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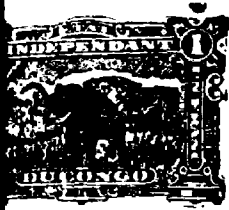
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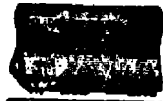
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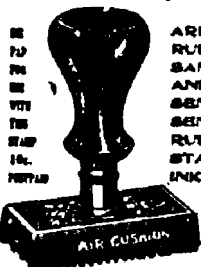


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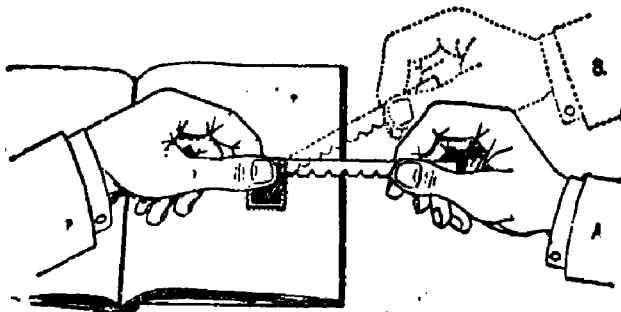
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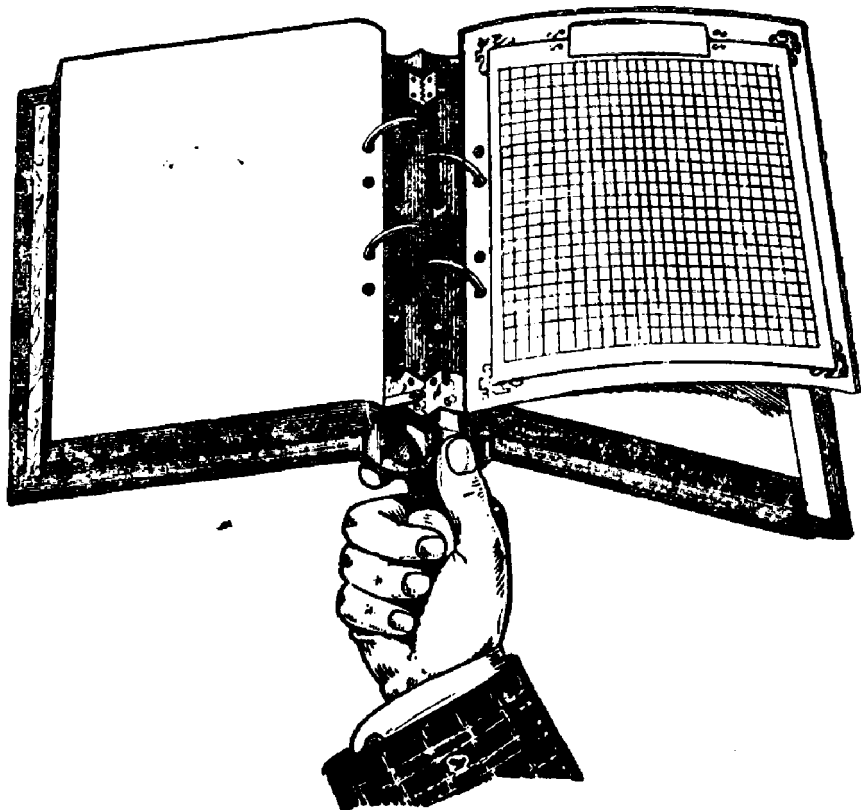
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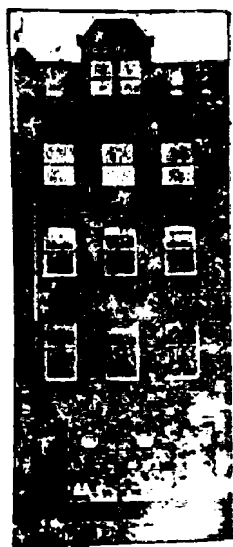
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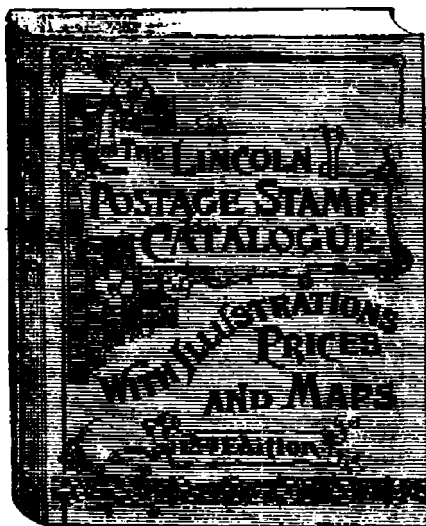
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179 1½p green 1897, mint, " .06; "	.04
180 ½p " 1899, " .02; "	.01
182 1½p red " mint, " .10; "	.08
183 2½p blue " " " .15; "	.10
	used fine. 02
184 86 ½, 2, 3d. Feb. 1901, fine sets 3	.25
187-88 4d & 6d " " each.	.25
191 5sh red & blue " " mint " "	3.25
184-88 ½ to 6d used fine set of 5	.30; good .20
193-204 ½ to 2sh, June 1901, set 12, fine	.45; " .35
318-21 3 to 5sh, large, rev. c. set of 4, fine	.12
324, 26, 27, 31, 6sh to £1, large rev. c., set of 4, fine	.25
335 £2 blue, large, rev c fine	.25
A good variety of postally used 317- 327, also on hand.	
501-03 ½, 1, 2, 1890 dues, set, fine. 25 good.	.20
511-13 ½, 1, 2d, 1891, mint, " "	.20 " .15
511-18 ½ to 4d, 1895, set of 5, " "	.10 " .08
519 5d. " "	.15 " .10

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14 2p orange 1860, unused, fine
21 2p blue 1861, used fine
26 1p rose 1864, " .50	good
26a 1p lake " " .75	" "
28 3p violet 1864 " " 1.25	" "
29 1p bistre, 1865 " " .20	" "
30 1p yellow " " .15	" "
31 2p " " " .06	" "
33 6p violet " " .50	" "
33a 6p lilac " " .65	" "
35 1p bistre 1872 " " .30	" "
36 1p yellow " " .05	" "
37 2p " " " .03	" "
40 3p red brown 1872 " " .30	" "
44 1p yellow 1882 " " .10	" "
46 2p " " " .06	" "
49 ½p green 1882 85 " " .02	" "
51 1p yellow " " .06	" "
52 2p " " " .03	" "
53 3p red brown " " .05	" "
55 6p violet " " .15	" "
59 1p rose 1889 " " .04	" "
62 63 1 & 2p 1890 93 " ea 01	" "
63 2p slate, 1890-93, mint, fine, blocks or singles, each	.....
64-65 2½ & 4p, 1890-93, used, fine ea.	.04 good
66-68 5, 6, & 1sh 1890 83 used fine, each	.05 "
69 1 on 3p, 1893 used " "	.25 "
71 ½ on 3p 1895, unused o. g. fine	
73-74 1 & 2p 1899, used, fine ea.	.01 "
75 2½p 1901, used " "	.03 "
76-77 1 & 2p 1902 " " .01	" "
79 4p " " " .04	" "
81 8p " " " .15	" "
82-83 9 & 10p " " " .18	" "
89-90 1 & 2p 1905 " " .01	" "
98 6p 19 6 " " .06	" "
202 2 on 3p 1893, unus'd o. g.	.50 "
210 1p 1894, used, fine	.02 "
217 1p 1899 " " .05	" "
302 1p bistre " " .50	" "
4 & 42 Wurtemberg, 1 & 3k 1856 fine	
47 to 52 " 1 to 14kr 1869, set 6	" "
50 " 7kr 1869 " "	" "
64 " 2m 1883 " "	" "
65 " 5m unused, superb	" "
214 " 1m Off " "	" "
41 Zanzibar, 2½a 1896, used	.....
56 & 57 " ½ & 1a 1898, o. g. or used both for
58a Zanzibar 2½a 1898, used
62 & 63 " ½ & 1a 1899, unused, o. g. both for

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Lot No. United States. No. in lot

1	1871 3c 3 00.....	100
2	1879 1c 5.00 ...	100
3	1882 3c o g. mint strip.....	3
4	1890 1c 200,2c 1000	1200
5	" 2c Lake 3 50.....	70
6	" 4 & 5c each.....	150
7	1898 2c.....	50
8	1902 1c.....	1350
9	" 3-10c ass't.....	100
10	1903 2c shield.....	65
11	1898-1909, all 2c expositions ass't	100
12	1909 2c imp. 2.50.....	500
13	" " machine per.....	86
14	" " Lincoln.....	50
15	" 3-10c ass't.....	100
16	1903 2c env. cut s.j.....	150
17	" Permits env. 56 var. ass't...	118

Revenues

18	2c Bk. ch. 10 imp., 10 p p 2.00....	20
19	2c C. card 1.00.....	4
20	2c agreement 2.00.....	50
21	5c Cert. p.p. pairs 1.50.....	10
22	" " imp 1.40.....	4
23	" Bond and Ins. 3.00 each....	4
24	5c 3rd issue 2 50.....	25
25	2c 5th issue Liberty.....	85
26	3 & 4c doc '98, 1.00 each.....	25
27	5 & 10c doc uncut \$2.00 each....	100
28	25c & \$1.00 doc uncut each ...	25
29	50 doc & 25 Ins. 1.20 each ...	20
30	\$1.00 doc green 1.00.....	50

Foreign

31	Austr. Nos. 43,54,91,55,212 Bel., 46,122, Can. 41,42,76 each 100	1000
32	Austr. Nos. 43,54, Can. 41,42, 76 77, France 78, 92, 100 Mex 297, each 100	1000
33	Austr. Nos. 54, Can. 77, France 78,92,Mex 297, Ger. 47,Gt. Br. 89 Hung. 23, Vic. 162,181, each 100	1000
34	Bul. 40 var. ass't cat 5.37 ..	253
35	Cuba 4 " " " 3.50.....	125
36	Neth 30 " " " 3 65.....	240
37	Switzer 28 " " " 4.39.....	258
38	Gt. Brit 27 " " " 2.61.....	125
39	Heligo and Bands 3 var. ass't..	15
40	Foreign rev a locals, interesting lot, about 200 var ass't.....	300

Collections

Of the following none are damaged or heavily cancelled.

41	U.S. Postage only, cat over \$3 var	100
42	" Revenues " " " 1.50 " "	100
43	Foreign " " " 4.00 " "	200
44	" " " " 6.00 " "	400
45	" " " " 8.00 " "	600
46	" " " " 15.00 " "	900
48	" " " " 25.00 " "	1200

For. Post Cards

49	Ger, Bav, Wurt var.....	500
50	Austr Hung, Italy, Jap, used var	1000
51	Neth & Col., Scan., France, Lux. Russia etc, used var 46	1000
52	So Amer most uns some double var.....	1000
53	All unused, some double, pretty lot from all over, var	1000
54	Letter sheets and letter cards from over 20 countries, some unused, rare & fine lot var....	1000
55	Post cards, orig cov, entire stamp envelopes, U. S. & foreign, a great lot. var.....	1000
	Lots 49-55 contain many rare & old postal cards.	
56	U. S. used pretty view cards, (none comical). var.....	1000

Books

57	Davies Algebra, in good condition	100
58	International Postage stamp album 20 Century good as new.	100
59	Chambers Encyclopedia, paper Volumes	100
60	Scott's Kenilworth and Ivanhoe	100
61	Scott's Waverly and Guy Mannerings	100
62	Scott's "The Betrothed and the Verit of the Peak"	100
63	Scott's Rob Roy and Martolity	100
64	" The Surgeons Daughter and Queretin Durand	100

To late to classify

SCOTT'S books are in paper covers		
65	For stamps about 50 var most all in bundles of 50 and 100 are common assorted.....	3000
66	For stamps most all in bundles of 200 var. ass't.....	600
67	U.S. Post. Rev. Env. VAR	200

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No. 200 5c green Scotts 50c ours 30c
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 " 207 2c brown red " 25c " 18c
 " 210 10c blue " 5c " 2c
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 ful unused mint, 2 1/2d Blue, Union of
 South Africa stamp.

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 prices, satisfaction guaranteed or
 money refunded.

*44 1900 1/2d Orange ...	\$.04	.02
*45 " 1d Violet.....	.06	.04
*46 " 2d " .....	.10	.08
*48 " 3d Ultra .....	.15	.12
*51 " 6d " .....	.25	.20
*52 " 1 1/2 - Brown ...	.60	.40
*57 1902 4 on 6d Car-sur.	.28	.18
*59 " 6d Ultra E. R. I	65	.35
Un on of South Africa 2 1/2 blue		.08

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Canal Zone 1911

10c on 13c mint 15c

On account of the change of Register Fee the 13c Canal Zone has been surcharged 10c. This may be a good stamp to have later as it is not probable that a great number of the 13c were printed.

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The Newfoundland Guy Set with inverted Z for 90c, now the 6c value is offered at \$1.50

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Cuba 221 1c on U.S. mint \$.02
 " 222 2c " " " .04
 " 223 2½c " " " .05
 " 239 & 40 1 & 2c 1910 " .05
 " 253 10c Special " .15
 " 238 50c grey blue used
 fine .15

Canada No. 71 6c maple
 used08
 " No. 73 10c maple used .15
 " " 79 5c numeral " .10
 " " 81 10c " " .05
 " " 87 20c Queen " .08
 " " 96-½ Ter. Cen. " .02
 " " 126 to 128 Dues " .05

Portugal 1910 1c King
 Manoel " .02

Azeres 1910 1c & 10c King
 Manoel mint.....05

Caymen Id ¼, ½, 1p. mint.05

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The Demand for U. S. A.

