Revs,—Omaha.

" " 7th Collectors' Club, 18th Sale, U. S. and Foreign Envs, Cut—New York.

Most of these auctions comprise some very fine stamps.

From the Economist St. Co. New York, we have a pretty little catalog of U. S. stamps, the prices of which seem quite reasonable. In the back is a long list of U. S. and Foreign packets. The Catalog may be had free.

Mr. Frederick Guthrie of Glasgow, Scotland, has favored us with his new list of used stamps that all bear the portrait of King Edward VII. The prices range from 1 penny to \$18.50.

The Philatelic Gazette is a new paper published by the Philatelic Publishing Co. 90 Nassau Str., New York, of which Mr. V. M. Berthold is the president and Mr. Wm. W. Randall is the Sec'y Treasurer. The latter gentleman is also editor of the Gazette. This in its No. 1 is a very creditable production and promises to become one of the leading journals in our country. It is devoted to all kinds of stamps, postage adhesives, envelopes, revenues, etc. It goes into detail and makes a feature of U.S. envelopes. From it we learn that the 4th edition of Bartel's U. S. Envelope Catalog is in press and will appear Oct, 15th. Price \$3.00. This price seems a little high, but if we consider the excellence of former editions we cannot but conclude that the book is worth it. No collector of entire U. S. envelopes should be without it. The Ph. Gazette has some advances in the prices for U. S. envelopes and says, "The long deferred boom in U. S. envelopes is about at hand." It states that Mr. Geo. H. Worthington of Cleveland contemplates displaying his magnificent envelope collection in a special room of the new Academy of Fine Arts in Cleveland, which is being constructed at an expense of one million dollars. This doubtless will help to boom envelopes.

The Star Magazine, which was the successor to and heir of Philatelic Flash-es, has now been consolidated with ADVICE, a large folio paper of 16 pages, coming from Chicago. There is only about one column in the number before us devoted to stamps, in which Mr. J. Clifford Safley treats of the U. S. Envelopes of 1899. This looks like another indication of a boom in U. S. envelopes, and we think, indeed, the envelopes deserve more attention than they have received for some time.

Redfield's Weekly reprints an excellent article from Dr. Holt's in Everybody's Philatelist, headed 'Stamp Collecting a Boon to Invalids and Shut ins.' We have a special liking for Dr. Holt's articles, as he seems to be a philatelist of the purest water, considering stamps not so much as a means by which money may

be gained, as rather a means of enjoyment or a useful and pleasant pastime.

Mr. L. G. Quackenbush, the editor of Redfield's Weekly, takes up the subject of brightening the dreary life of invalids by making them acquainted with the pleasures of stamp collecting, by presenting to them parcels of stamps, albums, etc., by remembering them especially at Christmas time and by trying to interest others in this direction now. He in this wise takes up Dr. Holt's idea and starts at once carrying it out. We are quite in sympathy with this movement and offer to do our mite in furthering philatelic charity. If any of our readers have suggestions to make in this line, if they have any stamps or albums to give away to invalids without knowing any invalids to whom they might give them, or if they know of any invalids who might be benefitted, we should like to hear from them and shall deem it a pleasant privilege to mediate between between invalids and donors. The best way, as Dr. Holt suggests, is that one should personally show sympathy and give help to any invalid that one may know or be able to find. When personal interest, kindness and sympathy is added to the gift of stamps, it makes the gift much more valuable than it would be when sent in a cold, impersonal manner. Personal tact and caution are, of course, in place here as well as in any case of dealing with invalids or beneficiaries.

From The Philadelphia Stamp News we take the following: "The set of the Guy Ter-centenary set for Newfoundland has been received. Official announcement says the new series have been issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the earliest settlement in the British Empire, made in Conception Bay, New Foundland, June 1610. Eleven stamps as follows: 1 cent, King James, who granted charter to Guy; 2 cents, Arms of the London & Bristol Co. for colonizing Newfoundland; 3 cents, John Guy, who established first colony; 4 cents Guy's ship, "The Endeavor"; 5 cents, View of Cupids; 6 cents, Lord Bacon, guiding spirit in colonization scheme; 8 cents, View of Mosquito; 9 cents, Logging Camp, Red Indian Lake; 10 cents, Paper Mills, Grand Falls; 12 cents, King Edward VII.; 15 cents King George V. They were made by Whitehead Morris & Co., London. The likeness of King George is very good. Objection has already been made to the 9 and 10 cents values, as they are no appropriate, and rumors say they will be withdrawn. The commemorative set will be on sale until superseded by regular issue bearing George V head, which is being printed by Whitehead, Morris & Co.

The same paper says that 5 million of the 10 cents postal savings stamps have been completed to date of August 29. They have been printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Cards large enough to hold 9 of the stamps will be sold at 10 cents each, thereby making a filled card worth \$1.00. These 10 cents stamps are, of course, different from the official 2 cents stamps which are to be used on official correspondence relating to the postal savings business.

Albert Friedemann's Philatelistische Berichte illustrates a counterfeit of the 10pf Deutsches Reich by which Alexander Haase and Karl Uckermann, who each got six months for, defrauding the German post. The counterfeit is a very exact copy of the original, and pronounced so by the manager of the Imperial Printery. The perforation is probably the best distinguishing mark, as it is coarse and rough. If it was not for that, it might be very difficult to distinguish between the original and the counterfeit. Large quantities are said to have been brought in circulation.

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Berne International Stamp Exhibition

(Continued from last issue.)

They were honoured to be able to count among the exhibitors at the Berne International Philatelic Exhibition his Majesty the King of Great Britain and Ireland, who as Sovereign had deigned to continue his gracious interest in matters philatelic that he had long given as Prince of Wales.

There are upward of two hundred different exhibits. In a space of little over two square metres are displayed the stamps of Nevis, which have been lent by King George. It is not a large collection even for this small colony, but the few items contained in it are of the choicest description. There are proof sheets of all four values of the earliest engraved stamps of Nevis. Each sheet comprises twelve stamps. The King's proofs are in trial colors, the penny in green (the color ultimately adopted for the shilling, the fourpence in blue, the sixpence in orange, and the shilling in lilac-rose.

Of the stamps issued in 1861 printed from the engraved plates, there are two re-constructed sheets of the penny dull rose, unused; of the fourpence rose there is a re-constructed sheet unused, and another of used copies. Of the sixpence grey-lilac there is an unsevered sheet from which only the margins have been removed, and a re-constructed sheet of unused copies. The shilling is represented by two re-constructed sheets, one being made up of unused and the other of used stamps.

Of the stamps perforated, fourteen-and-a-half, and printed from the engraved plates, the penny red is represented by one re-constructed sheet (unused), the fourpence orange by two re-constructed sheets (one of unused and the other of used copies) and the shilling green by a re-constructed sheet of used stamps.

The lithographs (perforated fifteen) include two unbroken sheets of the penny red shades, a magnificent unsevered sheet of the sixpence grey, which only lacks the outer marginal paper, and an unbroken sheet of the shilling in each of the two shades pale green and deep green. Stamp No. 9 on the pale green sheet shows the "cross on hill" variety, and the deep green sheet shows the variety with the cross removed.

The King of England's exhibit is framed with flags, and is attracting a great deal of interest. It is the first exhibit the visitors inquire after.

It is noteworthy that here, as in Amsterdam last year, the finest exhibits are those from collectors outside the country under whose flag the exhibition is being held. At Amsterdam the best collections of Dutch stamps came from England. Here there are two very notable collections of Swiss stamps, both of them from London collectors.

H. J. Duveen shows a grand array of Swiss rarities. On his first page is the unique part-sheet of the dove stamp of Basle. This is a rarity as a single stamp, but in a part-sheet of fifteen of these stamps, with the margins on three sides of the block, it is unapproachable by the exhibits of other collectors here. The rare double Geneva stamp is also represented by a large block of six whole stamps and three halves. This stamp issued in 1843 was the first trial of a scheme which has been suggested frequently in recent years of making a penny stamp divisible into two halfpenny stamps. The "double Geneva" stamp is composed of two parts, each of which was valid for 5 centimes postal duty, the whole stamp being for the 10 centimes duty.

The "large eagle" stamp of Geneva is represented in Mr. Duveen's collection by an unapproachable part sheet of twenty stamps, which part sheet came from the collection of the late Sir William Ivery. Bt., along with the wonderful

block of "double Geneva" stamps. The unique part sheet of Basle doves was discovered in Switzerland quite recently, in romantic circumstances. Mr. Duveen's specimens of the Stamps of Zurich outvie all the other collections of the stamps of this canton, and altogether I consider that this exhibitor's collection of Swiss stamps approaches very nearly in importance to the famous collection of Swiss formed by the late millionaire banker, Mr. Mirabaud, of Paris, which collection realised about \$40,000 after the owner's death.

Victor Beaujeux, also of London, presents a carefully studied and extensive collection of Swiss stamps, and while he has not the number of rarities presented in the Duveen collection, the philatelic work he has achieved will no doubt be taken into consideration in the awards. He has for the first time succeeded in reconstructing a plate of unused copies of the forty types of the Rayon I. pale blue of April 1851. The re-construction has been effected by blocks, pairs and strips.

The jury commenced its work on September 3rd.

One of the peculiarities which happens to be common to collectors, is the desire to purchase stamps temporarily out of market. Papua is a case of this sort, young and old, rich and poor, all seem possessed with the idea that they must have a complete set of these stamps. Differences in perforation that go unnoticed in the stamps of other countries is of prime importance here, while stamps printed on paper bearing the watermark sideways are striven after as if the salvation of the amateur depended on their acquisition. Stamps of their own country with inverted watermarks are frowned down, and the few who retain them in their collections are looked upon as childish triflers. The inevitable result will be a big drop in the price of Papua and those who sell before the drop comes will condescendingly inform their late confederates that they always get out of a crowd. The advice is good. Select your own country and go it alone. A fine specialized collection is always a valuable asset, but if every one has the same goods to sell there is no market. A set of Salvadors or Nicaraguas will be a far better investment in two years than a complete set of Papua. One glance at the map with statistics of the island must show anyone that they can be of very little use for postage stamps, therefore a small supply will last a very long time, and if they do not it is because the dealers have bought them all up. If every dealer is stocked and collectors have full sets there can be no advance in price during the life of the present generation. If you must speculate pick your own subject and keep quiet until your book is full and all the remainders are used up. Then you will have something worth bragging about.—Metropolitan Philatelist.

HOW TO COLLECT NEW ISSUES.

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Some Curious and Interesting Postmarks

By W. H. C. of Liverpool

Since my last issued list of Electric postmarks Cheltenham in Gloucestershire, England, has joined the ranks, and I also find a new variety has been brought into use for the London, E. C. office. It is three inches by one inch, made up of five wavy lines, and the earliest,—or should I say, oldest date in my possession is for August 21, 1910

Last month I received a letter from Sierra Leone, bearing penny red British stamp, and although it was posted for a certainty in Sierra Leone, it was cancelled by electric postmark one inch to three, with six parallel lines PLYMOUTH PACQUEBOT, on July 12, 1910, the said Plymouth being in England, a rather peculiar proceeding. Little Rock, Arkansas, and Silver Creek, N. Y., I should imagine, are somewhat small out of the way places, probably boasting a united population of twenty or thirty thousand people, but they are well up in postmarking matters, and send me capital electric varieties—in fact about the finest I have seen, and I have seen many. I can assure my readers. Eight parallel lines are divided or pierced, as the printers say, by the insertion of a double line diamond about seven eighths taper, with a very fine pointed star as a centerpiece, and the usual circular issuing obliteration to left. The effect, as you Americans say, is great, and I should like to see more of these designs from other places if any are known to WEST readers and subscribers, so who can help? Please try. Editor has my address.

On looking through a quantity of Indian Bill or Revenue stamps, and what fine stamps they are, I find numbers of them cancelled with a very fine engine turned device, about the size of our British five shilling piece, and wording—Stamp Office, Lahore, picked out in white on a very fine black background. The date, year &c., being similarly treated, and as a cancelling device they are excellent, and have no equal I must admit as a stamp destroyer.

New Haven, Conn., U. S. A. sends me a letter somewhat delayed in delivery after a long journey and advertises the fact with a postmark on front of a most truthful order that the train was late and mail delayed, and from far away Denmark I receive a small ring type design and very large letters HORS-ENS.

The great Japanese-British exhibition at London is well to the front in postal matters, for all matters posted in the undertaking is treated to a special cancelling device about one inch in diameter, concentric circle, and Japan-British exhibition between circles with time and day of posting in centre. If the collecting of postage stamps is credited with improving one's knowledge of geography and no doubt it does, what must we say in favor of postmark collecting with its hundreds of thousands of places, names and peoples, to say nothing of unlimited design, location and demand. The Queen Victoria and King Edward Electric crown varieties are now obsolete and really good specimens full design are getting somewhat scarce.