No one who studies the signs of the times can have failed to note the steadily increasing demand for United States stamps both at home and abroad. This demand is not due to any "boom",—which generally means rapidly inflated prices and an equally rapid slump,—but is due to a general appreciation of United States issues in all parts of the world. Not so very long ago the only real market for U. S. stamps was at home but times have changed all that and they are now almost as saleable in London, Berlin, and Paris as they are in New York.

Naturally with the increasing demand, which is of course, unaccompanied by any new sources of supply, the rarer stamps, and fine copies of the older issues in particular, are becoming more and more difficult to obtain. The majority of collectors, too are much more particular in the matter of condition than they were a few years ago, and as United States stamps are not ordinarily difficult to obtain in perfect condition, the fact that prices are rising and will continue to rise must be patent to anyone. The enhanced prices are most in evidence in connection straightforward, or what we may term the "Standard varieties". Present cata-

logue prices for any of these which approach that perfection demanded by discriminating collectors are certainly moderate, and the collector who can obtain lightly cancelled used or o. g. unused, well centered specimens at present figures is making a good investment. Prices for the finer things are bound to advance, for the demand will continue to grow, and while the demand grows there can of course be no increase in the number of rare stamps available. Ample evidence of the scarcity of rarely good stamps is afforded by their less frequent occurrence at auction, when they do turn up they generally fetch very high prices. Only a few months ago a mint well centered copy of the 4c Columbian error—quite a modern issue, by the way—fetched more than double the price quoted for it in one of the current catalogues.

Altogether the outlook for United States stamps is bright in the extreme, and while the demand is, of course, greatest for the ordinary issues, the wide-awake collector will see that he does not neglect the Departmentals, etc. Many of these are even more difficult to obtain in perfect condition than the regular stamps and a carefully selected collection bought on the basis of present market prices should prove a profitable investment.—Bertram W. H. Poole.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

VERNON P. PIERCE has been a collector of stamps for nearly fifteen years and the leading member of the firm of Vernon P. Pierce & Co. for the past eight years. Mr. Pierce's great grandfather was one of the pioneers of Michigan, locating in Washtenaw Co. in 1832 and the family has resided there ever since. The subject of this sketch, in addition to his philatelic pursuits has assisted with the work of the farm on which he was born, and has also engaged in school teaching. Finding the latter pursuit congenial to his tastes he is now pursuing a course of study at the Michigan state normal College. Mr. Pierce is an earnest believer in athletics in the public school and football, base ball, and basket ball have all claimed a share of his attention. The firm with which Mr. Pierce is identified, from a small beginning in 1903 have extended their connections until their correspondence is world-wide. From the first they have given much attention to foreign correspondence and by importing stamps in large quantities are enabled to offer many bargains. They make a specialty of British Colonials and of the approval trade. They handle adhesive postage only as Mr. Pierce has never made a study of revenues or envelopes. They are firm believers in the WEST as an advertising medium and their announcements have appeared in every issue for twenty years. See his page ad in this number.

S. E. DAVIDSON, collector of old relics, coins, stamps, photos post cards, curios, etc., was born on a farm in Cedar Co., Mo., in 1882, and now resides on a farm near where he was born and raised. He is especially interested in collecting odd and curious things. Very fond of keepsakes, has some which he has had nearly all his life. Has a collection of buttons and tobacco tags. He has his grandfather's old West Virginia flint lock rifle, which he prizes as his chief relic. Also has 19 volumes of "The Encyclopedia Perthenis; or Universal Dictionary" published in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1816. These books are very curious and interesting. Thinks the WEST is the best magazine of its kind published.

CHAS. E. REESE, JR., is a collector of stamps, cigar bands—over 800 different,—and post cards of which he has 4200, and is very proud of them. He also collects nearly everything. He has just received a book called "The Making of Latin, or Latin Syntax", which is a complete grammar and history of Greece and Rome. It was printed in 1733 in London, has 276 pages; the covers are gone, but printing is all right. Has had ads in the WEST and says it pays big

V. S. Postal Savings Banks

By L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis.

The LITERARY DIGEST gives a list of the 48 postal banks that have been issued Jan. 3d., as follows:

State	Town	State	Town	State	Town
Ala.	Bessemer	Maine	Runiford	Oregon	Klamath Falls
Arizona	Globe	Maryland	Frostburg	Pennsylvania	Dubois
Ark.	Stuttgart	Mass.	Norwood	Rhode Isl.	Bristol
Calif.	Oroville	Mich.	Houghton	S. C.	Newbury
Colo.	Leadville	Minn.	Bemidji	S. Dak	Deadwood
Conn.	Ansonia	Miss.	Gulfport	Tenn.	Johnson City
Delaware	Dover	Missouri	Carthage	Texas	Port Arthur
Florida	Key West	Montana	Anaconda	Utah	Provo
Georgia	Brunswick	Neb.	Nebraska City	Vermont	Montpelier
Idaho	Coeur d' Alene	Nevada	Carson City	Va.	Clifton Forge
Ill.	Pekin	New Hampshire	Berlin	Wash.	Olympia
Ind.	Princeton	New Jersey	Rutherford	W. Va	Grafton
Iowa	Decorah	New Mexico	Raton	Wis.	Manitowoc
Kan.	Pittsburg	N. York	Cohoes	Wyo.	Laramie
Ky.	Middlesboro	N. Carolina	Salisbury	Ohio	Ashtabula
La.	New Iberia	N. Dak	Wahpeton	Okla	Guyman

Several of the stamp journals gave advance notice of the cards and stamps to be used in connection with postal banking, notable among which are the PHILADELPHIA STAMP NEWS and the PHILATELIC GAZETTE. According to these papers the postal savings card which is now printed in orange on white, and the savings stamp of 10c which has the same color, are soon to be printed in blue. The card, as now issued, is about 4 mm. longer and 2 mm. wider than the common postal card. The main part is occupied by ten rectangular spaces like those provided in stamp albums for stamps. On the first of these a 10c savings stamp is printed. The others are numbered 1 to 9. Above these spaces is the inscription "U. S. POSTAL SAVINGS CARD" in an arched line and under this the following, in three lines: "This card with nine 10-cent postal savings stamps annexed will be accepted by the postmaster at any postal savings depository in the United States as a deposit of one dollar and placed to the credit of the depositor, either in opening an account or in adding to an existing account." Around the whole is a neat engine turned ornamental border.

The stamp printed on the card and the adhesive are practically the same. In the center are the figures "10" in white. Above, in two arched lines are the words "U. S. POSTAL SAVINGS", and below is the word "CENTS", all in white on an engine turned ornamental back ground. The adhesive stamp is perforated like postage stamps, and is of the same size.

For the official correspondence relating to this new branch of the postal department there is a special official stamped envelope, 2 cents carmine on white and on manila. In the center we find the words "Official Mail" with an ornament above embossed in white on a plain colored ground, enclosed by a thin white embossed line forming part of an oval. Between this and another outer white oval line are the inscriptions "U. S. POSTAL SAVINGS" above and "TWO 2 CENTS" below. The whole is enclosed by a thin colored oval line. The size of the whole stamp is about 16x30mm.

For the same purpose of prepaying official mail relating to the savings busi-

ness there is also an adhesive stamp in black on white of the same size and perforation as the common postage stamps. In the center, in an oval, we find the words "OFFICIAL MAIL", above the oval "U. S. POSTAL SAVINGS" below "CENTS" and in each lower corner a large figure "2".

As the transportation of the savings cards, account books and stationery require the payment of postage on some pretty large packages, it is said that stamps have been prepared resembling the 2 cts just described, but of different colors and values, to wit: 10c red, 50c green, and \$1.00 blue. These I have yet seen; the others are before me as I write.

By writing to any of the postmasters at the places named above—and of course, enclosing the amount—one may obtain the savings card and savings stamp and in sending these the postmaster may use the official stamps or envelopes, which latter there are said to be several sizes.

As the U. S. Post stamps are just changing from one watermark to another it is very likely that some of these new stamps, if found at all on the old paper with double line water mark will be rare.

The following circular (Form PS4 Jan., 1911) may be had by applying to one of the postmasters of the postal savings offices:

POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM. INFORMATION FOR DEPOSITORS

OBJECT—1. The Postal Savings System is established for the purpose of providing facilities for depositing savings at interest with the security of the United States Government for repayment.

SAFETY. 2. The faith of the United States is solemnly pledged to the payment of deposits made in postal savings depositor offices with accrued interest as provided by the postal savings act.

WHO MAY DEPOSIT. 3. Accounts may be opened and deposits made by any person of the age of 10 years or over in his or her own name and by a married woman in her own name and free from any interference or control by her husband. No person can have more than one account at any one time.

4. No person may open a postal savings account at any post office where he is not a patron of that office

5. All accounts must be opened in person by the depositor or his authorized representative. After opening an account a depositor may forward subsequent deposits to the post office by mail.

6. Deposits will be accepted only from individuals, and no account shall be opened in the name of any corporation, association, society, firm, or partnership, or in the names of two or more persons jointly.

7. No account will be opened in the name of one person in trust for or on behalf of another person or persons.

SERVICE FREE. 8. The service of the postal savings system is free, and no charge or fee is collected or required in connection with the opening of an account or the withdrawal of money deposited.

PRIVACY OF ACCOUNTS—9. No person connected with the Post Office Department or the postal service is permitted to disclose the name of any depositor or give any information concerning an account to any person other than the depositor himself, unless directed to do so by the Postmaster General.

HOW TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT—10. When a person wishes to open an account he must fill out and sign an application on a form provided by the postmaster, or his representative, who will render any assistance necessary in filling out the form, explaining its purpose and meaning. If the applicant signs by mail

signature must be witnessed by a disinterested person

DEPOSITS.—11. Deposits are evidenced by postal savings certificates issued in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$50, each bearing the name of the depositor, the number of his account, the date of issue, the name of the delivery office, and the date on which interest begins. The postmaster or his representative will make out a duplicate of each certificate issued, which the depositor will be required to sign and which the postmaster will retain in his records.

2. No account may be opened for less than \$1, nor will fractions of a dollar be accepted for deposit.

3. No person is permitted to deposit more than \$100 in any one calendar month, nor to have a total balance to his credit at one time of more than \$500 exclusive of accumulated interest.

4. Savings certificates can not be transferred or negotiated and will be payable only to the person to whom issued.

5. On opening an account a depositor is supplied with an envelope in which he may keep his savings certificates. On this envelope is printed information for his guidance, and also a blank ledger record on which to keep an account of deposits with withdrawals.

6. In case a savings certificate is lost or destroyed the depositor should notify the postmaster. If deemed proper, a new certificate will be issued upon application by the depositor with the necessary requirements.

7. Postmasters are not permitted to receive savings certificates for safekeeping.

SAVINGS CARDS AND STAMPS—18. Amounts less than \$1 may be saved by the purchase of 10 cent postal savings cards and adhesives 10 cent postal savings stamps. Each postal savings card contains blank spaces to which postage stamps may be affixed from time to time as purchased and a postal-savings card with nine 10-cent savings stamps thus affixed will be accepted as a deposit of \$1 either in opening an account or in adding to an existing account.

9. Savings cards and stamps will be redeemed only by the issue of savings certificates and are not valid for postage. They will not be received in exchange for postage stamps nor will postage stamps be accepted in exchange for savings cards or stamps.

INTEREST.—20. Interest will be allowed on all deposits at the rate of 2 percent per annum, computing on each savings certificate separately, and payable quarterly. No interest will be paid on money which remains on deposit for a period of a year only.

1. Deposits will bear interest from the 1st day of the month next following that in which deposited.

2. Interest will continue to accrue on a savings certificate as long as it remains outstanding, certificates being valid until paid, without limitation as to time.

3. Compound interest is not allowed on an outstanding certificate, but a depositor may withdraw interest payable and include it in a new deposit, which will bear interest at the regular rate.

WITHDRAWALS.—24. A depositor may at any time withdraw the whole or part of his deposit to his credit with any interest payable by surrendering his certificates, properly indorsed, for the amount desired.

5. A depositor presenting a certificate for payment in full with all interest payable must indorse it on the back in the presence of the postmaster or his representative and surrender it. The postmaster or his representative, if satisfied

as to the depositor's identity, will then make payment.

26. When a depositor desired to withdraw only a part of the amount for by any certificate, the postmaster will cancel the certificate and issue a certificate covering the amount to be left on deposit. The new certificate will be so dated by the postmaster that the depositor will not lose interest on the amount remaining continuously on deposit.

27. When a depositor desires to withdraw merely the interest payable on any certificate, instead of indorsing and surrendering the certificate as in case of full payment, he will be required to give his receipt in duplicate for the amount of the interest paid. The postmaster will enter the interest payment on the certificate and return it to the depositor.

DEPOSITS NOT MADE IN PERSON. 28. When a person who has an account can not appear to make an additional deposit, because of infirmity or for other good and sufficient reason, the amount to be deposited may be sent by a representative or forwarded by mail. On receipt of the amount the postmaster will send to the depositor the duplicate of each savings certificate to be deposited. When the duplicate or duplicates thus delivered have been signed by the depositor and returned to the depository office, the postmaster will send him the certificate covering the amount of the deposit. New accounts can not be opened by mail. When an intending depositor desiring to open an account is unable to appear in person he may forward the money by a representative who will be provided with an application form which must be properly filled out by the intending depositor and returned with the duplicate certificate or certificates.

WITHDRAWALS NOT MADE IN PERSON. 29. When under similar circumstances a depositor can not appear in person to make a withdrawal, a blank order will be furnished for his use upon request by his representative. When such order has been properly filled in and signed by the depositor, with his signature witnessed by a disinterested person, and has been returned to the postmaster together with each certificate to be paid properly indorsed, payment will be made to the depositor's representative.

30. When a depositor who is unable to appear in person desires to withdraw merely the interest payable on any certificate, the blank order furnished will include receipts for the interest to be paid, upon return of which, properly signed by the depositor the postmaster will make payment to his representative.

DEATH OF DEPOSITOR. 31. In case of the death of a depositor the amount standing to his credit will be paid to the executor or administrator of his estate upon compliance with the necessary requirements. In case no formal administration is desired by his relatives the postmaster may be authorized, in the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the Postal Savings System, to pay the amount of the deposit, on application in proper form, to the persons entitled to receive it without the appointment of an administrator.

ACCOUNT OF WOMAN WHO MARRIES. 32. A woman who opens an account and afterwards marries must present her savings certificates at her office in order that the certificates may be indorsed as payable to her in her new name. The postmaster will receive no further deposits from a depositor failing to comply with this requirement, nor will he make any partial or interest payment to her.

POSTAL SAVINGS BONDS. 33. A depositor will be permitted to exchange the whole or any part of his deposits in sums of \$20, \$40, \$60, \$80, \$100, or multiples of \$100 up to and including \$500, into UNITED STATES registered or certified bonds bearing interest at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after one year.

of issue, both principal and interest payable 20 years from such date in United States gold coin. Such exchange may be made under date of January 1 July 1 of each year, provided such bonds are then available.

34. A depositor desiring to convert his savings deposits into bonds on January 1 and July 1 of any year must make application at least 15 days before either of the dates named to the postmaster in triplicate on a form which will be supplied him for that purpose. At the time of making application he must indorse and surrender savings certificates covering the amount of the bonds desired, for which the postmaster will give him a receipt. Interest will continue to accrue on the certificates surrendered until the date on which the bonds are issued. When the bonds applied for are received by the postmaster, the depositor will be notified and the bonds will be delivered by the postmaster on presentation of the receipt for the certificates surrendered. At the same time all interest due on the certificates surrendered will be paid.

35. Savings deposits converted into bonds are not counted as a part of the maximum of \$500 allowed one depositor, and there is no limitation upon the amount of available postal-savings bonds which may finally be acquired by a depositor.

36. Postal savings bonds are exempt from all taxes or duties of the United States, as well as from taxation in any form by or under State, municipal, or local authority.

37. Postal savings bonds can only be procured by the conversion of postal-savings deposits and will not be issued to persons who are not depositors, but when in registered or coupon form they may upon receipt by the depositor, be transferred and assigned at any time to any person desired.

38. Further information concerning the Postal Savings System may be obtained by application at any depository office or by inquiry of the Board of Trustees, Postal Savings System, Washington, D. C."

Instructions to postmasters regarding this service I have not yet been able to receive. A good deal, however, of the working of the system can be learned from the circular given above.

It is said that as soon as the system has been found to work satisfactorily at the offices in which it is now being tried, it will be further extended, so that it will finally become available to all the citizens of the United States.

The Savings cards and Savings adhesive stamps do not, of course, belong into the postage stamp collection. Nevertheless stamp collectors will take some interest in them, and these collectors who collect all postal value marks, "Postwertzeichen" as they are called in German, will want to collect them. They are entitled to receive more than any postal seals.

"Republica Oriental del Uruguay." Perhaps many collectors have been misled, as I was, by the word "Oriental" in the inscription on the stamps of Uruguay. Most persons associate the words orient and oriental with the countries of the people of Asia and the Old World. To have an oriental country in America, in the New World, is an enigma. Nevertheless, one of the definitions of the word oriental is east; the word being derived from the Latin verb "orior", meaning to rise, as the rising of the sun, in the east. The Spanish word for eastern, is "oriental." "Republica Oriental del Uruguay" translated from the Spanish into English means "The Eastern Republic of the Uruguay." The Uruguay is a large river forming the western boundary of the republic.

Notes for U. S. Collectors by E. R. Aldrich

In spite of the prevalence of the "permit" paid stamp some of the mailers still stay by the pre-cancelled stamp, and if anything their collection on the increase. In fact, since the days when the Pre-cancelled Club flourished there has not been such an active demand for them. It can safely be said this side line of philately will always have devotees.

So far as I have heard of, the only case of the Alaska-Yukon issue used cancelled is from Cincinnati, where in a mailing or two it was used by the American Book Co. So far as I can hear only three collections have a specimen.

A prominent eastern firm is offering for a brief season only blocks of the five cent 1902 imperforate for \$12.00.

So far only the two lower values have been reported on the new single Gothic watermark paper. This change of paper was the 1910 surprise for collectors.

Dr. Davis of Denver is reported as having the entire blue experimental set except the 3c and 13c, if this is true the 4c and 8c not previously reported found, must have been discovered.

The one and two cent current issue are reported as issued in part per coils, perforate $8\frac{1}{4}$.

To those who collect blocks a well known stamp dealer recently offered almost unique blocks of the experimental paper varieties, the 3 cent at \$30.00, five cent at \$75., the six cent at \$20.00, the ten cent at \$40.00 and the 15c at \$60.00.

The ten cent experimental paper is known with plate numbers 4940 and 4941.

In 1879 there were 40855 post offices in the U. S., which had increased in twenty years to 58999, and in twenty years to 75000, but owing to the discontinuance of offices growing out of the extension of the rural mail service in 1909 the number had fallen to 60144.

In the extent of post routes however the mileage shows little falling. In 1879 there were 316,711 miles, in 1889 416,159, in 1899, 446,949 and in 1909 618,000.

The amount of revenue received from the "Spanish War Stamps" by the government was in 1898 \$794,418.00, in 1899 \$43,837,819.00, in 1900 \$40,964,000.00, in 1901 \$39,241,036.00 and in 1902, the last year of their existence, for the year \$13,442,713.00.

A recent number of the National Monthly, published at Buffalo, N. Y. and edited by Norman C. Mack, contained a quite lengthy article advocating the establishment of the government parcel post.

The first quotation on the new postal savings bank stamp which has come to my notice was from an eastern dealer offering the ten cent stamps at ten cents, or the deposit card with stamp attached at twenty five cents.

The January number of the Ben Franklin Messenger of Minneapolis, Minn. issued in the interests of printers, contained a several page article on experimental stamp envelopes.

Gleanings from the Foreign Press

(Continued from January issue.)

- Mr. Nils Strandell, in the Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift furnishes a philatelic index for the year 1909, including European publications only, as follows:
- Papua. P. S. IV. 71.
- Paraguay. B. B. Z. 57, 189, 358; S. B. Z. 29; N. T. v. P. 105; Phil. 220; J. 498, 520, 580; issue of 1908: D. B. Z. 11, 120; falsifications: Le Post B. B. Z. 477; N. F. T. 207.
- Persia. I. B. J. 423; P. J. G. B. 256; issue of 1875-6: P. W. II. 30.
- Peru. M. F. 77, 91, 124, 155; P. S. V. 75, 111; issue of 1881-2: G. S. W. 206, 236, 258, 273, 318.
- Philippine Islands. Officials: B. B. Z. 11.
- Poland. B. B. Z. 478.
- Portugal. L. P. 170; G. B. 125; Phil. 318; reprints: I. B. J. 328; B. B. Z.
- Prussia. Franks and postmarks: L. S. Z. 75, 87, 91; falsifications: D. D.
- Prince Edward Island. P. J. G. B. 76, 92; Echo T. 501; falsifications: S. 96.
- Poonch. G. S. W. IX. 69, 218, D. B. Z. 31.
- Portuguese Colonies. Reprints: I. B. J. 329, 399, 546, 571; B. B. Z. 292.
- Queensland. Echo T. 289; M. R. H. P. S. II. 80, 104, 121; issues of 1897- P. J. G. B. 27.
- Reunion. Issue of 1885: T. P. 55, 95; G. S. W. X. 37, 282.
- Romagna. Echo T. 619.
- Roumania. M. F. 125; issue of 1900 08: D. B. Z. 12, 32; M. F. 158; en- D. B. Z. 5, 4', 54, 65, 159; I. B. J. 98.
- Roumanian Levante. Coll. T. P. 338.
- Russia. D. B. Z. 83; G. S. W. X. 184, 202; issue of 1905: J. d. P. 10; is- 1909; D. B. Z. 28; semstwo or rural: Echo T. 50, 133, 254, 290, 329, 446, 49, 582, 616, 652, 697, 771, 819; falsifications; F. I. B. O. 467; P. Z. 18; S. 22; N. F. T. 44, 57.
- Russian Levante. B. B. Z. 481; reprints: D. B. Z. 111; A. S. S. M. C. P. 214; B. B. Z. 430, 458.
- China. Echo T. 52.
- Samoa (kingdom). Phil. 136, 166, 189; K. M. 93.
- Samoa (German Colony). Obliterations; Post 144, 176, 191; F. P. B. 348, 50; I. Z. d. K. 100.
- San Marino. Falsifications: S. B. Z. 20; G. F. No. 1-2. No. 2 6, No. 6-1; T. 43. S. C. F. XV. 37, 101; I. B. J. 268; P. W. I. 70.
- St. Helena. G. S. W. X. 420; falsifications: N. T. v. P. 52.
- St. Lucia. P. S. III. 293.
- St. Marie de Madagascar. V. K. B. 10.
- St. Vincent. P. S. III. 221.
- Sarawak. G. S. W. X. 134.
- Sardinia. Obliterations: P. W. I. 55.
- Shanghai. Issue of 1890-93: G. S. W. IX. 89, 103, 122, 207.
- Sweden. Essays: S. F. T. 106; G. S. W. X. 65; P. S. IV. 167; N. F. T. P. 293; officials: N. F. T. 1, 23, 32; entires: I. B. J. 243; railway: P. 2, 128; N. F. T. 199; reprints: T. P. 61; falsifications: S. C. F. XIV. 231, G. S. W. IX. 30.

Switzerland. S. P. N. 19; S. B. Z. 14; P. R. 67, 88, 108, 132, 146, 183, 210; Neufchatel: T. P. 21; Basle: S. P. N. 107; issues of 1854-62: S. B. Z. 19; P. W. I. 56, 96; II. 35; S. P. N. 121; A. S. S. M. C. 49; issues of 1880: S. B. Z. 2; L. P. 7, 39, 74; S. P. N. 21, 38, 56, 68, 73, 84; T. P. 36; issues of 1908: D. B. Z. 19, S. P. N. 2, 6, 18; dues: I. B. J. 136, 364; S. B. Z. 35; entires: D. B. Z. 176; obliterations: S. P. N. 142; essays: S. P. N. 55; falsifications: S. P. N. 123; Le Post 391; N. F. T. 185.

Scinde. B. P. II. 29.

Servia. G. S. W. X. 539.

Seychelles. P. S. III. 269; IV. 16.

Siam. P. S. IV. 294; issue of 1900: P. S. IV. 39, 106; S. C. F. XV. Le Post 235; issue of 1908: D. B. Z. 15; Coll. T. P. 23; E. W. S. N. 1709; G. B. Z. 17, 41.

Sierra Leone. P. S. III. 210; T. P. 88.

Sicily. S. P. N. 137, 154.

Spain. Issue of 1851: G. S. W. IX. 201; issue of 1854: Post 122; issue of 1857: K. M. No. 2-5; Don Carlos: J. d. P. 97; P. S. V. 63; falsifications: P. Z. 8; S. C. F. XV. 5; L. P. 102; V. K. B. 55.

Spanish Morocco. K. M. No. 2 12.

Spanish West Indies. B. B. Z. 373, 395; Echo 1. 818.

Straits Settlements. G. S. W. X. 181.

Soudan (British). S. L. II. 79; falsifications: Echo T. 477; G. S. W. X. 154; T. P. 99; N. F. T. 123; G. B. 135.

South Australia. G. S. W. IX. 58, 91; P. J. G. B. 30, 49, 138, 196, 222.

South Bulgaria. T. P. 19.

Southern Nigeria. P. S. III. 161.

Surinam. N. T. v. P. 97; proofs: B. B. Z. 33.

Tahiti. T. P. 4.

Tasmania. G. S. W. IX. 120; P. S. IV. 214; issue of 1900: L. P. 280.

Thurn and Taxis. P. Z. 9, 31, 153; G. B. 117; S. B. Z. 95; reprints: M. 40; V. K. B. 178; obliterations: P. Z. 126.

Tobago. Issue of 1883-4: P. S. III. 246

Togo. Obliterations: Post 14, 48, 63, 80, 95, 111, 159, 176; F. P. B. 1348, 366, 421, 431, 450, 468; I. Z. d. K. 84, 86, 88, 90, 100.

Tonga. G. S. W. X. 293.

Tuscany. Falsifications: G. F. No. 3-6, No. 5-7, No. 7-3.

Transvaal. P. S. III. 234; IV. 30; E. W. S. N. 1724; D. B. Z. 38; M. R. P. S. II. 142; issue of 1877: P. S. III. 270, 280.