(To be Continued.)

It is exactly half a century since Sicily shook off the chains of what was perhaps the worst government that ever existed, and the fact has been commemorated by the issue in the island of a pair of stamps, a 5 Centesimi deep green, and a 10 Centesimi rose red. Beneath the portrait of the great deliverer, Garibaldi, the designer has added the curious arms of Sicily, three legs joined together which recall the shield of the Isle of Man. We do not welcome commemoratives but we make an exception in favor of these. They are worthy of the occasion.

The Postal Scandal in Chile

Scott's Circular says about "The Postal Scandal in Chile": "We have just received from a friend several Chilean daily newspapers of the last part of July, which throw considerable light upon the speculative operations in Chilean stamps to which we have referred in recent numbers of the Circular. To translate and publish all the matter would require a good sized volume, and even to print the alleged facts as baldly as the newspapers give them would probably involve us in one or two libel suits, but the case in brief, as far as it is printable, appears to be as follows: Passing lightly the fact that various errors of the 1901-93 surcharges seem to have existed in infinite quantities and to have been obtainable from officials long after they were supposed to be destroyed, we are brought to the fact that several years ago a "stamp collecting gentleman" who appears to possess what in vulgar Americanism would be termed considerable of a "pull," got himself appointed to the department of Marine. As an official there, he possessed certain franking privileges. Utilizing these privileges and his position, he proceeded to manufacture and place on the philatelic market the so-called official stamps of 1907, large oblong labels whose philatelic interest is that of many other official "franks," used in various countries, including the penalty envelopes of the U. S. Recognizing the status of these at the time of their issue, we declined to list them in the Scott Catalog. The gentleman next produced the official stamps which our present Catalog does list—the current set of that time surcharged with anchor. These have been supposed to be very rare, and have been sold by those who were willing to handle them, at high prices. According to "EL DIARIO" of July 24, 1910, these stamps were, ostensibly, intended for foreign postage, but the Postmaster General refused to recognize them, and the Government ordered them destroyed. Despite this order, a quantity of them is known to have changed hands the present year,—and how many are yet to be had is still a question. The matter of the 12 cents and 1 peso stamps of the current set has added to the postal grievances of the Chilean public. These stamps, altho printed with the remainder of the set, have for some time been unobtainable in the ordinary way, but could be purchased from officials at several times face. There was known to be a large quantity of each in the treasury and the public sentiment became aroused. Enter again the gentleman with the pull. This time, we are told, he got himself appointed or transferred, to the Department of Justice, and there he had a truly brilliant inspiration. He decreed a new issue of stamps for the island of Juan Fernandez, transformed, for the occasion, into a penal colony, and this new issue was made by surcharging the stock on hand of the 12c and 1 peso stamps. Two birds with one stone! The speculation in these two values was protected, and a new set was created, which properly handled, might make further large profits. But here the Vice-President stepped in, President Moreno being abroad on the trip which ended with his death, and ordered the penal colony stamps suppressed, together with the outrageous "Jubilee" set proposed to be made by surcharging reprints of the 20c of 1854. The penal stamps are, however, reverted as placed in use at Juan Fernandez, so the conspiracy appears to have been nipped a trifle late, but philatelists may be grateful at least for the attempt at a purification. The obvious conclusion appears to be that (1) the Marine franks, and stamps surcharged with Anchor will not be accepted by collectors of legitimate postage stamps; (2) the status of the Juan Fernandez stamps is extremely doubtful, as, even if they were placed in use, there is a grave question whether they were legally authorized."



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

This is certainly a Jubilee year. Not only are most of the South American countries celebrating the centennial of their revolution from Spain, but anniversaries appear to be epidemic in Europe as well. Montenegro is the latest to announce a picture set, this to mark the fiftieth year

since the accession of Prince Nicholas. 200,000 sets will be printed, is the announcement, but we suspect there will be enough extra low values to make up sets when the remainders come to be sold.

The dearthness of some French Colonial obsolete Postage Dues strongly reminds one of the motto "Carpe diem."

Of Cana' Zone, the 8c and 10c, of both 1906 and 1909, seem available now in some quantity, and should be in demand. There are also items to be picked up here and there per 100, such as the ½c, tricolored Panama and the 2½c, orange of 1906, which should be good things to have. The 1c and 2c, 1906, seem dear, while the 25c and 50c take some finding.

Austria commemorative stamps issued to celebrate the Emperor's eightieth birthday, have been slow in arriving, although it was announced some time ago that they would probably be on sale by the middle of summer. Contrary to the first reports, special designs are not to be used, the Jubilee stamps consisting of the designs of the current issue with the dates 1830-1910 added above and below the stamps.

It is common knowledge that increased prices are obtaining for the British 1d. black; perhaps other similar old British may be expected to move up likewise. The 2s. 6d. Queen, for example, is much too cheap.

There are certain stamps which a dealer does not have in sufficient quantities to make a quotation of; these he probably puts on one side in case they should be inquired for, and there is wisdom in making such inquiries. I am thinking of the 15c Tunis, 1906, most 20c values of used pictorial French Colonies, 4c Mexico, and similar stamps.

Like the men of Athens, our quest is ever for something new. They say there is nothing new under the sun, but that proverb was probably invented before the stamp era. We are waiting to see some of the new Argentine centenary stamps listed, in used condition. It is said that folks have been investing in the 4c value of these, but that more are to be printed. Hurray! So we get some after all.

One wonders why the 12c Argentine, 1909, is cheaper in quantity than the 12c of 1899. The former has had but a year in which to accumulate, yet is quoted for per hundred, but a price for a hundred of the 1899 stamp is not often met with. I am almost tempted to make a similar comparison between the 5c Salvador, 1903, and the 5c values of 1906 and 1908, but have not sufficient evidence as yet.

Other protected high values are \$100 and \$250 stamps for the Federated Malay States. These come under the "possibly postage but practically revenue" class.

The first two stamps of Schleswig Holstein were printed on paper having a silk thread run through it.

Edgar Lincoln of London, Eng., has got out one of the finest illustrated coin catalogues of English silver and copper coins, also colonial, foreign and American coins. It sells at 14c and it would pay all to get one. See his ads.

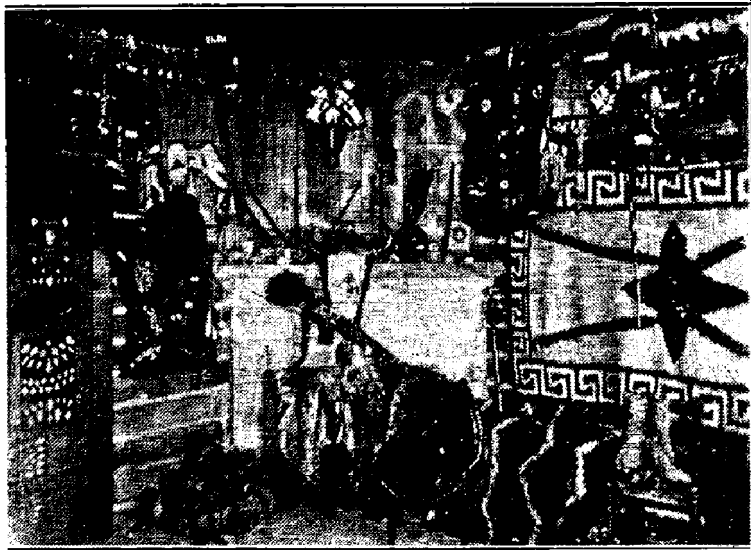


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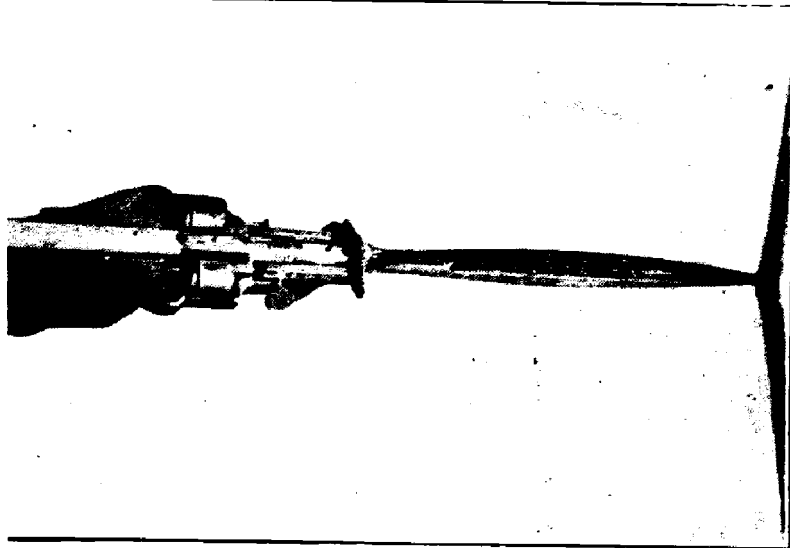
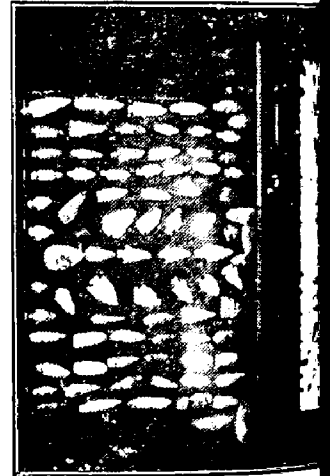


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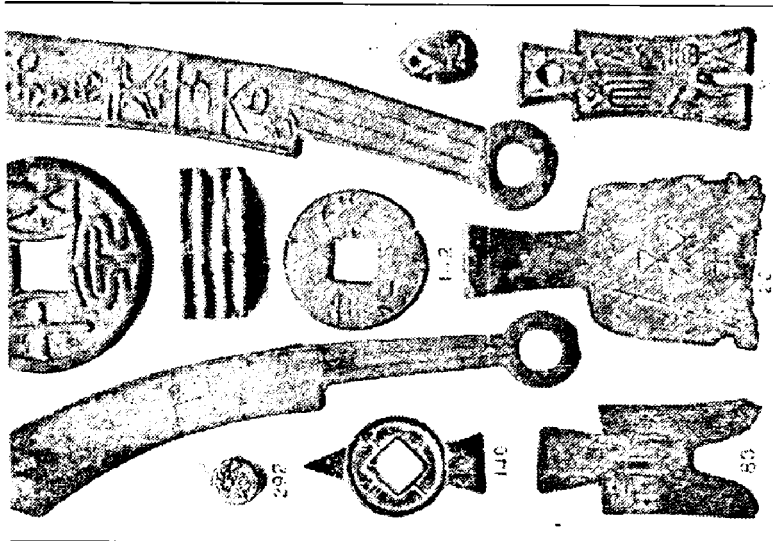
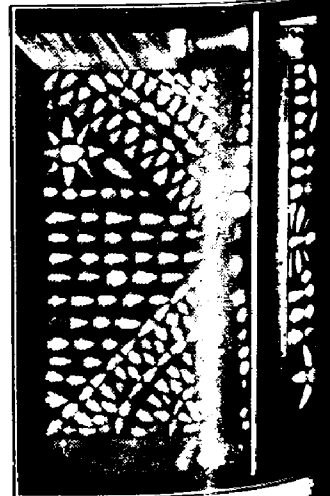