Trinidad: S. C. F. XV. 115; L. P. 268, 228; issue of 1882: Le Post 238

Tunis. Entires. I. B. J. 403.

Turkey. P. R. 10, 27, 76; issue of 1898: I. B. J. 168; Echo T. 391; Echo T. 99.

Uganda. G. S. W. X. 598.

Hungary. S. C. F. XIV. 245, 263; XV. 3, 17, 23, 33, 39, 58, 62, 70, 94, 96, 105, 113, 123, 133, 145, 157; I. B. J. 229, 255, 445; issue of 1856: P. R. & Le Post 148; issue of 1857-9: S. L. I. 262.

Venezuela. T. P. 17; G. S. W. IX. 27; K. M. 106; issue of 1902 3: L. J. 63; Guyana: G. S. W. X. 81; B. B. Z. 455; locals: S. L. I. 279.

United States of America. S. F. T. 66; issue of 1857-60: I. B. J. issue of 1869: P. S. IV. 246, 271; issue of 1890-99: P. S. III. 257; perforations: T. P. 105; S. F. T. 122; D. D. P. 112; E. W. S. N. 1801; G. S. W. X. 18; Co.

2; Le Post 295; K. M. 62; P. W. I. 114; express stamps: S. C. F. XV. 89;
is (Department): T. P. 44; P. S. IV. 114; B. B. Z. 311; P. W. I. 90; per-
als (newspaper stamps): S. L. II. 1; stamps in books: P. S. V. 76; reve-
S. L. II. 66, 94, 116; falsifications: S. F. T. 12.
Victoria. P. J. G. B. 146, 167; issue of 1854-61: L. P. 254; falsifications:
F. XIV. 261; N. F. T. 58.
Virgin Islands. P. R. 73, 91, 128; S. L. II. 23, 63, 109.
West Australia. P. S. IV. 214; issue of 1854: L. P. 17; W. E. P. V. 203;
107.
Wuerttemberg. Officials: D. D. P. 52, 67; falsifications: G. F. No. 3-7,
7; D. B. Z. 98; P. Z. 98; D. D. P. 76; Phil. 173; G. B. 65; N. F. T. 93,
S. F. T. 113; Le Post 274.
Zululand. W. E. P. VI. 1, 19, 36, 52, 67, 83, 100; P. S. IV. 209.

Mr. Strandell has done a big piece of work in compiling this index, as any-
will appreciate who has ever tried to perform a similar task. It is of value
to the philatelic papers included in the list, and to collectors generally in
giving them the information they may be seeking. If Mr. Strandell succeeds
indexing all philatelic papers of the world for 1910, we hope to make his work
accessible to our readers by translating that also.

Meanwhile, we would suggest that it might be to the advantage of every col-
lector to compile an index for himself on similar lines, even if he includes refer-
ences to a limited number of subjects only. For example, a collector of North
American stamps might book references on Canada, New Brunswick, Newfound-
land, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Vancouver, British Columbia, St. Pierre
and Miquelon and Mexico, not forgetting the United States, of course, for a number
of years, a very valuable stock of information may be gathered.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

The discovery of a solemn man's hobby softens his austerity. So there is
something very human and interesting in the convention here of the nation's phi-
latelists—serious men brought together by the common fascination exercised by
the bits of colored paper.

Like every other hobby which involves collecting something, the fun is not
so much in possession as in the eternal quest, says the Detroit Free Press.
The volumes of odd and beautiful labels, given as a receipt for postage paid,
are not as interesting as the rare and illusive specimens which are yet to be col-
lected. While the small boy collector has his heaven in grandmother's garret,
digging the old labels from long treasured epistles, the full-fledged enthusiast
has a larger field for his activities, and the farthest corner of the earth is not too
distant to stop his quest. There is more in the hobby than one might suppose.
History, geography and National Politics form a groundwork for an intelligent
pursuit of the pastime. New Zealand and Hawaii will show you landscapes upon
their stamps; A Central American country pictures tropical birds; Jamaica shows
waterfall; old Canadian issues and some of Borneo show native fauna, while
Germany revels in various presentations of its conventionalized chrysanthemum.
Siam and the Quebec centennials present whole maps, while the heads of ru-
lers and statesmen give designs for thousands of issues.

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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 returned for examination, return postage must be enclosed beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORPAT, Box 37, Wayne, N. J.

714. Can you give the addresses of any wholesale dealers in stamps? We would rather refer you to the advertisements in *The West*. It seems improper for us to mention others and to forget these. If we mentioned all these, there would hardly be room for any others. By looking over other stamp papers you may learn of them. This, by the way, are pretty good pointers to the dealers. If they want to sell let them say so.

715. Are Russian locals worth collecting? Why not? Any stamp no matter for what purpose or where they were issued, are worth collecting, if that is done in the right way. By "right way" we mean that too much is paid for them, that they are well arranged, studied and used and that doing this affords pleasure to the collector. Do not speculate on them, nor in any other stamps, if you would follow our advice. You can read German and wish to know more about these stamps, the *Russian Locals*, you might do well to get the work that is now being published in Dresden, Germany, by addressing Dr. Jur. Paul Kloss, Postchliessfach 10, Dresden. If we remember right the same work is being published in an English translation in London, but we forget by whom.

716. Where can a complete file of *The Phil. West* be obtained? We do not know, we are sorry to say. The older volumes have become so rare that it may be pretty hard work to get a complete file together at this time. It seems possible though that one of our readers is able to offer a complete or nearly complete file. We would like to hear of him.

685. (Extra) Lithographs and Engravings. Mr. T. C. Mann of St. Louis is so kind as to write: "I wish to suggest something I've never known to fail with even poorly engraved copies. It is this: Lay a piece of tin foil over the face of the stamp and rub the former lightly with your finger. If stamp is engraved, impression will show in slight relief on the foil."

717. Are the Tuberculosis Stamps good for postage? No, indeed. At least not the Red Cross Stamps issued in the United States by the Red Cross Society for the raising of funds, which are to be used in combating consumption. In other countries special arrangements may have been made with the postal administrations, so that the stamps are sold by the postoffices, that they are acceptable for postage and that consequently they are postage stamps and charity stamps at the same time. This is not the case in our country. By the way, these labels are rather pretty and though some, and most of them have nothing to do with postage they might make a pretty collection.

718. Can any of our readers give any information in regard to the use of British stamps at Singapore? I have an envelope with an 8 penny stamp of Great Britain, "issue of 1901-2" on it and bearing no other stamp, postmarked "Singapore 9:30 am Sp 12 1910." The postmark is applied twice, once on the stamp and once on the body of the envelope. Both postmarks are upside down, and I think it possible that this stamp simply slipped through, being mistaken for a 1 anna stamp of India. I would like to know though, and would thank any one who would enlighten me.

719. Who can tell anything about the following stamps? (1) A rectangular stamp, brown on white, portrait in oval on colored background inscribed in frame in colorless letters: "BLOODS" above "Penny Post" below "Kochersberger & Co.," at the left and "Philadelphia" at the right imperforate. (2) A rectangular stamp, dark brown on white, portrait

Franklin (profile to right) in colored oval, inscription in colorless letters on colored bands, "Carrier's" above and "Stamp" below, imperforate. (3) A rectangular stamp, red on white, ship in center, curved band above with inscription "T. B. Morton & Co.," curved band below with "D. & B. S. L. S.," "I" in left upper and lower corners, "Pre." in right upper and lower corners. (4) A rectangular stamp, black on blue-green. Ship in center. "Letter Despatch" above, "E. D. Prince" below. (5) A rectangular stamp, green on white, "B. S. & Co." on shield in center, "College Stamp" above, "Montreal" below.

720. How can stamp collecting be made enjoyable without making it expensive? First of all, do not collect for pecuniary profit. Then do not follow any set of cut and dried rules, but go your own way, just to suit yourself. Do not even follow my advice, unless it pleases you to do so. Use your own judgment and make use of other people's ideas only as far as they agree with your own. You may learn by their experiences, you may follow their example, you may make use of their devices, or you may work independently and disregard anything others may do or say. You may use an album and a catalog, or you may do without them, though I suppose that the catalog at least will prove a very welcome help. Let me suggest but a few things. There are a great many people who have or get stamps on their mail, but do not care for them and would be quite willing to give them away to anybody who asked for them. Now, don't you think it would be a good plan to find such people and to ask them for their stamps? You might then pick these stamps over, assort them and use them for the promotion of your collection. You will find shades, envelope die varieties and the like that may interest you. Perhaps you might also buy some lots of unpicked stamps and work them in a similar way. Don't you think that the finding of uncatalogued shades or other varieties and the arrangement of them according to your own plan would give you pleasure? I'm sure it is a thing I enjoy. And if you should make a discovery of a really rare variety once in a while, wouldn't you like that? Well, by picking over a lot of stamps you have all sorts of chances.

721. Where can one obtain magic lantern slides to illustrate stamps? Write to Mr. Casper W. Briggs, 628 Callowhill St., Philadelphia, Pa. There is also a way of projecting images of stamps or cards on the screen by reflection from the real object without any slides at all, but I am not informed as to particulars, nor where the apparatus can be had. If it works well, it should prove very useful for stamp societies and lecturers.

722. Why do American stamp journals depend so much on a re-hash of what has been published in European journals? Many of our American journals are edited and published by youths and amateurs that lack the experience and means which are at the disposition of the professional men producing most of the European journals, consequently the latter are at a great advantage over the former, and it is but natural that the rich should to some extent supply the poor. Then also some of our philatelic writers are so far removed from the stamp centers and have so small facilities for examining large accumulations of any one stamp or set of stamps that it is impossible for them to do what they might well do if they had the same access to stamps as their European brethren. I do not consider it a great fault that it is so. If we only get all the news, it matters little whether we get it in the form of original articles or in the form of "boiled down re-hash." Then too, not all that is published in American journals is a re-hash from European publications. We have a good deal that is original and that is copied by European papers from us. It is right that the exchange should be mutual, even if we must take a little more than we can give. In some instances the European journals might be criticised for not paying attention to what is published on this side of the Atlantic. Readers on both sides have a right to expect that all information of value, no matter where originally brought to light, should be laid before them.

723. What are Philatelic side lines? Philately proper is the collecting and study of postage stamps. There are other stamps though, as revenues, telegraphs, railway and express stamps, and various other labels or marks that more or less resemble stamps. Then there are post marks, seals, postal stationery and many other things that have some relation to the posts or to postage stamps. Collecting and studying any of these may be called a philatelic side line, for instance the collecting and studying of U. S. lock-seals, of stamped bank checks, of match and medicine stamps, beer and tobacco stamps, inspection labels, Red Cross and other charity stamps, exposition labels, philatelic literature, etc., etc. The collecting of essays and proofs of postage stamps, and the collecting of shades and minor varieties of postage stamps can hardly be called philatelic side lines, but should rather be called philatelic specialty. Philatelic specialization is the going into details in regard to any one stamp or group of stamps, i. e., postage stamps, and as long as postage stamps form the object of collecting and studying we can hardly speak of side lines. The side lines go beyond postage.

724. Is it desirable that a government should sell at auction or otherwise, any remainders of stamps or used stamps found on government documents, as the post of Germany is now doing? Why yes, and no. no and yes. It all depends on who is who, and what is what, and when is when, and where is where, and how is how, and why is why. In other words, there is so much in particular circumstances that a general answer good for all cases cannot be given. One thing, however, seems most desirable in all cases, and that is the greatest possible publicity, and the next to it is stability in custom; secrecy and frequent changes of policy are always obnoxious to the interests of the general collector.

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O. T. Hartmann

In the "Curiosity Hunter," as far back as 1872, the publisher, a Mr. D. A. K. Andrus advertised:—First Revenue Stamps bought whatever that may be: also another ad read:—Just received a large lot of Danish, North German and Canadian Revenue stamps.

To my knowledge, Mr. Andrus must have been one of the first of selling, or advertising the collecting of foreign revenue stamps. Mention is made of an old Bavarian stamped paper 1849, Dimension—stempel, 7 Kreuzer, black. Vol. 1. No. 1 was issued in Sept. 1872 at Rockfort, Ill.

Many interesting items on coins appear also.

(Continued from January Number.)

DENMARK: Gold: 20 & 10 Kroner silver; 2, 1 Krone, 40, 25, 10 ore Bronze 5, 2, 1 ore. National notes to 5, 10, 50, 100 and 500 Kroner.

For drafts or foreign exchange the tax is: to 1000 kr. is 0.20 Kr. to 2000 kr. 0.35 kr. to 4000 kr. 0.70 kr. to 6000 kr. 1.00 kr. and for every 2000 more from 30 to 35 ore. Checks which are not indorsed or accepted, are free.

GERMANY EMPIRE COINS. Gold: 20, 10 marks. Silver 5, 2, 1 m., 3 Pfenningen. Nickel: 10, 5 pf. Copper: 2, 1 pf.

Drafts payable in Germany are stamped as special tax follows: 30 pf for less than 100 m. and 50 pf for over 100m. Drafts payable are stamps as follows: For 200 m. or less 20 pf. from 200 to 1000 m. 10 pf per 100 m. Above 1000 M.

50 pf for every commenced 1000.

There is also a class of stamps for the taxation of speculation or transaction in bonds, railroad shares, etc dealt at the Borse (something like Wall street) These stamps bear the word Reichs-stempel-abgabe and run from 5 pf to 1000 m. and is about 30 pf for every 1000 m., varied by different rules or special exemptions

All German Colonies use the money of the mother country, except Kiantshon, China and German East Africa (Rupees and Hellers. The German New Guinea Co. has a special design for its coins of the same value as the German Empire.

FRANCE.—Coins: Gold: 100, 50, 20, 10, 5 Francs. Silver:—5, 2, 1 franc, 50 centimes. 20 sous. Nickel: 25, 20, 10 cts. Bronze: 10, 5, 2, 1 cts.

Under the Latin coin convention is to be understood an agreement between France, Belgium, Greece, Italy and Switzerland to have an issue coins of equal value, though under different names, to pass in any state, though limited to a certain amount as legal tender. The Bank of France issues notes to 5000, 1000, 500, 200, 100 & 50 frs. Drafts are stamped—effect de commerce—as follows: to 100 Frs, 5 cts; 100 to 200 frs. 10 cts.; 5 cts. for every 100 frs. Under this tax are also all orders, notes. Receipts and promissary notes are taxed 10 cts.

Checks payable in same locality are stamped with 10 cts and at another place 20 cts.

Foreign Drafts passing through France are taxed with 50 cts for every commenced 2000 frs. Commercial companies pay a stamp duty about 6 cts per 100 frs. on the share, bond or stock of the company. Lottery tickets are taxed 8 p. o. and stamped to this amount.

Tunis has the same values from 20 frs. down, and uses also the old 25 piaster, gold, equal to 15 frs. The stamp duty is about the same as in France.

GREECE. Gold: 100, 50, 20, 10 drachmen. Silver: 5, 2, 1 dr., 50, 20 lepta. Nickel: 20, 10, 5 lepta. Bronze: 10, 5, 2, 1 lepta. Paper money 500 drachmen down to 1 drachma enjoys an enforced circulation. value about 1 dr. gold to 1.35 dr. paper.

Stamps on Drafts, etc. To 500 Drachmen—0.50 Dr. from 500 to 1000 Drachmen. 1.—Dr. from 1000 to 15,000—1 Dr. per 1000. 15,000 to 30,000—20 Dr. 30,000 to 50,000 50 Dr. In addition each draft required a receipt stamp of 50 lepta. Checks payable outside require same stamps of drafts, etc., but payable at home and at a recognized Government bank 10 lepta otherwise 50 lepta. All drafts etc. must be made out on stamped paper.

GREAT BRITAIN. Since 1816 Gr. Britain has the Gold Standard. Gold coined: 5, 2, 1 £, 10 sh. Silver: 1, ½ Crown, 1 Florin, 1 shilling, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1½, 1 pennies. Bronze: 1, ½, ¼ penny. Bank notes of the Bank of England are in 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500 and 1000 £ notes. Legal tender in the entire British Empire except Ireland, Scotland and Australia.

Bank of Ireland and Bank of Holland issue notes to 1, 5, 10 £.

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A great many stamps can be gathered by a collector without cost from the old letters of his own family and those of friends. At the same time, one who is willing to spend even a little money on a stamp collection will receive a great deal of amusement and instruction. While, of course, very rare stamps bring large sums, a person with a limited pocketbook can get together a good sized collection of stamps at the cost of only a few dollars. Some collectors start with a blank book to keep their stamps in, but a regular album will soon be necessary.



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The Carnegie Library of Pittsburg has issued a list of "Books in the Library of the American Philatelic Society," this society having permanently deposited its library in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburg, where, as it seems, it is well taken care of. There are 13 pages, octavo, to the list. With it there is also a want list. By helping to complete the A. P. S. library members would do much to increase its usefulness. It is not as large and complete as might be expected, though it contains some very good books.

From the Philadelphia Stamp Club Bulletin we see that the Club has an active librarian in Mr. W. R. Keller, who is hard at work trying to improve the Club's library, asking for donations from members and making exchanges with other librarians. This suggests to us the idea of bringing together all the librarians of all the philatelic clubs and societies in the United States, and, if possible, in the whole world, for the purpose of effecting exchanges and making their libraries more useful generally. Co-operation will do much in any field.

Luecke's Ratgeber, 1911, is at hand. It is a sort of stamp album catalog describing the many and excellent editions of the Schaubeck Album, one of the standards among the German collectors, but it is quite suggestive to the collector generally and contains a large amount of advertising from various European firms. Thus it gives one an idea of the way philately is flourishing on the other side of the Atlantic and the channel. All collectors able to read German should get a copy from C. F. Luecke, G. m. b. H., Liepzig, Germany, Georgi-Ring 4. It's free.

Roessler's Stamp News is still very much alive. No. 21 gives some further information on the 3 cents Cuba with secret mark. It appears that the plate, when it was turned over by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to the American Bank Note Co., was marked, indeed, as stated in the Stamp News of October, but that it is denied all around that any stamps have been printed from the marked plate. Still a copy corresponding to the marked plate is said to exist, and it is a mystery whence it came. Mr. Roessler says it is not a fake.

The Philadelphia Stamp News, that spicy little weekly, contains the information, obtained from General A. Coolidge, that in the Philippine Islands postal savings bank stamps are in use, and that they were printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The general has the following:

5 centavos (figure 5) Plate No. 23338.

10 centavos, red (Gateway to Walled City) Plate No. 23369.

20 centavos, green (Rice Field) Plate No. 23346.

It would be interesting to learn further particulars about these stamps, when issued, how the different values are used, and whether there are any other varieties. Any of our readers in possession of such information would do us a favor by sending it to us. Thus a new "side line" to philately may be added—postal savings banks stamps.

The Year Book of the Philadelphia Stamp Club (1909-10) shows that our Philadelphia friends are of a practical mind. Four independent societies have been consolidated into one, and the result is that the consolidated so-

cety is now able to hold permanent rooms for the use of its members, besides doing many other things which the smaller societies were unable to do. The membership is in the neighborhood of one hundred, and the members all seem enthusiastic. We wish them all prosperity for the future.

Daily and weekly newspapers are, it seems, learning more and more the fact that postal news is worth printing and news about stamps is welcome to a great many readers. Thus it happens that without just reading philatelic papers we learn about the progress of the new savings bank system that is to be attached to the postal system, about the stamps that are to be used in connection with the postal savings bank, about Postmaster General Hitchcock's plans in regard to a reduction of postage on letters, and the starting of an inland parcels post. Isn't it a wonder that the express companies permit that?

We are just in receipt of "Le Fac-similé" No. 3, in which Mr. Fournier, the stamp imitator and repairer, tries to defend himself and his business and to unmask those "big dealers who call themselves honest." He uses some harsh language, but as far as we can see, to little avail. Serious collectors will hardly want his imitations of stamps, and dealers who will not patronize him thereby deserve so much more the confidence of collectors, even though they have here or there made a mistake. We regret that Mr. Fournier does not devote his time and abilities to some better purpose. If he would only mark his imitations and repaired stamps as such, so as to make it impossible to pass them as genuine and perfect stamps, we might think much better of him. As it now is, he supplies dishonest people with the means wherewith to deceive, and we do not see how such a business can be defended.

The Globe Trotter for October consists of two parts, being a jubilee number commemorating the tenth anniversary of the C. C. C.'s existence. Part 1 contains the membership lists, which now run up to No. 7324, club matters and the Stamp Department, under the management of Mr. L. G. Dorpat, who reviews collectors' opportunities for obtaining valuable stamps. The second part, consisting of 96 pages and covers, contains various beautifully illustrated articles from members in German, English, French, Spanish and Esperanto, mostly on geographical topics. Two treat of stamps. One is a transcription by L. G. Dorpat of an article on the stamps of Alsace and Lorraine, which originally appeared in the Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal in German, and was made in English for the Philatelic Journal of America of St. Louis. The other stamp article is headed: "A Startling Disclosure Regarding the Recent Surcharges on Siamese Stamps." The author's name is withheld because he "occupies a very responsible position in Siam," and might be swamped with requests for stamps if his identity and address were known. The gist of the disclosures is that certain officials speculated in these surcharged stamps, selling them privately for enormous prices before they were officially put on sale and manipulating the whole issue for personal profit, making the stamps to appear scarce while there is a large lot of them accessible to nobody but themselves. In this connection it may be mentioned that the C. C. C. has issued a new prospectus, a copy of which can be had from L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis., for a 2-cent stamp.

The Hobbyist of Winnipeg announces a campaign against delinquent advertisers, and rightly so, for dealers who cannot or will not pay for their advertisements are certainly not recommendable. The West has had a few of this kind in the past and is glad to be rid of them. Our Mr. O. T. Hartmann, by the way, is now a contributor to the Hobbyist.

The Drummer, published by the United States Stamp Co., 722 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., is a bargain sheet offering stamps in some

instances below half catalog prices. It is free to purchasers.

The Southern Philatelist promises the early publication in its columns of a serial article, "Famous Stamp Finds." We have read the manuscript and can say that it is interesting reading which will be enjoyed.

Scotts Circular brings the news that on October 13th the order was given making the stamps of the Australian states interchangeable. The next thing to loog for now will be a series of new designs for the "United States of Australia."

A price list of the Specialty Stamp Co., of Arlington, Kansas, who make a specialty of the stamps of the Confederate states. These, by the way, do hardly receive the attention they deserve. They are not much seen in collections, seldom advertised and rarely spoken of in the journals. Why is this? They certainly represent a very important part of our history. We hope to hear more of the Specialty Stamp Co., and its specialty, including a special Confederate Album. It ought to help these stamps to the front.

Albert Friedemann's "Preis-Liste," Haertelstrasse 23, Leipzig, Germany, is quite a book and worthy of looking over, containing a large number of bargains at attractive prices. Mention The West when you send for it, and do not forget to enclose a stamp for postage.

ENCASED POSTAGE STAMPS.—BY NORCROSS.

Few collectors know the real cause of encased postage stamps and how they originated, although from time to time articles are published in regard to them in stamp and coin papers.

During war times there was very high premiums paid on all the metal coins in circulation and as a result they were hoarded up and disposed of at a good profit and at this time encased postage stamps were used for circulation. The idea of the encased postage stamp was the invention of John Gault of Boston, Mass. and he secured the consent of Congress to issue the case in place of coins in circulation.

These cases were used during the Civil War and stamps were placed in the cases made of brass with mica fronts on which appeared the advertisements of various firms who bought them at an advanced price of the manufacturer and used them as an advertisement as well as to help out for a circulating medium of the country in a time when it was seriously needed.

As far as is known at the present time these were put out by thirty-one firms and in all there were 172 different varieties issued. In this list there are for different firms in the city of Cincinnati, and while a number of thousand dollars worth of them were put out, still today they are very scarce and hard to get hold of. Strange as it may seem, only six dry goods houses in the country used them.

It might be added that at this period the hotels and patent medicine men of the east got busy and issued any quantity of brass coins that were used for advertising purposes at that time.

United States Colonial Stamps. I--Guam

By **Bertram W. H. Poole**

(Continued from last issue.)

COMMENTS ON THE ISSUE:

Captain Leary had little idea of the commotion his action was going to make in the world of philately. There was a mad scramble on the part of dealers and collectors to obtain supplies and at the same time the philatelic journals were almost unanimous in condemning the issue as a totally unnecessary one. Some of the opinions published form interesting reading at this date, I quote a few chosen haphazardly.

AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIST:—"As the population is une quantite negligible, and the staple production consists of guano, it is difficult to understand where the necessity for stamps comes in. There can be no necessity for 'internal' posts, and there is no regular service to the island. From the number of ships that enter out for Guam, it might be thought otherwise but the explanation is that the the same is used as a polite deception by shipowners who do not wish to publicly disclose the destination of their vessels."

METROPOLITAN PHILATELIST:—"Guam is a small island, containing 200 square miles and probably 100 white inhabitants. There can not possibly be any postal service in the island, and the only use for stamps is for forwarding letters to the United States or the Philippines.

MONTHLY JOURNAL:—"Even the Spaniards, who were fairly liberal to their colonies in the way of stamps (if not in other matters), did not think it necessary to furnish the minute white population of this island in the Ladroneas with a separate issue all to themselves.

PHILATELIC RECORD:—"We are curious to hear more of the nature and the necessity of this issue for Guam. Spain with all her fondness for many issues of postage stamps might be forgiven much by reason of her poverty, but even Spain never dreamt of making a special issue of stamps for Guam.

THE SECOND PRINTING.

Hardly had he arrived at Guam when Capt. Leary learned that such a simple proceeding as having a few stamps overprinted with such a little world as the name of the island was likely to keep him somewhat busy. Here we had best let Mekeels Weekly take up the tale:—"Before he had been in Guam three months he found that the postal branch of his business was likely to develop into the proportions of a first class state. He was simply swamped with orders for stamps from dealers and collectors from all over the world, mostly the U.S., accompanied by checks—which could not be cashed—money orders—which could not be paid,—and greenbacks and bank bills. Here he had \$900 worth of stamps—enough, as he supposed, to meet the requiremenst of the island for two years,—and in three months he had orders for more than \$9000 worth of stamps.

"Now Captain Leary was a bright man. He had to give an account of his stewardship, and he was not the man to go and hide his talent when it might be working. So the Captain said to himself, "If these fools want stamps with GUAM printed across the face, when they can get all the good stamps they want and need at home, they shall have them; and he consequently ordered as follows:

1 cent 15 000; 2 cent 75,000; 3 cent 5,000; 4 cent 5,000; 5 cent 15,000; 6 cent 5,000; 8 cent 5,000; 10 cents 10,000; 15 cent 5,000; 50 cent 4,000; \$1 3,000; Special Delivery, 10c 5,000.