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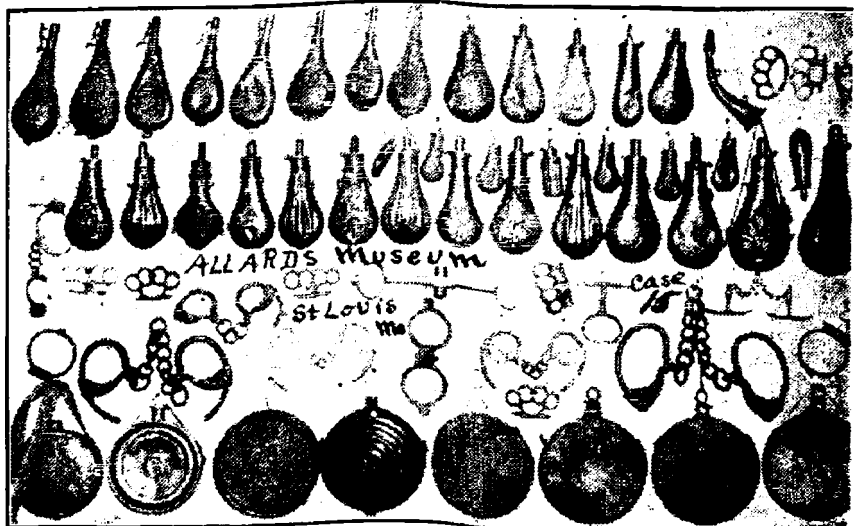
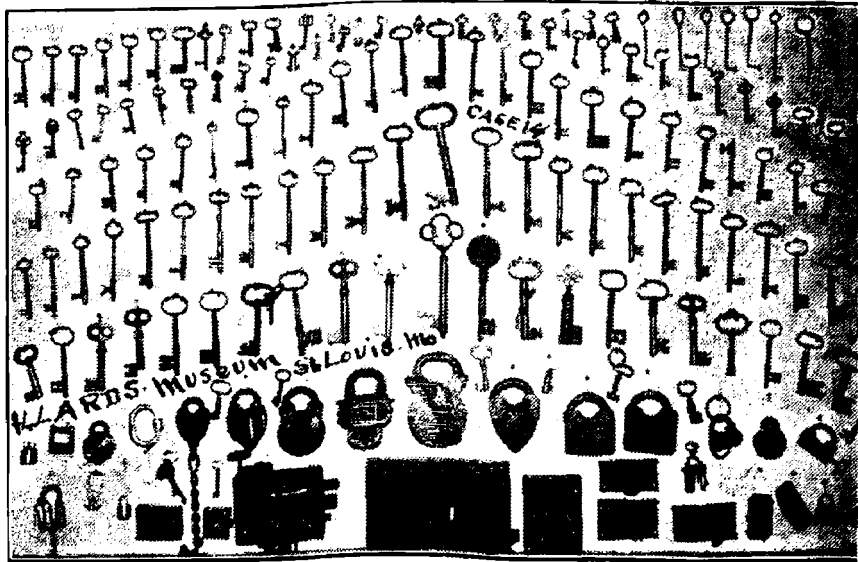
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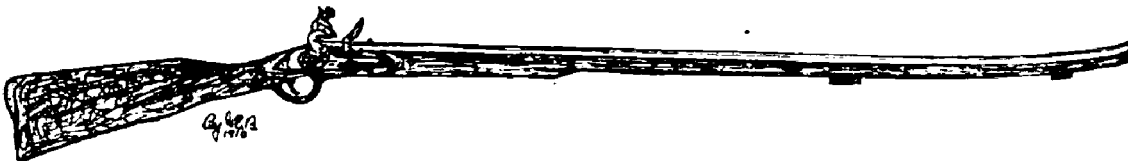
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Postcard Frames

In a previous number we gave some instructions for making several interesting decorative devices for picture post cards. While the fancy lasts for collecting these postcards there must always exist the necessity for some simple yet effective way of displaying a choice few of these before they are sorted into their respective books. Neat little wooden frames are to be bought for about 10c each, so arranged that a constant change of pictures may be made. The home carpenter can easily put together a few such frames, and can stain or paint the wood if it is not convenient to purchase them. It is very often desirable to find some holder, however, that will contain more than one card and will enable them to be handled even more easily than will the frames.

An exceedingly simple yet sufficiently ornamental rack for postcards is the following: There are several ways in which it may be made, though there may not be any very great difference in the general effect when completed. By way of background a sheet of stout mill board or strawboard is required. This may be of any shape and of any size that the worker pleases, subject to certain conditions. Thus, if it measures nine inches and a half wide and five and a half inches deep, it will display only one postcard with a margin all around of one inch in width.

It is not a bad plan to make one of these simple holders first in order to see the principle. The board has to be covered with plush or velvet, of dull blue, grey-green or any other color that will not clash with those of the tinted cards that may be laid against it. The material, being rather thick, must be cut away as much as it can be without raveling from the corners, and the edges of the velvet are then turned over to the wrong side and there securely fastened down. Either glue or stitches may be used. A brass curtain ring of the largest size obtainable must be procured and covered either with buttonhole stitch or with double crochet stitches made with coarse silk or mercerized threads. Or the ring may be left in its own brassy condition and may be ornamented merely with a twist of fine gold cord, or with a length of chain made with a crochet hook and gold thread. Another plan is to cover it entirely with colored ribbon twisted tightly over it. Many workers will feel that they will do well to disguise the real na-

ture of the ring. This done, it must be fastened to the cardboard over the velvet in such a place that when the postcard is slipped down behind the ring there is an equal width of margin all around the picture. The only way of ascertaining the actual situation for the ring is by taking a card and trying some experiments with it. The best method of fastening the ring to the board is by passing over it in the places, the bottom and two sides, a short length of ordinary brass picture wire. The ends should be brought together at the back, tightly twisted and then flattened down as much as possible against the card. The ribbons or rings for hanging up the frame must be attached to the top, the gumming on of a lining of satteen or silk serving by way of a finishing touch.

To display three or five postcards as many rings should be taken and secured, one below the other, a long and narrow sheet of board serving for a background. It is easy enough to place the ring so that one of these cards may be of the upright shape, if desired, or two may be upright, and only one of the landscape shape.

Card foundations can be of more elaborate shapes and the pictures arranged more fancifully when a greater number of postcards is to be displayed upon them. The rings may be grouped when required for as many rings as seven cards, four being long and three of the upright shape. By placing the rings close together the cards can be tucked in behind them in a more informal way, but if this is done it must not be expected they will show the whole face to such good advantage as when they are not so close together

POSTCARD COLLECTING TODAY.

The collecting of pictorial souvenirs seems as popular as ever. New cards are being issued every day by the enterprising publisher to tempt the cartophilatelist, and to judge by the large number of new collectors that are commencing the hobby has still attractions for many. As an American contemporary remarks "Geography is taught by postcards as well as Art. A collection of postcards from all countries, if they are views, is a "beauty and a joy forever," and while closely related to stamp collecting there is a marked contrast. Postcard collecting is the lighter hobby, with very little study, and is affected by the younger generation and ladies, while stamp collecting numbers among its ranks principally business and professional men. When you have obtained a few hundred cards through exchange you wonder what is to be done with them. Some make screens, frame them, file them or insert them in albums. The new filing systems adapted to postcards are excellent if the size can be obtained and save frequent re-arrangements of the entire collection, a very tedious occupation. Albums on the other hand show the cards off better, but cannot be kept very systematic, unless you make a resolution to collect only a certain number of cards from one country and leave space for that number."

FUNERAL MEDALS OF KING EDWARD VII.

His Majesty King George V. has been pleased to present medals to the soldiers and sailors specially concerned in the late King's lying in state and funeral. The medals are duplicates of the medal of the Royal Victorian Order, created during the reign of King Edward. On the obverse they bear the effigy of the late King, and on the reverse the emblematic design of the Order. The medals are struck in silver and bronze; the petty officers of the navy and non-commissioned officers of the army receiving the silver medals, and the seamen and privates the bronze medals.

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London University will shortly become the owner of the finest private library of works dealing with Celtic literature in existence, that was recently left by the late Professor Whitley Stokes to his daughters. These ladies have presented the library to the university. Among comparatively modern and yet very scarce books included in the gift are the publication of the Ossianic society, of the Irish Archaeological Society, the Acta Sanctorum Hiberniae Louvain, 1645, and a Martyrology, published in Venice in 1708, which belonged to Bigot, a famous book collector. In the library the student will find ample material for the study of Welsh, Anglo Saxon, Cornish and Manx.

A set of Hanstead's Parliamentary debates and Parliamentary history, from the commencement to last year, the most complete set ever offered for sale, was sold in London for \$605. There were 678 volumes, commencing with Cobbet's "Parliamentary History, 1066—1803," down to the close of the last Parliament, ending with the suspension of the Budget.

Some of the late Queen's books from the Royal library at Osborne have been sold by auction in London. Many of the volumes bear the Royal Arms on the binding, and stamped over the titles are the words, "Sold by Authority." They were all the personal property of Queen Victoria, no longer needed at Osborne House owing to the changes made since the King gave it to the nation as a sanatorium. The late Queen's studies in Hindustan when she became Empress of India, are shown under the hammer as at least one volume in the collection brought under the hammer as indicated. The books, which numbered several hundreds, were disposed of in sixteen lots. They included 143 volumes of the Annual Register, complete from the first volume in 1758 to the death of the Queen. A set of the Universal History formed another lot. Seven parcels of divinity works, a set of Good Words, 1868-1895, and three packets of German books with Gibber's dramatic works, 1754, showed other of the late Queen's interests.

Of the hundreds of editions of Cervante's great romance "El Ingenioso" Hidalgo Don Quixote," perhaps the most remarkable one was that recently issued at Barcelona by Octavio Viader. It is one of six copies printed throughout on cork in a Gothic letter, with some of the large initials illuminated by hand. The text is printed on sheets of very thinly cut cork, the two volumes, small folio, weighing just under 16 oz. each. The volumes are in a cork binding and enclosed in a crocodile leather case. An example just sold in England, which realised \$500, is said to be the only one in this country.

What promises to be the most costly copy of Shakespeare's works is at present being produced in New York. This copy, which will run into forty volumes when completed, will contain thousands of illustrations, and the binding is to be both costly and artistic. The value placed on each volume is \$500, giving to the entire set when finished a value of \$20,000.



The 80th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Sept. 2nd, President Harry F. Williams presiding. The following 17 members were present: Messrs. Mayer, Green, Verkler, Carey, W. F. Dunham, V. M. Brand, Jaeger, Michael, Vercouter, Jochem, Holmes, Baker, Williams, Donovan, Rau, Wilson and J. T. Kelly.

Communications were received from Mr. F.G. Duffield and F.H. Noble & Co.

The committee on Medalic Production recommended that the Society have struck medals to commemorate the progress of aviation in 1910, that the medals be of bronze and silver, that the dies be engraved and the medals struck in the U. S. Mint, that a copy be presented to each member in good standing, that copies be sold to the public at 75c each for bronze and \$2.50 for silver, and that students and others be asked to submit drawings for said medal, the person whose design is accepted to be paid \$20.00, second choice \$5.00 and third honorable mention. The recommendation in regard to inviting designs to be offered was adopted on motion of Mr. V. M. Brand.

A motion was carried to the effect that it is the sense of this Society that they favor the retention of the Numismatist by Mr. Farran Zerbe as the official organ of the A. N. A., and that the passing of same to the control of any desire be opposed, and those present expecting to attend the New York convention were requested to use their influence to this end.

Mr. Williams exhibited a number of South American gold pieces.

Magazines received since last meeting were: The Numismatist for July and Spink's Circular and the Philatelic West for August. Auction catalogs were received from Elder, Cahn 2, and the A. N. A., and catalog with fixed prices from Boudeau. Also a monograph by Howland Wood on the Canadian Blacksmiths by the author.

Adjourned to meet Oct. 7th, 1910.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

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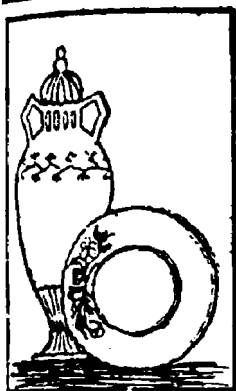
The smallest book in the world is only half the size of a postage stamp. It is in the possession of the earl of Dufferin and is an edition of the sacred books of the Sikhs.

According to Consul General Ernest L. Harris, Prof. Butler of Princeton university and two assistants have arrived at Smyrna and will immediately begin the work of excavating the ancient city of Sardis. Two hundred men will be employed and it will take two years to lay bare the entire city.

In London recently a valuable collection of violins, violas, violoncellos, and bows realised a total sum of \$16,000. Among the items was \$4625 for a violin by Antonius Stradivarius, the highest price ever paid for a violin by the famous maker. Another large price was \$500 for a violin by Domenico Montagnana.

Stephen Marchand, an American of vast wealth, made up his mind to possess the most expensively fitted bed chamber in the two hemispheres, and with that purpose in view he spent no less than \$190,000 on a bedstead alone with elaborate carvings of solid ivory and inlaid with gold filigree. At the head of the bedstead was a huge trophy cut from one piece of solid ivory. A special journey was taken to Africa to obtain a massive tusk for the purpose.

Coin collectors regard the collecting of old Greek coins as their most formidable task, not because of their rarity, but because fully one thousand independent cities had a distinctive series of coins.