(To be continued)



Letter to
The Editor,
1900
London

Dear Sir We
are having
the honor of
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me

Yours,
J. A. Keyman
1900

ACROSS THE POND

H. J. J. J.

Under this heading K. A. Keyman Jr., of Rotterdam, Holland, our representative for the Netherlands and Germany intends to manage this new rubric, giving every month a review, as complete as possible of the latest transactions in the European stamp-world consisting of: The describing of proposed new issues, discoveries, varieties, reprints, forgeries, reports of meetings, associations, review of publications, stamp-market reports, and further anything that can be of interest to stamp collectors. If any of our European readers would assist him in his work he would be greatly obliged whilst every early information will be welcomed. All communications relating thereto must be addressed as above.

Montenegro. The beautiful design and execution of the new Jubilee stamps has had the result desired by the government. The first impression was snapped up within a few weeks. A second impression is to be issued, and is now printing in Vienna. I wonder what proportion of them will ever be used for their natural purpose. Not many, I think.

Portugal. As prices of Portuguese stamps, both those bearing only the portrait of King Manuel, as well as those surcharged with the word "Republica," are going up week by week, it is advisable to procure sets without delay for your collection. However, the "Manuel" stamps will have the greatest value, as they were in circulation in a very short time.

The following story is going the round of the European press: That a French daily paper, to which King Manuel subscribed, continued to send to the Royal Palace at Lisbon, the revolution and its consequences being entirely ignored. After delays of some days, however, the postal authorities returned the papers with the remark, "Left, address unknown."

Roumania. Another of 'em. In last month's WEST I mentioned that Bulgaria was about to issue new stamps. (I said they would not be Jubilee stamps, but now I hear that I was mistaken; they will certainly be Jubilee stamps, bearing the portrait of Prince Ferdinand. This was the fourth of the Balkan states that had issued such series. And now, Roumania must follow suit, to commemorate the 50 years anniversary of the University of Jassy. If things continue so, it will need a prodigious memory to remember how many Jubilee series Roumania has issued. And, perhaps, after some time, we shall hear of Jubilee stamps to commemorate the centenary of the state prison, the 50 years anniversary of the barracks at Bucharest, or any other equally unimportant event. And which of the Balkan states will now emulate its neighbors?

Switzerland. Most collectors are not aware, says the N. T. V. P., that the Swiss postage-due stamps, which were never supplied unused, were, however, obtainable at the post-offices in lots of 100, of any face value from 10 to 50 cents as desired by the purchaser, at the price of 50 francs per lot, but cancelled by a date stamp. Hence, the reasonable prices, at which the so-called "Used" stamps were obtainable at one time. To Philatelists the stamps—in reality very inferior goods—became an eye-sore and steps were taken to put a stop to their promiscuous circulation. The post-master-general, himself a stamp collector, acting upon the representations made to him, issued orders that, commencing with the next issue, (now appeared) the sale of postmarked stamps at prices lower than the face value should not take place. In consequence, anyone desirous of acquiring

stamps has to pay the full value, as printed on the stamps. This will certainly be of interest to the Philately.

Turkey. A clearance sale is now being held of the old issues of this country as was already announced two years ago. But, although a clearance sale, it is no use attempting to drive bargains in the establishment, prices are irrevocably fixed by the management, namely the government, could now the value of Turkey's stamps become higher or less?

Intimation is made that the 25 and 50 piaster, at present not included on the latest set, will soon be issued.

IS THE POSTAGE STAMP DOOMED?

By W. H. C., of Liverpool.

In a recent article in the Philatelic West, a writer treated the above subject, and I have pleasure in replying to the same, but must say, yes postage stamp is doomed and I will try and give some little detail or reason for my assertion and belief. To begin with, there is no doubt that adhesive postage stamp is out of date, for it is a great time waster, very messy and somewhat inconvenient. Take the time wasted by any ordinary person in mailing or posting a letter, provided he or she possesses postage stamps. They enter the postoffice, wait a turn at the counter to receive stamps, affix them in seven cases out of ten by the licking process; take the letters generally outside to mail or post in the letter box, wasting valuable time. Well, I fancy I hear someone say, "What else could they do?" to which I must admit at present, nothing, and no doubt the gentle scribe will say, "Oh, any fool can criticise, but it takes a wise man to create." Well, so far, so good.

I am an electrical engineer and have been watching with great interest the electrical postmarking machines. In fact, I have great faith in the modern high efficiency electric motor which has proven so wonderfully useful in connection with the postmarking machines. Now, in all post-offices of any importance, and there are thousands, a constant current electric supply is laid on the premises and what I wish to learn is, why the postal people cannot introduce small motors, attached or fixed to the post-counters of the postoffices according to requirements, each motor energising or working a suitable die, so that anyone desiring to send a letter could have it franked by paying the necessary postage at the counter and without messing with stamps, sticking the letter in a box, etc. Such a die might be introduced as "Liverpool, PAID, Dec. 31, 1910, Postage received."

Thousands of letters could be treated in this manner in a day and the cost for current would be very little as proof of the great extension of the electric postmarking (for stamps) system, and I feel sure if this meter paid system was introduced it would soon be a great success. The sender could witness his or her own letter treated, and damaged letters would soon be another thing of the past. Very neat, useful and economical nickle-plated motors, fit to adorn any counter can be purchased very reasonable now. They require very little current and attention, and we must admit the present system of posting letters during wet and rainy weather is an operation much to be avoided or discouraged. Personally I think the idea only requires development to catch on. So you energetic Americans, with money to spare can go ahead and try and steal a march on yours truly, John Bull, for you gave us the electric postmarker machine. So here's to you for a counter stamper.

This suggestion does not apply to fiscal stamps or departmental adhesives, for they are as far off as ever from the scrap heap, but the postage stamp in the near future is doomed. History, they tell us, repeats itself. We have nothing new under the sun and the old paid of 1830 may become the new paid of 1930, worked electrically. The croakers and scoffers will have their usual laugh, then remain to pray, but we must remember that only a few short years ago in England electric car work was laughed at and called the overhead clothes-line system. Use, my master, is second nature, and we are far from getting international postage stamps, so there is just one little chance for the counter machine.

THE STAMP FEVER--By Norcross

Probably some of you people who will read this article have never heard the expression "Stamp Fever" and others have undoubtedly heard the expression but not to the advantage that I chanced to hear in the conversation of two gentlemen while traveling not long ago, and having been a collector of stamps practically a long time, it was very interesting for me to have the chance to hear of education and refinement unknowingly give the chance remark that the boys of one of the schools under his care had certainly got the "Stamp Fever" very bad. In fact he related that they had it so bad, that he at first thought that some remedy would have to be done or else it would interfere with their school work, but being a man of much experience he made it his business to investigate just what the boys were doing and to his amazement he found out some things that were unknown to himself.

Without much trouble, he found that there were some twenty boys in the school who all, as the teachers had termed it, had Stamp Fever, and had it very bad too. Inquiry among the boys developed the fact that they had formed a stamp club which met regularly every Saturday which to the boys was a sort of "love feast" for the boys individually worked to help each other and were enlarging their collections much faster this way than they possibly could alone. It was their practice to get all the stamp papers and other literature possible and use it in the club meets, as well as to sell and trade stamps with one another and you would be surprised to know the study these boys made to find out the many questions that did come up. The business of making a stamp collection on the face of it is not like a simple matter but this gentleman was not slow to find out that it was a pursuit which reached farther than he had ever dreamed of and that at the hands of the boys were making a progress and development that could not be instilled in them in any other manner, as he termed it, one that was really worth while for older persons to follow. It was a fact that the boys were in direct touch with modern history, couched in a most condensed form, and that it was necessary for them to study foreign languages and the money systems of the entire world. He says nothing of being able to locate most any country in the world, the more that it was brought up, while all the time it was infusing into the boys an enterprising temperament that could not help but produce a broadening effect upon him ever afterwards.

The result of his inquiry was that he thought deep in his heart that the boys were really being taught more through their collecting of postage stamps than they could possibly get in school and under circumstances that were pleasant and profitable to themselves, so he said that the stamp club still continues and that the boys are getting along finely both in and out of school, while he himself, having the time at his disposal, would be glad to take up the collection of stamps and he felt that he should display as much zeal in it as the boys did.

Serious collectors have always been attracted to proof impressions of stamps—that is stamps in their finest possible condition, designs as they were accepted by the government and not as they are too often given out to the public. Many failures in the stamp line are due not so much to the printing as to the obstinacy of various officials in choosing unsuitable colors for selected designs. Both should be in harmony to achieve the best results. With specimens of each stamp in a dozen colors before him the amateur is enabled to judge where mistakes have been made. For study and mature judgment on the merits of stamp designs, engraving and printing commend us to a fine collection of proofs.—Met. Phil.

The Wonderland of Stamps

Reviewed by L. G. Dorpat

This book has been so much spoken of and quoted from that it seems almost needless to say more about it and difficult not to repeat what has already been said. Still it is worth it, that the PHILATELIC WEST should also pay its tribute to this memorable addition to stamp literature.

Let us first say a few words about what we don't like in the book, we shall be so much freer to laud its many good good qualities. There are a few inaccuracies which tend towards false conceptions, but this was probably caused by the desire to treat such an overwhelmingly large amount of matter in so small a space. To the same cause we must ascribe the fact that many things are merely briefly mentioned, while it might be thought desirable that they should be more fully described and more stories added about them. For this there would have been many excellent chances, and the book might have been made again as interesting as it is. But then it would have become two or three times as large as it now, and the price would have become prohibitive for many a one who now enjoy reading the book.

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THE STAMP FEVER--By Norcross

Probably some of you people who will read this article have never heard the expression "Stamp Fever" and others have undoubtedly heard the expression but not to the advantage that I chanced to hear in the conversation of two gentlemen while traveling not long ago, and having been a collector of stamps practically a life, it was very interesting for me to have the chance to hear of education and refinement unknowingly give the chance remark that the boys of one of the schools under his care had certainly got the "Stamp Fever" very bad, in fact he related that they had it so bad, that he at first thought that some thing would have to be done or else it would interfere with their school work, but as a man of much experience he made it his business to investigate just what the boys were doing and to his amazement he found out some things that were unknown to himself.

Without much trouble, he found that there were some twenty boys in the school who all, as the teachers had termed it, had "Stamp Fever", and had it very bad. Inquiry among the boys developed the fact that they had formed a stamp club which met regularly every Saturday which to the boys was a sort of "love feast" for the boys individually worked to help each other and were enlarging their collections much faster this way than they possibly could alone. It was their practice to get all the stamp papers and other literature possible and use it in their meetings, as well as to sell and trade stamps with one another and you would be surprised to know the study these boys made to find out the many questions that did come up. The business of making a stamp collection on the face of it looks like a simple matter but this gentleman was not slow to find out that it was a pursuit which reached farther than he had ever dreamed of and that at least the boys were making a progress and development that could not be instilled in them in any other manner, as he termed it, one that was really worth while for older persons to follow. It was a fact that the boys were in direct touch with modern history, couched in a most condensed form, and that it was necessary for them to study foreign languages and the money systems of the entire world. I say nothing of being able to locate most any country in the world, the more that it was brought up, while all the time it was infusing into the boys an artistic temperament that could not help but produce a broadening effect upon him ever afterwards.

The result of his inquiry was that he thought deep in his heart that the boys were really being taught more through their collecting of postage stamps than they could possibly get in school and under circumstances that were pleasant and profitable to themselves, so he said that the stamp club still continues and that the boys are getting along finely both in and out of school, while he himself had the time at his disposal, would be glad to take up the collection of stamps and felt that he should display as much zeal in it as the boys did.

Serious collectors have always been attracted to proof impressions of stamps—that is stamps in their finest possible condition, designs as they were approved by the government and not as they are too often given out to the public. The failures in the stamp line are due not so much to the printing as to the obstinacy of various officials in choosing unsuitable colors for selected designs. Both should be in harmony to achieve the best results. With specimens of each stamp in a dozen colors before him the amateur is enabled to judge where mistakes have been made. For study and mature judgment on the merits of stamp design, engraving and printing commend us to a fine collection of proofs.—Met. Phil

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The new Catalogue awakens memories. One can remember when the Tasmania was a stamp easily acquired in some quantity, but of late the supply seems to have dwindled to what. Time was when the 5d. postage was gathered by some in preference to 6d but the catalogue reverses that verdict. One can remember buying the 1s 6d Coast of 1884. in goodly numbers; likewise the 1s green and black of 1898. since those "good old days" these things seem to have soared beyond reach. They have doubtless become "absorbed" and are only to be met with in odd lots here and there.

In the fore part of December 1910 Dr. Jesse Cope Green of West Chester, Pa. celebrated his ninety-third birthday. He enjoys the distinction of being the oldest stamp collector in the United States, and perhaps in the world.

In the early dawn of this century Sierra Leone Queen's Heads could be bought per dozen. 5s. this is also an old memory, and an incident which we do not expect to be repeated.

New things are ever coming to the fore, and many of them give promise of profitable gathering. Perhaps New Zealand 1907 9 reduced size series, are worth attention. And in some lists the majority of the middle values of the West Indies are either absent or are described as penmarked; here seems another "line of promise."

Siam is worth studying all through, together with such items as the stamps of Siam Journals afford with regard to numbers issued, etc.

Some collectors may have been on the lookout for the triangular Ecuador of 1908; these may come presently.

ITALY. Two more commemorative stamps have been issued, this time at Naples, in which province the stamps are alone on sale. The 5c stamps are offered to the public at 10c, and the 15c, at 20c each, the extra 5c in each case being given to the fund to defray the expenses of the Commemorative Fetes being held at Naples. The stamps are stated to be available only until December 31st.

The 6c Columbus of U. S. A. is a rising stamp, more costly as the years pass by; so is the 2c. Canada Jubilee.

The 20c Philippines of 1906 seems to be accumulating rather more than some of the other values.

The 15c Mauritius blue, on chalk paper may possibly be worth attention since it should be dearer presently. Perhaps the 12c black is really a "better" stamp—in the sense of its being somewhat scarcer—but it would probably be a difficult matter to gather any quantity of them.

Where stamps are gathered for immediate sale, present prices must of course be one's sole guide, but where one can afford to put away any promising parcels for a year or two, the future prospects of the stamp must seriously be taken into consideration.

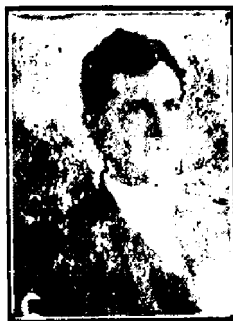
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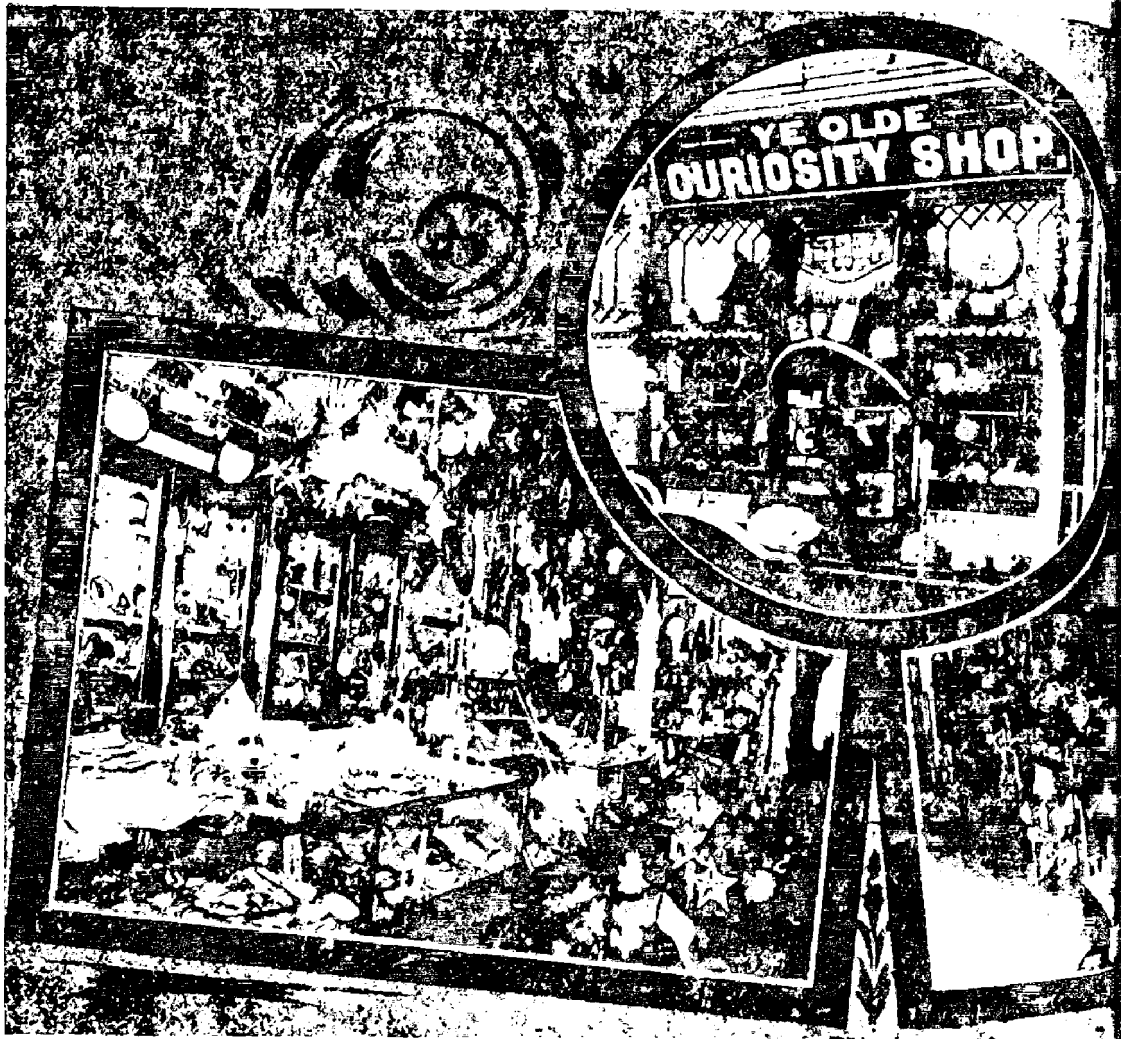
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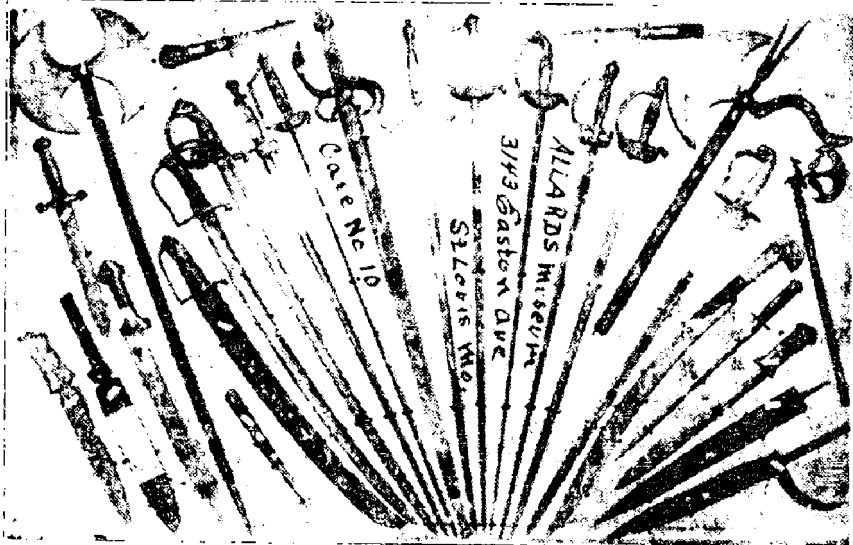
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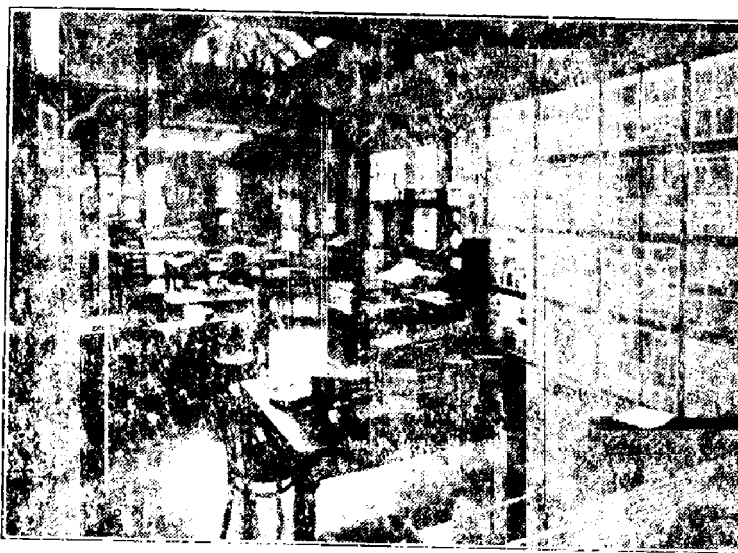


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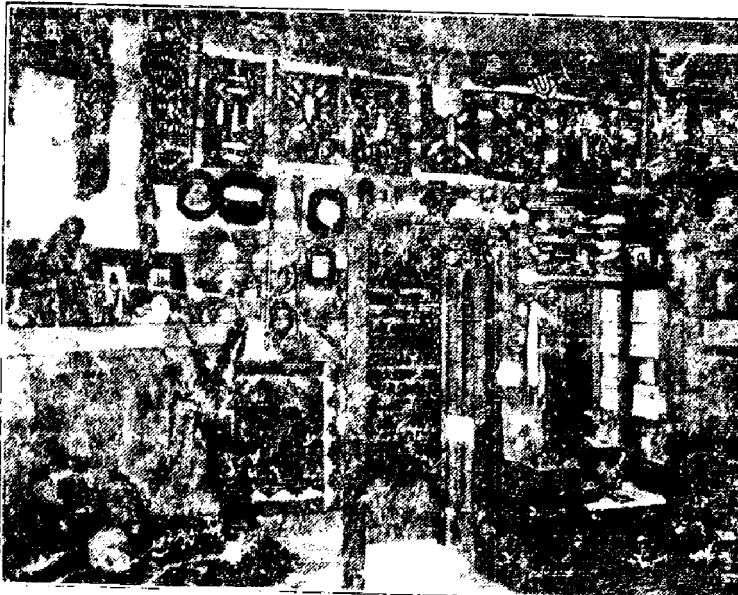
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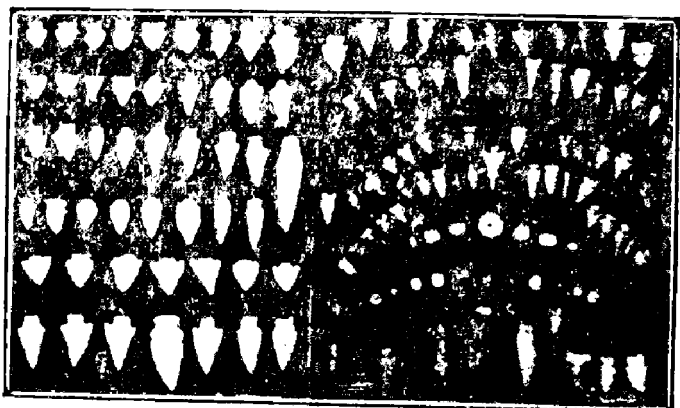




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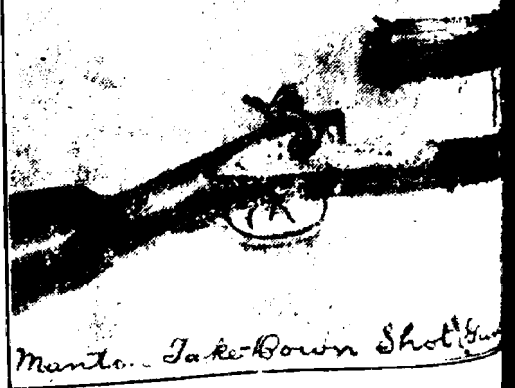
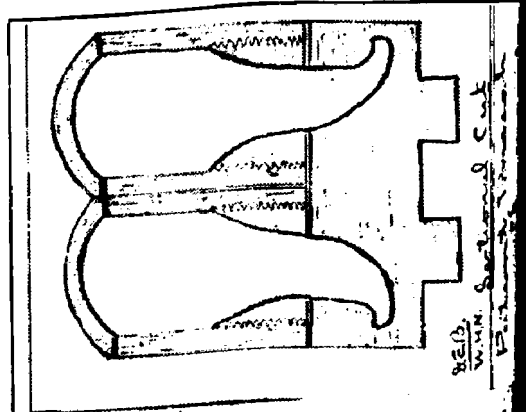


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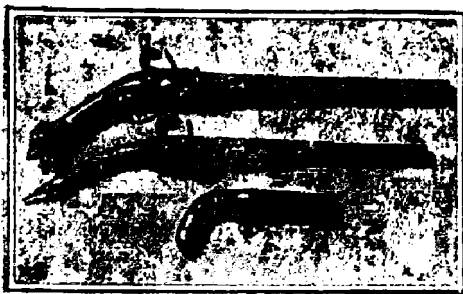
By Carroll A. Pitkin

The other day I was invited by a friend to look over a collection of cards he has been making, and being interested in fine cards, I readily consented. I am glad I looked them over, as it gave me a very fine idea as to "how not to collect". We talked the matter over, and to my surprise, my criticism was appreciated, and I believe convincing. Any way, this friend promised to do better, and as he is spending a large amount of time and money in the pursuit, if he does follow my advice, think he will have an extensive, and extremely interesting and valuable collection.

Now, I think that perhaps other collectors may be interested in the criticism I made, and the suggestions I advanced toward a better whole, and I am certainly pleased to have them appear in the WEST. I may say, in advance, that while I collected cards from the United States, I followed several lines, but each very closely while at it, and found, by this experience that a collection made by laying down some simple rules and then sticking closely to them, secured in the end, a collection of far more value and beauty, than one which could have been made at the same trouble, but which was a mere jumble, arranged in helter skelter shape.

Personally, I gave up collecting the cards of our own country some years ago, and since have used my best efforts to obtain a collection of cards from all over the world which should outline not only the geographical conditions of each place but also the industrial side. To obtain such a collection, I gladly accept cards of any quality, and any subject, both black and colored, throwing out only the so called comics, which to me are more than useless, and if I had one in my album, should consider that space as good as wasted. It isn't because I am devoid of humor, either, but simply that jokes are all right in some places, but seem out of place to me when illustrated in blotchy colors on a card. But in collecting cards easily obtained, from one's own locality, it is easier to be particular, and the final result justifies it.