ODDS AND ENDS



Mr. Jonathan King, an Islington collector, has offered to the British Museum his wonderful assortment of valentines, which is said by experts to be without an equal on either side of the Atlantic. It comprises 15,000 specimens contained in 250 immense volumes. Mr. King started collecting at the time when valentines were at the zenith of their popularity. Some of his specimens have long been sought after by ardent collectors, but Mr. King considers that in presenting them to the nation he will be taking a course that will prove to be popular. His collection includes the notorious "Banknote Valentine" which obtained for its inventor, despite its undoubted popularity, six months' imprisonment.

A decorated fan, composed of twenty leaves, has been sold at London for \$500. Each leaf was enriched by original drawings, autograph music, and quotations. The contributors were eminent artists, composers, and musicians.

Weighing 42oz., 10dw., a Charles II. porringer with the London hall mark 1664, realized \$2800 in London.

Among the treasures of the Vatican in Rome, is a table, believed to be nearly 600 years old, which, for originality of manufacture and ghastliness could scarcely be surpassed. The top of this table is made of human muscles and tendons, which have been artificially petrified in order to render them hard and capable of taking a fine polish. The centre is inlaid.

The old desk in the White House, Washington, is interesting in itself, apart from its connection with the ruler of a nation, inasmuch as it is a token of the goodwill subsisting between two peoples. Although occupying so prominent a place in the official residence of the President of the United States, it is not of American manufacture. It was constructed from the timbers of H. M. S. Resolute, which was sent in search of Sir John Franklin in 1852. The ship was caught in the ice and had to be abandoned. It was not destined to go to pieces in frozen waters, however. An American whaler discovered and extricated it in 1855, and it was subsequently purchased and sent to the Queen by the President and the people of the United States as a token of goodwill and friendship. In an English dock yard the Resolute was at last broken up, and from her timbers a desk was made, sent to Washington by Her Majesty "as a memorial of the courtesy and loving kindness which dictated the offer of the gift of the Resolute."

Ancient Peruvian pottery valued at more than \$25,000 has been presented by Mr. Henay Van den Bergh to the British Museum through the National Art Collectors Fund.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

A remarkable collection of playing cards of all ages has been presented to the Company of Makers of Playing Cards. The collection includes English cards illustrating proverbs, heraldry, fortune telling, and items of topical interest. The Indian are the most interesting in the collection. Cut from deerhide, the 40 skin cards used by the Sioux Indian for the Mexican game of "Monte" are weirdly attractive. The pack contains four suits; Butterflies, fish, sticks, and annular ornaments. For the game of "Gunjfa," the Hindu made use of 120 circular cards.

The hugest animal alive or dead that is known to us has been discovered in a fossil state by Professor Reed, of the University of Wyoming, in the Laramie beds of that district of the United States. The monster was a dinosaur, about 130ft. long and 35ft. high, and weighing 40 tons. One of its lesser bones can hardly be lifted by a man. Its neck is 30ft. and its tail 50ft. long. Its body is large but its head comparatively small.

A flower has been found in South America which is visible only when the wind is blowing. The shrub belongs to the cactus family, and is about three feet high, with a crook at the top. When the wind blows, a number of beautiful flowers protrude from little lumps on the stalk.

No less than \$43,250 was paid in London recently for a series of correspondence relating to the American Colonies during the last quarter of the seventeenth century. The letters were addressed to Blathwayt, Secretary of State and Commissioner for Trade. On his retirement in 1710 he took the whole correspondence to his new house at Dyrham, in Gloucestershire, where it has remained ever since.

The costliest Christmas card ever made was executed to the order of the Gaekwar of Baroda, an Indian potentate, who wished to present it to a European lady. It was a piece of ivory 12 in. by 10 in., and more than forty elephants were sacrificed before a perfect piece could be obtained. Four ivory-carvers worked incessantly for six months engraving ten thousand scenes upon it, and the eye-sight of all four was affected, and one went totally blind shortly afterwards. Diamonds surrounded its edge.

Yale University boasts the largest skull of any prehistoric animal. It is 9 feet long and 6 feet broad.

The new silver coinage for the Australian Commonwealth is being produced at the Mint. One of the prettiest of the coins is the six penny piece. The reverse bears in the center the arms of the Commonwealth, supported by the kangaroo and the emu, and bearing a star as a crest.

The Merit of Age

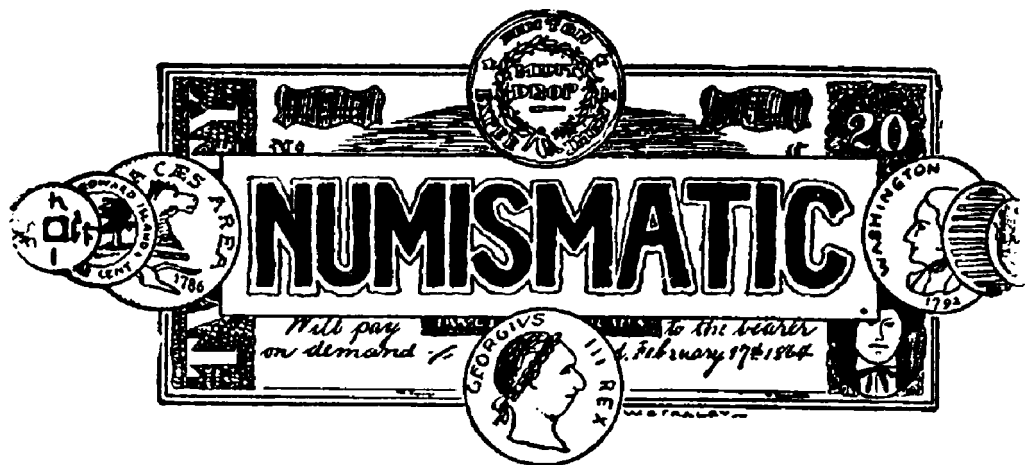
I have been looking through some old papers, to find if possible some references I had mislaid, and came across, among other things, letters of inquiry which had reached me a year or two ago, and answered at the time, but which are still of interest. Writes one correspondent: "I have recently gone into house-keeping, and although my income is enough for every moderate comfort, still my means are limited, so that while my tastes incline to artistic and beautiful objects, I find it most difficult to obtain anything I care much for that suits my purse. The furniture I have bought is good, some nice old pieces, and the remainder substantially made, well finished modern articles, bought at _____ whose work I am sure can be relied upon. I lack china, pictures and the ornaments and knick-knacks that go to make a home a place it is good to get back to."

I had only marked a very rough note of my reply at the time, but there are many to whom the answer might be of use.

Half the pleasure one has in contemplating the decorations of a living room lies in the remembrance of the story or history of the manner in which the particular articles are obtained; and when one has secured a really good thing, for a very moderate price, the joy of possession is greater in proportion as the price paid is low. Hanging on my wall over the fireplace in the room I am writing in, is a mirror in a gilt carved wood frame of the late Georgian period. The shape is charming and the carving open and finely executed. I had chanced into a big auction sale room about two years ago, where some miscellaneous effects were being disposed of, and saw it there, very much broken, but most of the pieces with it, stuck roughly on; it was knocked down to me for \$140. A frame maker (with intelligence) repaired it properly for \$2. I could not obtain anything old or modern, or so decorative, for five times the cost.

I have mentioned this only as an example that nice things can be had for a reasonable price, if one awaits the opportunity. For the collector or buyer of moderate means, however, it is useless to expect to pick up for a few cents antiques which have a recognized market value of double as many pounds, every day in the week. Buy the article that is good workmanship and in good taste, irrespective of its age. Your own instinct should guide you, and you will not be far wrong in the end. Years give no value to anything that was common at its inception. The paintings that command big prices do not do so because they are old but because they are the work of a master hand. True, the fact that only a limited number of the works are on the market, and the artist is dead, increases the value, but it is the work itself that regulates the price. The old china clay cannot now be made, but it is the artistry of the modeling and painting that brings up the value in coinage, and the difference in market price of the different periods of the various factories. Sheffield plate, made at the time when silver was much dearer, as imitation, was so well executed that one prefers it to modern silver, as much on account of its solidity and excellent workmanship as the fine designs of the period.

Study your purse and your good taste together then, remember there are few people wealthy enough to buy the best of everything, and too often in these days great means and little taste are synonymous. Do not be in a hurry, make up your mind what article will fill the place you require it for and get that, or the nearest you can. But—and it is a big but—do not buy a thing merely because it is old. In works of art beauty first, and age after, is the combination that makes for enjoyment when possessed and profit when realized.—English Paper.



The Government Seizes Rare Coins

Not in more than a score of years probably, has Government action regarding what is claimed as "public property in private hands" aroused deeper interest and more caustic comment than a case in which, legal steps have recently been taken and which, it is believed, is to come up for trial in the United States Circuit Court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania early this Fall.

As yet the facts are known to very few persons, and while they are of interest to every coin dealer and "advanced" collector in the world, they are of such a character as to interest, also, every lawyer and, as well thousands of persons quite outside of these two classes.

No coin collector with pretensions of completeness lacks "proofs"—pieces struck with every care from oiled dies and sold by the mint at an extra price. All of these brilliant specimens of the coiner's art are scarce and many of them are now obtainable only when some fine "collection" is disposed of under the hammer of the auctioneer. The "pattern piece" is different and far and away more valuable, being a specimen in any hard metal, having a design or type for a coin other than that which has been in use, or similar to type in use, but with some change in design, or inscription; or an adopted design, but bearing a date prior to the year in which they were first coined for circulation.

Then there are "experimental pieces," being those struck from the regular coinage dies in some experimental metal or alloy; "trial pieces," being those struck from either regular or "pattern" coin dies in soft metal, to "try" the dies and as studies for the engraver, being impressions from the regular coin dies in a hard metal, or in an alloy, of a weight or of a fineness other than prescribed by law.

Numismatists are apt to classify all the foregoing, for convenience sake, as "patterns." Besides those mentioned there are "mules" or "hybrids," being those pieces struck from regular coinage dies, but with an obverse, or a reverse, or both, other than that authorized by law for the regular coinage of that denomination or differing from the regular coinage of the same denomination of the same date.

"Pattern pieces," then, as a matter of course, are eagerly sought for and are valued, just as curios and art objects, according to their rarity and when a "pattern" coin or any coin not a "pattern" is unique, or nearly so, its value goes up

to figures which astonish the uninitiated. ~ ~

Early in this year, in the course of business, Captain John W. Haseltine, Philadelphia's oldest coin dealer, and admittedly at the head of things numismatic in the United States, consigned to J. H. Manning, of Albany, N. Y., a lot of "pattern" coins, twenty-four in number. These were pieces which were of moderate value, and all bore dates previous to 1887. One month after the consignment was returned by express and the instant it was received and receipted for it was seized by agents of the Government, who had followed the expressman for this purpose, it being claimed that there was no authority for the sales of such pieces.

Mr. Haseltine at once employed attorneys to protect his property rights and through them made prompt reply, claiming that the seized pieces were in no sense "illegally" sold, but that they were legal sales and that he was the legal owner of the pieces; and, being a fighter and a gallant defender of his country in the dark days of 1861, when fighting meant something, he had but to draw lightly upon his forty years' experience in his chosen business to furnish facts and to make citations from Government documents supporting his assertions.

The consignee, in Albany, it seems, wrote to the Director of the Mint, describing the pieces received by him from Haseltine, and asking information as to the number struck, etc. The director replied: "An examination of the records of the bureau reveals no authority for the issue of these pattern pieces. * * * Since the passage of this act of 1873 there has been no authority of law for the distribution of experimental or pattern pieces, and any such pieces as have been removed from the Mint have been taken without authority. No title has passed to any individual, and the pieces are still the property of the United States."

This position, it is believed, is untenable. From the official documents it is demonstrable easily that through the Mint the Government has sold pattern pieces to the public; and one authority says: "It has been estimated that in 1859 and 1860, \$500,000 worth of pattern coins were struck and disposed of at the Mint without any benefit to the Government, at whose expense they were coined." This statement was quoted in 1887, by the director of the Mint.

In 1871 the chief coiner of the Mint said: "From all that I can learn it was customary in former years to restrike a limited number of pieces from old dies to oblige collectors and others, and whilst there is no law against the practice, it is liable to abuse, and perhaps it is well that the destruction of all the old dies and hubs has entirely removed this temptation." This destruction of dies, the coiner stated, took place in 1869, and embraced many old and valuable dies dating from about 1800 to 1855. The Mint regulations, in effect July 1, 1866 prohibited the striking of coins after the year dated. Patterns were to be struck in proper metal only, and were to be sold within the year dated only.

In spite of "regulations" coins, and not a few of them, were struck in false metal. Several sets for 1868 were struck in aluminum by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, and in 1871, Mason & Co., a Philadelphia firm of coin dealers, advertised a set of sixteen pieces, one cent to \$20, in aluminum. In fact, mint regulations, it seems, made distinct provision, for the striking and distribution of pattern coins at the order of the Secretary of the Treasury. In his report for 1887 the Director of the Mint said: "Nothing had occurred previous to the last half of the fiscal year of 1887 to raise a question as to the legality and propriety of certain precedents and practices * * * in the matter of the production and disposal for numismatical purposes, of pieces to which the term 'pattern' has been colloquially * * * applied."

To be continued.



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RULES OF THE UNION.

1st. All members desiring information will please write the manager of the department which they are interested in, when it concerns that department which they are interested in; otherwise, write to the Secretary.

2nd. Members must act honestly in their dealings with other members. To do otherwise is to forfeit membership in the Union.

3rd. Members making complaints should always give all possible information such as membership numbers, addresses, articles in question, dates, etc. Members wishing a personal letter written to the delinquent member will kindly enclose four (4) cents postage to Secretary.

4th. Any member can be expelled upon a proper complaint after same has been thoroughly investigated and the member does not make desired returns.

5th. Members can have post cards translated at the price of 2 cents per card. Government postal cards 5 cents each. Letters 10 cents per page and 5 cents each subsequent page and return postage.

Dear Members: This is my first official report and message to you as Secretary of the Collectors Union. I hope you one and all will see fit to give me your earnest support in making this the best society in existence. My assuming the office of Secretary-Treasurer will leave the Post Card Department without a manager. I wish to see this office filled right away and will be glad to receive applications for said position. I am also desirous of having a report from each department manager each month. Until Jan. 21st, 1911, as an inducement to get new members the dues will be reduced to 25 cents. Renewals will be accepted at this rate also. Those whose memberships have expired should renew as soon as pos-

sible. The Union has never published a complete list of members, but I think it possible to have one by the first of the year if the members will give their support. In looking over old lists I find several members numbers have merged and several members having two or more numbers. This condition was brought about by the combining of the various societies. Those who have mistakes as above stated are as follows, and will use numbers as directed: 74, W. E. Emert, 74A. Pierson Hardwick. 75. Miss Madeline Keller, 75A., C.S. Graig, M.D. 2178, Mrs. C. F. Hoyt, 2178A. Frank Shepard, 62, L. F. Gow. 64, Francis P. Conrad, 87. Ben Batterson, 68, L.G. Cline. 97, A. Peterson. 2180, J. Stone. 2150, R. Ridgeway. 2201, E. Connel. 1, W. W. Barclay 2203, W. G. Leekun. 2208, A. Vazquez. 2197, Mrs. L. Hadaway, 65, William C. Jeffries, 70, M. Ohlman. 2154, W. Schwede. 2190, W. H. Clarke. 63, John M. Connor, Jr. 2126, C. V. Webb. 2285, Grover Scroggin. 2228, F. Sherman.

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Nos. 1, 21, 26, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 74A, 75A, 76, 77, 78, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88 89, Bruce Alexander (No number given), 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 99, 100, 2101, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125. If there is any mistakes I will be glad to correct same if members will send me their membership cards for reference. Please renew.

RENEWALS.

- 68. L. G. Cline, 1200 E. 4th Ave., Hutchinson, Kansas.
- 69. Mrs. Eva Saint, 615 Spruce Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
- 79. Geo. Zuckschwerdt, Jersey City, N. J
- 82. John Holzman, 184 Arson Ave., Newark, N. J.
- 2126. C. V. Webb, Perry, Ohio.

COMPLAINT—P. Hardwick, No. 74A. (Corrected), Card sent you July 26, 1910, by W. S. Hicks. Please answer.

NEW MEMBERS.

2354. W. L. Bucke, 1323, W. Girard Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. Note:—Mr. Bucke has a new way of keeping his card collection. His system is called "card rings" and consists of a set of three rings, three hooks and a punch. I have tried them and find them to be the best way yet to mount a card collection. The cards when mounted are arranged in such a way that you can view both sides of the cards without removing them from their original position. A set will only cost you 25 cents and I cannot do otherwise than to recommend the "Card rings" to you. Try them. Secretary. See his ads in last WEST.

2355. William Malcounnson, 40 Browning St., Jeppeston, Johannesburg, Transvaal, So. Africa; post cards, stamp view side.

2356. Mrs. Nellie Macdowell, 2100 15th St., San Francisco, Calif.; postcards.

2357. Louis Ingelse, Rue du Pavillon 31, Antwerp, Belgium; post cards, stamps view side.

2358. H. Norman, Kiskey St., Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa; stamps only —no cards answered. Yours sincerely, James A. Carr, Jr., Secy-Treas.

STAMP DEPARTMENT REPORT.

Mr. F. J. Siebert, New York, N. Y., complains against No. 2130, Miss M. Hobbelaar, then of Lemprejanyan 12, Djoefakarte, Java. Now Mrs. M. W. Verbon of S. F. Nzelon, Djornibang, Java. He says he sent her on May 10, 1910, a book of 96 stamps Scotts value \$3.32 for which she was to send him stamps of Java in exchange on Scotts basis. Would be pleased to hear from No. 2130 as soon as possible. Secretary.

Photographing Coins and Medals

Having recently a large number of silver medals and coins to photograph, I turned up all the references to the subject in photographic literature, I possibly could. A perusal of all the instruction I could find, left my mind in a terrible state, as there was so much diversity of opinion and I resolved to try some experiments myself.

One authority declared that success was only to be obtained by the indirect agency of plaster casts, another recommended the making of electrotypes from the casts, and the photographing of these instead of the actual medal, while another said "lay the medal or coin upon white faced cardboard on a backing of softer boards or blotting paper, and place under heavy pressure. The cardboard takes the impression of the coin, which is, of course, an intaglio instead of relief; but by photographing it by a strong side light from the bottom of the coin and then viewing the prints in an upright position the appearance is obtained of ordinary relief, as in the original coin." All these methods may, under certain circumstances, produce most excellent results, but it cannot be denied that they are troublesome and expensive, and to my mind absolutely unnecessary. I could not tamper with the medals I had to photograph in any way, and as the obverse (front) as well as the reverse (back) had to be photographed, the systems outlined above would have been either impossible, costly or troublesome. The method I adopted I thought out for myself; it may not be new but it not only enables one to photograph both the front and the back of the medal upon one plate, but enables one to secure a negative from which light or dark prints may be obtained, each giving different realistic effects.

I tried only one method of making a cast from a medal, and for that I used Plasticine and got a fairly good reproduction, but I am convinced that no method of moulding as practiced by an amateur will accurately reproduce the delicate surface markings on a medal, and to the practical eye the final photograph always has more the appearance of a copy than the impression of the original.

Reflections have to be considered, as in all cases of photographing silverware and other bright objects. The usual custom when cups and similar silver receptacles are to be photographed, is to fill them with ice water and place in a warm room so that the brilliant polished surfaces become covered with a thin film of moisture which in the form of dew, dulls the polished surfaces and prevents reflections. The ice water dodge is scarcely possible with medals and I found a better way in the shape of holding when possible, the silver objects over the smoke given off from burning magnesium wire. The wire produces dense fumes of white smoke which deposits itself upon objects in the form of a delicate film of white powder.

The secret of successful coin and medal photography is, in my humble opinion, solely in the lighting of them. A full front light as used when copying ordinary objects, pictures etc., is most unsuitable for medals, on account of the delicacy of the relief and the inscriptions upon the objects. In order to reproduce these properly upon the negative, a strong side light must be used, and it must predominate over the front or top light.

The camera is best used vertically in order that the medals can be laid down quite flat while being photographed, as they are difficult things to place in front of the camera, as one would hang a picture. The best background to use is black velvet; not only does black velvet show up the medal better than any other material, but it enables one to take two impressions—the obverse and reverse—of

the medal upon one plate.

The first accessory I made was made of a large hat box of card board and the lid covered inside with black velvet. The bottom was cut out and a piece at one side to the depth of about six inches. The medal was laid in the lid and the box placed over it, the whole, placed against a window, cut outside toward the light, and the camera pointed downwards into the box, through what was originally the bottom. The space between the camera and the box was covered with the focussing cloth and the only light reaching the coin was through the cut out side.

To take two impressions upon one plate the velvet base is divided into two equal parts by means of a piece of black cotton, and the focussing screen is marked down the center so as to divide it into two parts. The medal is then placed on one half of the velvet focussed upon one half of the screen and photographed in the usual way. The black velvet has no effect upon the plate, so that the other half remains good for another exposure. The medal is then turned over and placed on the other half of the velvet focussed on the second half of the screen, and photographed upon the other half of the dry plate. One exposure does not affect the other and the two impressions may be developed together on the same plate.

Obviously the two impressions must be exposed accurately, otherwise the two will not be alike. Owing to the one side being farther away from the light, it required a trifle more exposure. I then resolved to light all the medals from the top side in order that both positions could have the same illuminations. Although in theory a side lighting may be deemed preferable to a top side light, I found in practice that one was as good as the other.

Having adopted this principle I did away with the cardboard box and obtained from the grocer a wooden box such as come from Patras with currants in them, but soap, or sugar boxes of a similar shape will do as well. One end was knocked out, and a piece of about ten inches wide was cut from one end of the lid, and the latter nailed on the box in such a position as to leave an aperture at one end. The inner end of the box was covered with black velvet, and a long narrow slot cut in the bottom to take the tripod screw of the camera. The camera could then be placed in the end of the box and attached by means of the tripod screw. If the hand can not be inserted in between the side of the box and the camera, it will be necessary to take a small piece out of the side of the box in order to reach the focussing screw, and the stops. With the box I use it is easy to reach the screw at the side, owing to the box being wider than the camera.

The whole arrangement is then stood on its end facing a window, the medal laid on the velvet and photographed.

Another arrangement I have used with success is to take a piece of half inch wood, about six inches in width and long enough to hold a camera in between two chairs, say four feet in length. Screw shorter pieces on each end, and make a vertical slot in the center to take the camera screw.

By placing the bracket-like support upon two chairs and the camera pointing downwards in the centre, any object can be laid flat upon the floor and be photographed. If medals are photographed, black velvet may be laid upon the floor, while if the camera is not sufficiently rigid when so fixed, the parts may be weighted by means of books. The height of the camera may be regulated by placing books between the supports in the chair. In order to secure the best results from medals it will be necessary to shield the light by means of black paper or the focussing cloth, arranging so that the light reaches the medal to one side.

To make the high relief in medals stand out as white, on a dark ground, black paper must also be covered temporarily over the camera front, and the lens pointing through, so as to prevent the light parts of the camera front being reflected in the bright parts of the medal. Different effects may be obtained by using white instead of black paper on the camera front. If for example it is desirable that the photograph of the medal should appear quite white and the inscription black, it will be necessary to place a white card at the front of the camera, with an opening for the lens, at an angle of 45 degrees laterally to the lens. Let the sun shine on the card (in which case the box arrangement is not used) the reflection of which upon the medal will produce the desired result. It is not necessary to place the medal itself in a good light, as it is the reflected light which produces the desired effect.

I much prefer the box method and a strong light from the opening at the top, along with black paper over the camera front, as the effects are in my opinion better.

If developed so as to get a very contrasty negative, different effects may be secured by varying the depth of printing. A print on the light side will give the light silvery effect to the flat part of the medal, while if printing is carried to a considerable depth, the low and shiny parts of the medal will be black, the parts in high relief remaining nearly or quite white. The latter method reproduces all the delicate details in a wonderful manner, and is much preferable to that of making plaster casts from the medal, which after all is, I believe, a method advocated more by armchair experts than by practical workers.

There was sold in London a few days ago for \$255 a most interesting and perhaps unique copy of that celebrated book the *Eikon Basilike*, the *Portraiture of His Sacred Majesty in his Solitudes and Sufferings.* It was one of the few copies which Charles II. caused to be printed in 1648 for gifts to his friends during his exile at the Hague, and bore on the back of the title the following inscription in the handwriting of the King: "A mon Cousin Le Comte de la Gardée. Charles R. A la Haye ce 10me de Mai 1649." The binding was peculiar to this special issue, all copies hitherto discovered presenting the same appearance in that respect—black morocco, with crown and monogram, and death's head beneath in memory of the murder of Charles I., by many supposed to have been the real author of the book. The authorship is, however, uncertain, as well as the date of its appearance. Cromwell's eagle eye turning every way and rendering publicity out of the question. The book was bought secretly and hidden away till that furious storm of 1660 made England free again.—From Eng. Paper.

THE OLDEST LIBRARIES.

The oldest libraries of which we have any certain knowledge are those brought to light by excavations among the ruins of the east. Among these are the Babylonian books inscribed on clay tablets, supposed to have been prepared for public instruction about 650 B. C. It is said by Aristotle that Strabo was the first known collector of books and manuscripts. This was about the year 330 B. C.

Coined about 900 B. C., a gold Tarus coin, with face value of \$1,500 and supposed to be the only one in existence, has been sent by John Klinger, of Berwick, to Paris to be passed upon by the superintendent of coins of the National Bibloss.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

The editor of this Kolumn recently sent several flint arrowheads from North-western Kansas to Mr. Hoffman Pierce, of Webb, Mills, N. Y. Mr. Pierce says they show a decided contrast to the arrowheads of this section. "They are much better than the average arrowheads found here," he writes. "The arrowheads found here," he continues, "are nearly all dark flint and mostly roughly made. I have seen but few nice ones. A friend of mine sent to Santa Fe, N. M., for some and got a lot of newly made ones of glass and soft stone. He was disgusted."

Brother L. F. Delany, of Pawtucket, R. I., writes that he takes much pleasure in the Kansas Kolumn in the WEST and usually turns to it first. We are indebted to Mr. Delany for many interesting newspaper clippings concerning archaeological subjects. Two that he lately sent us are especially interesting. One pertains to the big Indian shell heaps on Cap Cod, and the other to an old Indian cemetery at Foxboro, Mass. They are taken from the Attleboro, Mass. Sun, of August 5 and 6, respectively.

Dr. E. R. Tuttle, of Salina, has in his home three mahogany upholstered chairs that belonged to President Lincoln when he lived in the White House. They were brought to Kansas by Col. W. A. Phillips, and Mr. Tuttle bought them later at a second hand store for 50 cents apiece. J. F. Hoffman, of Eureka, was in the Ford theatre in Washington the night Lincoln was shot and has a piece of the blood stained collar which the surgeons tore from Lincoln's neck and which Mr. Hoffman picked up on the stage of the theatre.

R. F. Streeper of Atchison, has a handmade nail that is 150 years old.

Jacob Miller, druggist at Wathena, has quite a number of Indian relics in his show case. These were found in and around Wathena. He shows us an Indian thigh bone found on a hillside near town some years ago. The great length of this bone would indicate the stature of the Indian who owned it, to be about seven feet. Mr. Miller gave us a fine lot of arrow heads and a beautiful little tomahawk for our collection. Pat Gray, in the Severance, Kans., News.

THE GREAT SEAL.

The death of King Edward VII. will, the Law Times reminds us, render the adoption of a new Great Seal imperative. When an order is made by the Sovereign in Council for using a new Great Seal, the old one is publicly broken, and the fragments become the fee of the Chancellor. The ceremony of breaking or "damasking" the old Great Seal consists in the Sovereign giving it a gentle blow with a hammer, after which it is supposed to be broken and has lost all its virtue. New Great Seals were made in 1838, 1860, 1878. Since 1878, many documents which formerly had to pass the Great Seal have, under statute, been impressed with a wafer instead. The cost of the 1838 Seal is unknown. That made in 1860 cost \$2065, and that of 1878 \$2565. The new one will cost \$2000. The old Great Seal became the fee of the Lord Chancellor (Lord Halsbury), who also became the owner of the Seal which was its successor on the death of Queen Victoria, owing to the Seal being rendered inappropriate on a change in the personnel of the Sovereign. The damasked Great Seals are always regarded as heirlooms in the families of the Lord Chancellors to whom they have come as perquisites of office.

MINERALOGY



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!

Brother A. Jacob Rice of Easton, Pa., sends some interesting information this month, the first of which is a reference to the new zinc plant at Hazard, Pa. The New Jersey Zinc Company at Hazard, in the extreme lower end of Carbon county, which has already spent several million dollars in putting up oxide and other furnaces together with scores of buildings necessary to carry on its work of manufacturing oxide, zinc and iron, is breaking ground to build another monster plant that will cost several millions more. This is by far the largest manufacturing concern in Carbon county, employing now an army of 1500 men. Ten years ago the New Jersey zinc company acquired from the Lehigh Coal & Navigation company all the land situated and lying between the Central Railroad of New Jersey and the Lehigh canal, extending from Lehigh Gap to Bowmanstown. On this property the company has since operated, increases to its plant being constant. The town of Palmerton, in which many of the zinc company's employes live, is one of the most beautiful places in this part of the state. Farm after farm has been acquired by the Palmer Land Company, conducted by the zinc people. It now owns everything from Lehigh Gap to Millport, a small town two miles above Palmerton, on the west side of the Aquas icola creek and everything on the south side of the creek toward Little Gap, for a distance of about four miles. The population of Palmerton is about 2000. The town has a bank, a new \$35,000 school building, and the company is maintaining at its own expense a kindergarten school. There is a "neighborhood building," where the people of the community can congregate for social enjoyment, and equipped with a library.

While excavating on his lot several days ago, James McGee of South street, East Mauch Chunk, Pa., unearthed several yellow nuggets that have been assayed and found to be genuine gold ore. There is great excitement over the discovery and prospecting will begin on a large scale. It has often been contended that gold in paying quantities could be found at Mauch Chunk, and 20 years ago a company began tunneling Bear mountain. After a tunnel had been driven 85 feet gold was discovered but not in paying quantities and the mine was abandoned. The recent discovery by McGee was but a short distance from this tunnel, and it is believed that Bear mountain, which has been only an ornament to the town, may yet yield treasure that will eclipse in value the anthracites taken out of the surrounding mountains.

On account of zinc being found in paying quantities near Quakertown, Bucks county, Pa., a thirty acre farm has been sold for \$25,000.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.
3. Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.
5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn.
6. The society gives as a premium five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.
7. We close our report on the 1st of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.
8. Members are forbidden unless requested by their correspondents to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.
9. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to answer your cards by giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia three months.
10. 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.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

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 before November 1. Please renew at once. Those who want the WEST send direct to publisher at Superior, Nebr.

1552, 1626, 1858, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, '898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1093, 1904 1904, 1906, and 1907.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following members have secured one or more points during the month just ended. One point is allowed for each new member secured 628., J. Park Graybell 2 points 827. L. V. DeGroff, 4 points. 2038. Mrs. T. R. Miller. 2 points.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

2029. Charles Haumer, Vandevort, Ark., prefers 4 or 5 unused cards in envelope; foreign only, no comic. Corresponds in French and English.

1974 Geo. S. Greene, 222 Birchwood Ave., Elmira Heights, N. Y., prefers colored views taken from hill or mountain tops or from high buildings.

1968. Harl H. Bronson, Principal, Wallows (Oregon) Schools, says: "Every teacher should join a card exchange. The views obtained are not only a pleasure but are useful and practical in making Geography and History interesting."

827. L. V. DeGroff an old time member in the UNION, breaks the record this month for sending in the largest list of new names secured by any one mem-

ber this year. Who will be the next to make a record?

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

2006. E. M. Levelmier, 5820 Garfield Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
2018. C. Dizycimski, 632 Illinois Ave., Fond-du-Lac, Wis.
2036. Luis G. Tejada, Box 39, Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico.

RENEWALS.

1857. Clifford W. Lewin, 502 Main St., Royersford, Pa.
1926. Mrs. Laura Lunney, 2426 King St., Denver, Colo. (would like to get cards from a number of new exchangers)

NEW MEMBERS.

2040. Carról R. Neigh'or, 185 Quebec St., Montclair, Colo.
2041. H. K. Okada, 79 Yanaka Nippori, Tokyo, Japan.
2042. H. Layton Walker, 849 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.
2043. W. L. Bucke, 1332 W. Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
2044. Robert Scott, Bloomfield, Ont., Canada.
2045. Miss Ruth Burns, 720 Castro St., San Francisco, Calif.
2046. Clearence Vanm'rt, Bloomfield, Ont., Canada.
2047. Everett O. Phillips, Box 70, Bloomfield, Ont., Canada.
2048. Arnold G. Rorabie, Bloomfield, Ont., Canada.
2050. Joseph E. Kirchhoff, 68 East 113 St., New York, N. Y. (Scenery only; no black, fancy or comic).

AROUND THE WORLD BY POSTCARD.

A novel idea and one that is rapidly becoming popular is the sending of postcards through the mail so as to reach the sender again after having traveled around the world. The best method is to obtain a good thick piece of cardboard about the size of a postcard, writing on the back a number of addresses of friends in all parts of the world, in order. Each person as he or she receives the card places a new stamp on the address side and mails the card to the next person on the list. A few cards of this kind are quite interesting curios. Most fellow collectors even though they are strangers do not object to the expenditure of a penny to mail the card to the next person. Then they can start a card at their end to "get their own back." A card of this kind is quite a stamp collection in itself as the stamps of perhaps 14 or fifteen countries are represented.

POST CARDS AND TEACHING.

It ought certainly to be a source of satisfaction to those interested in our hobby to know that school teachers are beginning to realize the value of the picture post card as an important adjunct to the instruction of their pupils, especially in regard to the subject of geography, and in a very considerable degree to history also.

Kindergarten teachers are perhaps most familiar with the practical use of the picture postal. With many of them they are an important and attractive item in what they call their "busy work." They cut up into small triangles, rectangles and trapezoids a number of the most instructive kind of postals, such as park, animal and floral scenes, and the children find no end of delight in putting them together.

Sometimes they require the children to supply themselves with a dozen or more of selected postal cards, and, under their supervision they are laced or pasted together to form pencil or handkerchief boxes or small waste baskets.

Collecting Shells on the Seashore-Bivalves

A vast fund of amusement may be drawn upon by those interested in conchology, and referred specially to some of the chief groups of univalves which are commonly met with on our shores. The bivalves, too, are varied and include in their different families many exquisite specimens, some curious, others interesting on account of their beautiful markings and the delicate teeth with which they are edged. Perhaps in bivalves even more than in univalves the influence of the natural formations of the coast on which they are found, and of the rocks and shores they inhabit, are more clearly seen. Thus, on some shores where rocks abound, and where storm and tempest lash the sea to fury, the shell fish seem to require stronger homes to prevent the rough usage rendering them useless. Some of the shells found among the rocks in such places are almost unbreakable, although often when picked up they are almost rubbed smooth by the action of the water. Needless to say, such specimens are quite useless to the collector, and often the dredge has to be used to obtain perfect specimens. Visitors to some of the coast towns have watched the fisher folk bringing in baskets of pectens, many of which are beautifully colored indeed, some of those dredged from deep water have brilliant shells, orange, purple and even black and pure white. There are several varieties of form, one pretty little shell having one of the 'ears' or hinge projections quite small. This is known as the Tiger Scallop; another has earned the name of the Hunchback, from its peculiar form. In this group are the oysters and the delicate saddle oyster, which seems to accommodate itself to the form of any object to which it may cling.

The habits of the boring fish which have shells of various strengths, according to the materials they operate upon, are very curious. These fish, by a slow process of turning backwards and forwards, bore of themselves a home in all kinds of substances. Some confine their attention to sandy and mud shore, and go deep out of sight, their delicate shells cutting away the sand like a razor. Indeed one family have earned for themselves the name of the razor shells among the varieties being the sabre razor, the grooved razor, and the pod razor which is like the pod of a bean. But the shells needed to penetrate hard rock are strong and covered with tiny spikes, which even the hardest material cannot resist, for time seems to be no object to the fish, who day after day keeps on with the endless turning and twisting. The wood boring shells do an immense amount of harm to the bottoms of ships and often penetrate quite a distance into the timber. The rough stone borer will sometimes completely honeycomb the face of a rock, especially limestone, penetrating as much as six inches into the stone.

Among the principal bivalves found on sandy shores are the different members of the Mactra family, some of which are beautifully radiated and finely colored, although for the most part they are shades in olives and browns. The common name of these is the trough shell, because of its resemblance to a baker's kneading trough. The blunt trough shell which is so called from being flattened at either end, is a convex shell, with very regular grooves. The Venus shells are very beautiful, especially those which have been termed carpet shells, their colors being ranged in patterns like a background of tapestry. The golden carpet shell, so called from its yellow hue, is tinted and sometimes banded.

Another variety is called the groove carpet shell on account of the number of grooves which traverse it in different directions, but in this large family the banded Venus, a small species is very pretty, varying from orange to brown. The striped Venus too, a small shell about an inch in length, has very deep furrows

and a strongly marked outline. Then there are the Artemis shells, closely allied to the last-named group, and many other curious varieties which the young collector will have to become familiar with, as his researches in sea shore collecting increase.

When the collector returns home he is often puzzled to know what to do with all the treasures he has secured. If he possesses the bump of order he will immediately set to work to arrange his collection so that as time goes on he will be able to make it as complete as possible. The arrangement of shells is interesting work, for order and method should be observed, and the different families grouped together, so that their varieties may be inspected. A shell cabinet may, of course, be purchased, but most of our readers will amuse themselves with building up a cabinet just to suit their requirements. Instructions and drawings will be given shortly for making these cases and cabinets. In the smaller varieties quite a number of shells may be retained for the collection, but in the larger varieties just one or two perfect specimens should be selected.

"SUFFOLK."— "THROWN UP BY THE SEA."

"A coastguard named Brooks was walking along the desolate beach at Oxfor-ness when he noticed a small package on the shingle at the edge of the waves. Undoing the package he found that it contained letters. Some were stamped, and were addressed to people in various parts of the country. In two of the unstamped letters there were coins. Chief officer Horatio Elder was able to get the letters re-addressed and posted with an explanation of the delay. It transpired that the crew of the sunk Trinity light vessel wrote the letters on December 20, and flung them toward a passing ship. The throw was not strong enough and the packet fell into the sea. One can imagine the bitter disappointment of the lonely crew when they saw their Christmas letters and presents lost, as they thought. Yet after four days, they were thrown up on the Suffolk shore, and actually reached their destination on Christmas Day.

The Musée Guimet of Paris has acquired a treasure which will be priceless, provided that it will bear investigation better than did the notorious tiara of the Louvre a few years ago. Monsieur Guimet, whose name the museum bears, is an antiquarian and a voluminous writer on antiquities. He seems quite satisfied that he has added to his collection a ring of the time of Rameses the Second, who flourished about one thousand three hundred years before our era. The ring was acquired from a family of Grenoble, in whose possession it had been for many years, and the former owners produced documents which satisfied Monsieur Guimet as to the authenticity of his acquisition. The ring bears hieroglyphic inscriptions, showing that it graced the hand of Nefritarimeri Mout, one of the wives of the once powerful monarch of Egypt. It is of thick gold, carrying a cornelian stone, rectangular, large and flat. The stone is enclosed in gold, and the ring itself is ornamented with a fillet of gold.

The remarkable growth of the WEST want ads in the last ten years speaks volumes for the results obtained from advertisements in this paper. Nothing the WEST can say will tell more positively that this paper really gets good results to advertisements, than the enormous growth of the want ads—the very best evidence that advertisers stick to the WEST and bring their friends also. If you want anything that can be obtained by advertising, the surest method of getting it is by advertising in the WEST. Want ad rates 2c a word. Three or more consecutive months 1c a word. Most Advertisers stay who try it 6 months. Send today



—BUREAU OF INQUIRY—

All inquiries concerning firearms addressed to the editor of this department will be answered under this head. Should an immediate reply be desired, enclose a self addressed stamped envelope. Address communications to G. E. B. Brown, Athens, Tennessee

Question. What is known of Joseph Manton and his guns? I have collected firearms for over forty years and have only found two of his guns Dr. T. S. Hitchcock. Owsego, N. Y.

Answer. Joseph Manton was a very celebrated English gunmaker—a gunmaker to the royal family. It is said that he was inspired to the profession by having watched the great Henry Nock while at work on one of his finest productions, and taking up gun making as his life's work he devoted to it his entire attention with the ambition to make as perfect firearms as Henry Nock did. At last his works not only equalled those of his master, but greatly surpassed them, and today most firearm antiquarians regard his ingenious inventions as the crowning examples of the ancient English gunmaker's art. His inventions were numerous, his patents many, a few of the most important I list below. Touch-hole, hammer, trigger spring, wadding, 1792. Flash pan and hammer 1803. Elevated rib 1806. Lock and breech 1812. Detonators 1816. Locks for Detonators 1817. Percussion primer 1818. Shot 1825.

Ques.—I hear of very few collectors of pistols in this state (Tennessee). What is the cause of there being so few?—Lonesome Collector.

Ans.—There are indeed few collections of antique pistols in Tennessee when compared to those of the eastern states, partly on account of the scarcity of museums to encourage the spirit of historical research and on account of the existing laws which make it illegal to buy, sell loan or give away a pistol of any sort, condition or age. These laws very effectively decrease the number of crimes, but are defective in discouraging the study of the short firearms for historical or scientific purposes. Nevertheless there are several very interesting collections of old pistols in Tennessee, especially in the eastern part of the state. Among the ones worth mentioning are those of Col. Cary F. Spencer, W. E. Hardison, W. P. Martin and the editor of this department.

Question.—Kindly tell me where to direct a letter so it will reach the American Society of Antique Weapon collectors. H. Mustrain, Horse Cove, Ky.

Where are the headquarters of the American Society of Antique Weapon Collectors, and what are the qualifications for membership? W.H. Norris, Albany, N. Y.

Ans.— The above are two specimens out of about fifty such inquires I have lately received. While I have answered most of them personally, I wish to say to one and all that a letter enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope sent to the Secretary, Geo. F. Brown, 421 Fourth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa., or to the President, Otho J. Bierly, of 6322 Frankstown Ave., Pittsburg, Pa., will secure the infor-

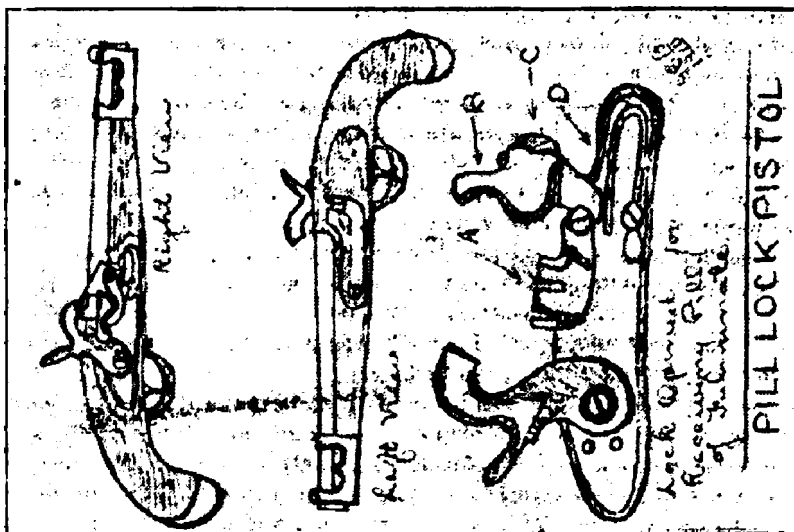
mation desired.

Ques.—Is it true that flintlock guns are in practical use today? If so, where and by whom? P. S. T.

Ans.—Warlike tribes and nations in certain parts of Africa and Asia are only allowed the use of flintlock arms today. The governments under whose control they are prohibit the introduction of modern arms for fear of increasing their subjects' revolutionary power.

SOME OF THE MOST INTERESTING PISTOLS OF ANTIQUITY.

The percussion pill lock, or pick lock pistol, was used in this country after the Revolutionary War and previous to the adoption of the percussion caplock mechanism. It derives its name from its use of pill shaped capsules composed of salts of silver, gold and platinum. These were more often used in compounding the fulminate, yet other ingredients were sometimes included. The fulminate thus prepared was put into a cylinder, one end of which was open, and placed at the tube connecting the flash pan, or receptacle for holding this pill—primer, and set off the charge inside the barrel when exploded by the firing pin held in place by the flash pan cover.



The illustration shows a lock of pill primer mechanism. A indicates the receptacle for holding the pill; B the cover enclosing the pill and holding the striking pin C; D, is the side spring performing the same function on the cover of the pill container as it did on the flash striker of the discarded flint lock.

The first sketches show right and left hand views of a European pill lock horse pistol, marked as having been made by Carl Heiser. Brass mounted and made in two sizes, calibre 75—length 18 inches, and calibre 50—length 16 inches. These pistols are destitute of ramrods.

The best authorities declare that this particular primer was invented by Pauly, a Frenchman, while others contend that Forsyth and Egg led Pauly to produce this copper capsule, and therefore should be credited as its inventors.

While pill lock guns and pistols occupy an important place in the revolution of firearms, yet its period of usefulness is very short when compared to that of other types, both preceding and following it.

(Continued with No. 6 next month.)

SPECIAL FOR NEXT MONTH!!

"The Only Double Barrel Cannon in the World." By the Editor. Illustrated from photographs.

Collectors of old pistols will find Prof. Chas. Winthrop Sawyer's article entitled, "The Story of the Original Revolvers" in ARMS AND THE MAN beginning Sept. 29th, of great interest. This article is published in serial form and is itself worth the entire cost of a year's subscription to the magazine mentioned. Literature describing this splendid publication and a review of Prof. Sawyer's article may be obtained by request from Arms and the Man Publishing Co., Washington, D. C.

Errata:—In the article on the Kentucky Rifle last month the date of the Battle of New Orleans should have been Jan. 8, 1815 instead of as printed. The printers, also omitted the illustration which is inserted this month.

Mr. J. R. Tweeddale of Wilkie, Saskatchewan, Canada, in a letter to the editor objects to the battle of New Orleans being called the most overwhelming in American history. In numbers and importance it was exceeded by many other American battles,—what I meant to emphasize was the wonderful difference in percentage of casualties on the two sides proving the marvelous execution of the Kentucky rifle in the hands of mountaineer settlers opposed by the flower of English soldiery, supposedly equipped with up-to-date firearms.

The writer had ancestors among those "raw recruits" and this enthusiasm ought to be pardoned. If it wasn't like shaking a red rag at a bull, I would invite Mr. Tweeddale down to examine a wonderfully wrought crimson silk scarf taken from an English officer by one of the said ancestors. The Editor.

FRENCH ARMY MEDALS.

The medal which is to be issued by the French Government to the army which took part in the Moroccan campaign will bear on one side the profile of Mlle. Farnande Dubois, the actress of the Opera Comique. On the reverse of the medal there will appear a view of Casablanca. Mlle. Dubois on being interviewed as why she was selected for the honor, said: "It is very simple. M. Lemaire, the engraver, to whom I sat on several occasions, came to me on receiving the order from the government to execute the engraving, and told me that instead of the usual classical Grecian profile, which is to be seen on other medals, he desired to substitute that of a Parisian, and that as I possessed that quality, he had come to me."

CONTINUATION FROM S. P. A. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dear Members:—Now that the convention is a thing of the past, let us look forward to the future, and hope that the legislation passed at the recent meeting will be for the general good of the Association. What legislation has been passed is unknown to me at this early date, but I hope that all the officers will be more prompt in making reports in the future than in the past. Let all officers try and make a report every alternate month at least. The outlook for the future is good, and by the number of applications this month things look encouraging and things seem to indicate that Philately has returned from its summer vacation. Now is the time to put in your best work in the recruiting line. Don't you think that you could secure at least one new member for the next report? This will be an easy matter; if you haven't the blanks write me for a supply and they will arrive as soon as possible to get them there.

Hoping to see all take an active part in the welfare of the S. P. A. and to hear from all in the near future, I am, Fraternally, R. L. Doak, Secretary.

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1856 unc, perfect	3 00
1857 unc	3 00
1859 extra fine	3 00
1860, '61, '62 unc @	3 00
1873 proof	5 00
1879 extra fine	4 00
1883 unc	3 50
1885 unc	3 00
1888 & 9 unc	3 00
\$¼ & ½ Louisiana purchase gold scarce set	1.25

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1796 small date extra fine, rare ..	9 00
1796 large date, very fine	5 00
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1798, extra fine	3 00
1798, 13 stars, small eagle, very good, scarce	4 00
1798, 13 stars, small eagle, very fine, scarce	6 00
1799 extra fine	3 00
1799 over 8 very fine	3.25
1799, 5 stars facing superb specimen	7 00
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1839, brilliant proof, very rare ..	70.00
1851 " " extra rare ..	175.00
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1853 unc	5 00

1856 extra fine, rare	\$6.00
18:7 brilliant proof	12.00
1857 extra fine proof	5.00
1858 brilliant proof	34 00
1859 O unc	2.00
1860-O unc	2.00
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Bryan dollar in silver UNC, rare ..	2.50
Taft dollar in silver unc, rare ..	2 50
Hudson Doalder unc50

½ Dollars

1794, very good	4.00
1794, about fine	6.00
1802, near fine	4.00
1803, very fine	1.50
1805 over 4, fine	1.50
1806, very fine	1.25
1807, very fine	1.25
1808 unc	1.25
1811 punct. date75
1812, '13, '14 unc	1.00
1815 very good, \$3; extra fine ..	6 00
1818 unc sharp	1.25
1820, '22, '24 choice	1.00
1825 to '38 unc @75
1839 liberty seated, extra fine, rare ..	2.00
1819 and later, very good & fine @ ..	.60
1840 '50 extra fine unc @	2.00
1846 inverted 6, very good, rare ..	2.00
1856, '57 extra fine	1.00
1860 to 70 unc or proof 75c to	1.00
1870 and later proofs 75c and85
Columbia 1892 unc75
Columbia 1893 unc60

Mint mark 1/2 Dollars

1839-O unc.....	\$1 50
1841-O fine.....	1 00
1844-O extra fine.....	1 00
1846-O " ".....	1 00
1847-O " ".....	1 00
1848-O " ".....	1 00
1849-O " ".....	1 00
1851-O " ".....	2 00
1852-O " ".....	3 25
1854-O " ".....	1 00
1855-O unc.....	1 00
1856-O about unc.....	1 50
1859-O unc.....	1 50
1860-O extra fine.....	1 00
1861-O " ".....	1 00
1863-S good.....	60
1869-S good.....	70
1871-S unc.....	1 25
1877-S very fine.....	75
1894-S unc.....	85
1896-S ".....	85
1902-S about fine.....	60
1905-O unc.....	60
1905-S unc.....	60
1906-D unc.....	60
1906-S unc.....	60
1907-O unc.....	60
1909-S unc.....	60

25c Silver

1806 over 5 good holed.....	30
1838 unc. bright.....	1 00
1840-O fine.....	50
1844- unc scarce.....	1 00
1853-O ARROWS, very fine, rare.....	1 00
1855-D about fine.....	50
1856, very good.....	35
1860, extra fine.....	50
1876, '77 unc, bright.....	50
1877 S unc bright.....	75
1878 CC unc bright, rare.....	1 00
1879 unc or proof.....	50
1880, '81, '82 unc C.....	50
1906 D unc.....	35
Isabella quarter proof.....	1 25

Dimes

1836 good.....	12
1838 Stars, very good.....	15
1848.....	15
1853 " fine.....	25
1877 CC unc.....	75
1879, 80, 82, 83, 86 unc C.....	25

1-2 Dimes

1794 extra fine.....	7 00
1794 very good.....	3 50
1795 unc mint state.....	12 00
1796 fine bent.....	3 00
1800 fine.....	2 00
1830 extra fine.....	30
1833 unc bright.....	35
1834 unc bright.....	35
1835-L, date fine.....	\$ 25

1835-S date good.....	25
1836 unc bright.....	35
1837 fine.....	25
1838-O starless, very good.....	50
1838 stars, very fine.....	25
1839-O very good.....	25
1843 fine.....	25
1846 unc, extra rare.....	12 00
1853, '58, fine each.....	20
1858 brilliant proof.....	1 00
1857 unc.....	25
1861, '62 UNC each.....	25
1853 unc, superb.....	35

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2c Bronze

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1877 very good 25c; fine 50c;
 bright..... 1 00

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1794 fair 35c good.....	60
1794 Hays No. 33 fine.....	4 00
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1795 one cent high extra fine.....	8 00
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1795 " " " extra fine.....	15 00
1795 & later poor to good each.....	25
1797 very good 1.00 very fine.....	3 00
1798 very good.....	75
1799 fair 8.00; very good.....	25 00
1800 very good.....	75
1801 VERY fine.....	4 00
1802 fine.....	1 00
1803 extra fine.....	75
1803 very good.....	50
1804 very good.....	8 00
1804 perfect date very fine brown.....	35 00
1806 very good 1.00; fine.....	2 00
1807 very good to fine.....	1 00
1808 very good 1 00; fine.....	2 50
1809 fine corroded.....	3 00
1810 very good 25c; very fine.....	1 50
1811 fine.....	4 00
1812 fine.....	1 00
1813 very good.....	1 25
1814 very " 25c; very fine \$2; unc.....	4 00
1817 fine 40c; unc.....	1 00
1817 15 stars extra fine.....	3 00

1818 unc choice	50
1819 extra fine 75c; unc	1 00
1820 unc red	50
1821 good	25
1822 fine	1 00
1823 very good rare	1 00
1824 fine	1 00
1824 very fine sharp	4 00
1824 unc brilliant	20 00
1825 fine 1.00; extra fine	3 00
1826 fine 1.00; unc red	8 00
1827 very fine 3 00; fine	1 00
1828 small date UNC superb	15 00
1828 large date extra fine	4 00
1829 fine 1.00; extra fine	5 00
1830 inner line extra fine	3 00
1820 to 30 good 10c; very good	25
1830 to 56 good to fine each	3 05
1831 extra fine choice	3 00
1832 about unc choice	3 00
1833 fine 50; unc	6 00
1834 fine 50c; very fine 1.00; unc	4 00
1834 extra fine varieties c	2 50
1835 fine 50c; unc red	4 50
1836 fine 25c; extra fine 1.00, unc	2 00
1837 fine 20c; extra fine	1 00
1837 beaded unc	3 00
1837 p h. c. unc 1.00 and	2 00
1838 extra fine 40c; unc	1 00
1839 fine 50c; extra fine	3 00
1840 S. D. extra fine, fair	2 00
1841 unc choice	3 50
1842 S date extra fine	2 00
1842 L D extra fine	1 50
1843 unc superb	5 00
1844 very fine	25
1845 extra fine	75
1846 25 cents to	1 00
1847 unc	75
1848 unc	60
1849 very fine	50
1850-56 unc C	25
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 Daniel Morgan, superb medal 1 50
 Battle of Cowpens scarce 75
 M.W. Grand Lodge F.A.M (N.Y.) 50
G. A. R. Phila. Libery Bell, Sept. 4 1909 beautiful medal 50
G. A. R. 34th encampment Dept. Ill. 1900 25
 G.A.R. 34th encampment Dep't. Ohio 1900 25

Masonic, Pompean Festival Detroit 1901, large shield shape medal superb 75
U. S Capitol size 45 large 50

Daniel Webster, size 80 superb 1 50
 Wm Bainbridge, naval scene superb 1 00
 The Forth Bridge 1890, size 60 superb 75
 State of N. Y. size 20 25

Masonic, Master Mason 50
 Masonic Obelisk superb 35
 French, Michael Cerv. Saaneda 50
 Sons of the American Revolution 30
 Continental medal size 50 75
Columbus medal fine bust 15
German Cathedral size 40 50
France St. Ferdenands chapel Capital of Arizona 25
 Small Bronze medals, each 05
 French Cardinal bust rare 50
 French Purre Cassendi, rare 50
 Child in prayer, divine 25
 Remember the Maine, sloop 25

Silver Medals

Papal, very rare and choice each	3 00
Cartagena, Alfonso XII war medal	1 00
Napoleon & Jeff. Louisiana purchase exp.	75
Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul Phila. silver plated, size 80 fine portrait	1 00

White Metal' Gilt Brass etc.

GEN. LEE, pride of the south, size 60	1 00
Jos. Priestly large	25
I. O. O. F. 3 links	25
K. of P. DAMON & PYTHIAS	35
Washington Inaugural medal handsome	35
Geo. B. McClelland	15
Dr. E. H. Kane, Artic explorer	25
Zachary Taylor	25
Thomas Tunnell England rare	25

Fairview, Odd Fellows Home	25
Masonic 5888 Waterbury, Conn.	35
Masonic London 1/2 penny with wheel counter stamp, very rare	1 50
Masonic Bay City Mich. copper token from the RUINS of the Temple, rare	50

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U. S. EXPRESS CO. brass	25
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HENRY CLAY , large bust, rare	50
GERMAN HOSPITAL, N. Y. Centennial and souvenir medals all perfect proofs each	10

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Wm McKinley	25
Jeff Davis	25
Coney Island N. Y.	25
Round House Leroy N. Y.	25
Abraham Lincoln , brass	50
COLON , bust large	50
Knights Templar large	50
Hudson Fulton	10
Great Eastern, sloop	10
Seymour & Blair copper and brass each	10
Emperor Napoleon BRONZE size 5, 50	

Paper Money Crisp

Confederate notes 50c to \$100 each	05
B B BHLS 6 pieces crisp	50
STATE NOTES crisp each	85
Fractional Currency, All Crisp	
3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c set complete for	2 50
3c notes 50c; 5c notes each	29
10c notes 25c; 25c notes each	50
50c notes each \$1; 15c each	1 00

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\$30, 40, 50 each	1 00
\$55 very rare	1 50
\$60 scarce	1 00
6 pence, 9 pence each	75
2 shilling and 6 pence	75
3 and 4 shilling each	50
5, 10, 15, 20 shilling, each	75
40 & 50 shilling, scarce C	1 00
Old New England newspaper date 1801 9 perfect only	35
Ark. R. R. Bond \$1000 each	25
Ga. Bonds \$500 & \$1000 with coupons attached each	50
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Foreign Coins, Copper

SPECIAL 100 nice assorted copper coin	5 00
SPECIAL 100 assorted fine silver coins	10 00
English Cartwheel Penny , good	25
ENGLISH CARTWHEEL , two pence, very good 50c, fine	75
RUSSIA , 5 Kopecks very large 35 & 50c each, unc	1 00
RUSSIA 1/2K 1734 very good, rare	25
MEXICO 1/4 Real San Luis Potosi 1867, good, rare	50
MEXICO 1/4 Real San Luis Potosi 1867 thick	50
BRAZIL , X L Reis 1820 very fine	25
1806	25
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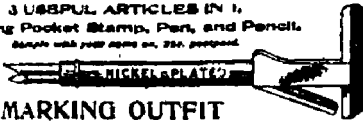
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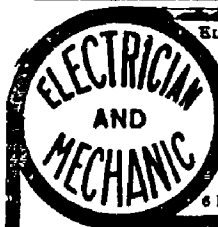


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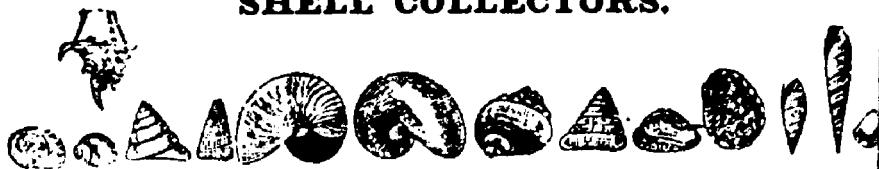
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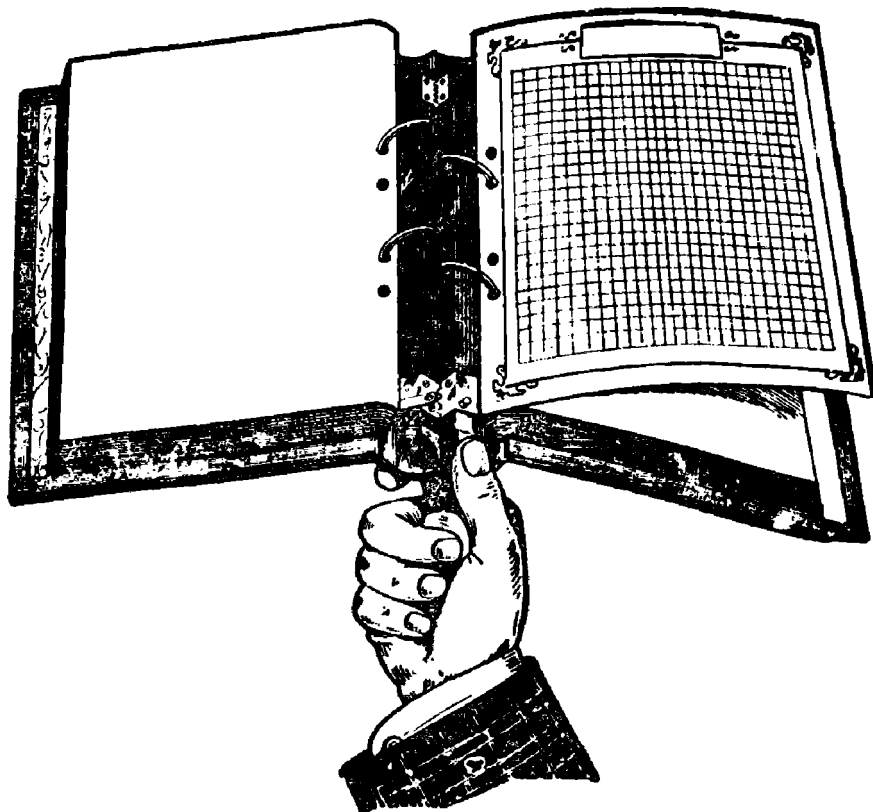
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