(To be continued.)



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The American Society of Antique Weapon Collectors held its first meeting for 1911 at its headquarters, 6322 Frankston Ave., Pittsburg, Pa., on Friday evening, January 27th, with the following members present:—President Otho J. Bierly presiding, Dr. G. F. E. Wilharm, G. M. Hunter, Dr. W. B. Cathcart, Albert Bissell, P. Johnston, S. Mildner, Chas. F. Yessell, H. G. Reel, J. H. Johnston, Frank Morton and Sec'y Geo. F. Brown. The following new members were elected:—Mr. J. H. Johnston of the Johnston Gun Works, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mr. W. S. Kirk of Philadelphia; W. H. Norris of Albany, N. Y.; E. W. Snyder of Battle Creek, Mich.; E. J. Rudent of Saxenburg, Pa.; and W. E. Hardison of the Lookout Mt. War Museum, Lookout Mt., Tennessee.

Mr. Elsworth Brown of Athens, Tenn., was elected Librarian.

Mr. J. H. Johnston entertained the members with some interesting stories relating to the early manufacture of firearms in this country.

Some interesting photographs and pistols were exhibited by members of the society. Pres. Bierly showed a fine pair of Palmettos, a pair of 1806 Harper's Ferry and an 1806 Richmond, Va. horsepistol.

After some pleasant discussion the meeting was brought to a close. Next meeting will be held on Friday evening, February 24th, 1911.

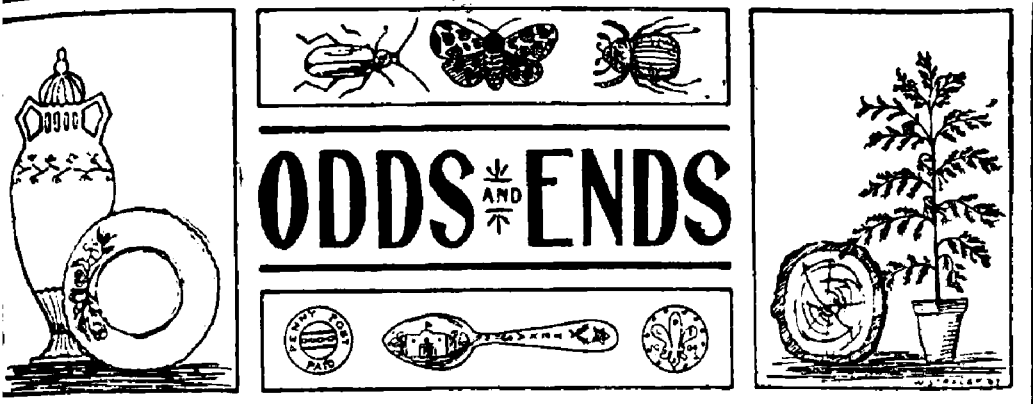
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EDITOR'S NOTE. In this issue of the WEST will be seen a photograph of Mr. Bierly's rare Palmetto pistols. The photograph is of a pair, besides which Mr. Bierly has another odd one—three in all. Very few collections can boast of even a single one.

In the picture they appear like the 1842 Model H. Aston U. S. Government horse pistol. On their lock plates is a palmetto tree engraved. Stamped at the rear of the plate are the words, "COLUMBIA, S. C., 1852." Mr. Bierly visited all the important collections of Confederate pistols in the South last summer and found not a single specimen of this rare pistol in any of them, not even in the collection in the city of Columbia, S. C.

His 1806 Richmond, Va., pistol is also very rare. Only one other specimen is known of in the world today

The province of the WEST is to print facts about results of experiments, experiences of one man for the benefit of the many, that all may profit thereby; news of special import to hobbyists and suggestions for their betterment both financial and intellectual. The reader will thus see that a good Collectors paper must be many things to many men. If more readers would write and express themselves on all these matters it would make for a better paper of wide usefulness. We get by giving—let us hear from friends of WEST, if only a Post Card.



Taken from clippings

Of the hobbies of well known women, that of Miss Ellen Terry is for perfumes and gorgeous materials; that of Mme. Melba for old furniture, while Lady de Bathe (Mrs. Langtry) collects hand painted fans. Miss Mary Anderson diversifies her labors as an actress by becoming a keen chess player. Adelina Patti loves the water, and spends much of her time on a lake near her castle in Wales. Mrs. Vanderbilt is a great collector of thimbles, among them being one which was used by Queen Victoria. Lady Stanley has gathered an astonishing variety of parasols, both antique and modern. Christine Nilsson had one of her rooms papered with her receipted hotel bills.

Professor Toramelle has discovered in Sardinia a prehistoric town, with streets, houses and temples in a wonderful state of preservation. The town is surrounded by a wall of great size, more massive than any city wall known to exist in Europe.

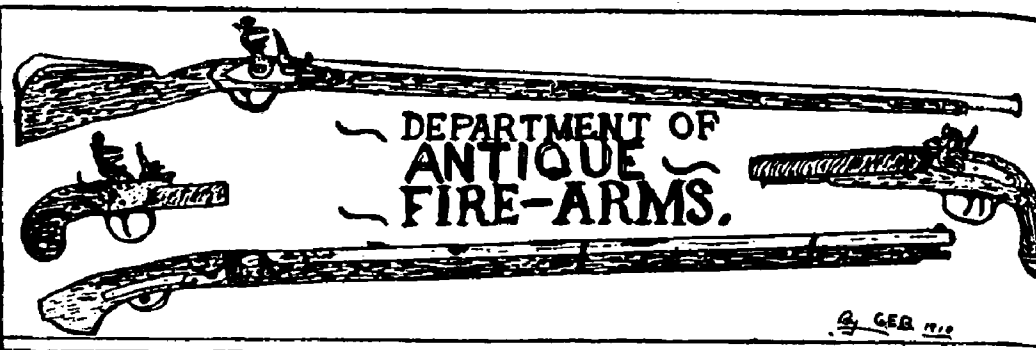
The largest book in existence is an atlas of the world, now in possession of the British Museum. It measures 5 feet 10 inches by 3 feet 2 inches, and weighs nearly 336 pounds.

A large coinage is to be struck at Berne for the Swiss confederation next year. The amount in all will be nearly \$1,600,000.00. There will be 250,000 25 franc pieces, 100,000 10-franc pieces, 400,000 2-franc pieces and 1,200,000 franc pieces of 20 centime. 1,000,000 pieces will be coined and half as many again of 10 centimes. The commencement next year will be with 10-franc gold pieces.

Advertising is the spring tonic that overcomes that tired feeling for the run down business. Want ads pay.—2c per word, three times for price of two.

The library of Alderman J. Thompson, J. P., the late treasurer of the University of Manchester, was sold in London. A complete set of Gould's ornithological works, with coloured plates, sold for \$1850.

The Royal museum of Copenhagen, Denmark, has just received an interesting relic of the late King Christian, consisting of a pane of glass taken from his Majesty's private railway carriage. Engraved on the glass are many autographs of Imperial and Royal personages. The first name is that of Alexandria, II, of Russia, engraved by his Majesty with his diamond ring. Later the present Tzar placed his name under that of his father. Other Royal names follow.



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Manton's Take-down Shot Gun.

Joseph Manton, whose ingenious improvements upon the flintlock gun elevated it to its highest degree of perfection before the adoption of the percussion lock, and who also gave England reason to claim the most elegantly and efficiently made sporting arms of the percussion cap period, pronounced the shot gun illustrated in this article to be the crowning achievement of his career as a scientific gun-maker.

There are two very important patents that make the shot gun especially interesting, the take-down feature and the patented conical breech. The take-down arrangement is as perfect and more quickly operated than the present method. The photographic illustration shows the gun taken down, ready for being put into its carrying case. The pin is simply removed and the barrels, raised to an angle of 45 degrees, are separated from the frame in the stock.

The advantage derived from the patented breech in this gun is that there is the least surface presented to the explosive force of the powder. The angular sides of this cone-shaped interior throw off the sudden blow of the exploding powder in an angle of 90 degrees, just as a mirror reflects rays of light. Its superiority over the common plug breech of the older guns lies in its efficiency to reduce the gun's recoil upon the shoulders of the operator and also it causes more pressure to be exerted upon the charge of lead, or shot, than in the common flat breech with the same amount of powder. About the same principle is embodied today in the Winchester shot gun shell with $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch high base for dense nitro powders.

The specimen from which the pictures are made is in the splendid collection of Mr. W. H. Norris of 339 A Madison Ave., Albany, N. Y., to whom the writer is indebted for the following description:

The gun's entire length is about 48 inches. The locks are of polished steel beautifully ornamented and stamped in a curved line is the word "Manton." The barrels are of "London fine twist" steel, 12 gauge bore, stamped with the Birmingham proof marks. The drop of the stock is 3

inches, and the gun is as perfectly balanced as the modern hammerless shotgun.

In fact, the old gun would be a credit, as far as workmanship, power, accuracy and beauty of design is concerned, to any maker of fine firearms today. This gun was made about 90 years ago, and yet our splendid and truly wonderful sporting arms of today surpass it in but one particular—the modern cartridge gun is loaded more quickly.

A Personal Word.

Do you, the readers of this department, wish it to continue a part of The West? Would you like it to be enlarged to about 10 pages and to be illustrated with large photographic plates? With this issue I shall retire as editor of the Firearm Department unless the subscribers and patrons of The West would like for me to continue.

If I'm retained, in the next issues I will publish a serial entitled, "A Study of Wheellock and Multi-firing Pistols of Before 1800." This article will fill more than 100 pages and will contain illustrations costing \$95. Besides it there would be various articles on other kinds of firearms and illustrations by the dozens.

But, all this will cost the publisher something, and he says he cannot afford to have this department enlarged unless you will help him out with subscriptions and advertisements. So it all depends upon YOU whether the Firearm Department is retained or not. If you are in favor of its being continued and greatly enlarged and improved write and tell the publisher, Mr. Brodstone, (not me, I know you do, already), and if the circumstances will allow, I will inaugurate in the next issue the "New Enlarged Department of Antique Firearms."

Sincerely,

G. ELSWORTH BROWN.

GILDER ANTHROPOLOGICAL COLLECTION.—By Samuel P. Hughes.

A large part of the private collection of Robert F. Gilder has recently been placed on exhibition in the City Library Building in Omaha, where it will be available for study and examination. This is the sixth collection belonging to Gilder to be loaned for study and exhibition purposes. Several are in the city, and by far the largest and most valuable is the Gilder Collection loaned the State University at Lincoln. The collection in Omaha is composed wholly of artifacts and material from the ancient house ruins in and near Omaha. The collection consists of pottery in all states of manufacture from the clay to finished vessels and jars. The display of bone implements is by far the most interesting exhibit shown in any museum as the implements are shown in the various stages of manufacture, and are just as they were taken from the excavations. Any bone hoes, spades, punches, needles, awls, shuttles and other implements of this material are shown. The collection of bone fish hooks is by far the largest ever shown anywhere and the writer doubts very much if they can be duplicated in all the American collections combined. Not the least of the collection is the display of stone implements, from the tiny arrows to the finest polished stone hammers, mortars, grinders and implements of war. We hope to illustrate it later

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We wish all members to take particular notice that when their membership expire they will be taken off the list immediately, as we wish no dead ones in our Club. The following numbers expire before March 1. Please renew at once. 1735, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979.

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: 17. L. T. Brubaker, 1 point; 1964. R. J. Mertz, 1 point; 2047. Everett O. Phillips, 2 points; 2051. Ella Lunney, 1 point; 2080. Clarence Stevens, 1 point.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

The members of our Club are again urged to send stamps for the complete membership list, which is now issued each month. All recent members of course receive the list regularly, but the older ones who had the WEST included in their dues, do not get the list. The list can only be sent to those paying for it. Look up your last certificate and see how many months your membership has to run, and send two cents to secretary for each month. You need the list to lose much benefit if you do not have it regularly.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

2018. C. Dizyeimski, 5150 S. Maplewood Ave., Chicago, Ill.
2046. Clarence Vanward, Box 28, Consecor, Ont., Canada.

RENEWALS.

1325. W. Carl Stephens, 744 W. Church St., Elmira, N. Y.
1690. Oscar W. Hayes, Alton, Illinois, marine views and locomotive engine pictures—must be photo cards.
1746. Clarence V. Webb, Perry, Ohio, foreign only.
1964. R. J. Mertz, 62 Merer St., Greenville, Pa.
1968. Harl H. Bronson, Wallowa, Oregon, colored views.

NEW MEMBERS.

2074. Lady S. Meyer, Tembakon, Sourabaya, Java, Dutch Indies, correspondence in English, German, Dutch and French.
2075. Alfred Gale, Mastai, Quebec, Canada, stamp view side.
2076. Gustav Donth, Schumburg a. Desse, Boheme, Austria, exchange cards, stamps, newspapers.
2077. John Head, 2006 Broad Street, Augusta, Ga., colored views.

2078. Ernst Hoffmann, Germantown, Illinois, colored views.
 2079. Emil Ritter von Gutl., Lerchenfelderstrasse 66, Wien VIII 2, Austria, specially wishes public buildings, churches, etc., national types and costumes.
 2080. Clarence M. Stevens, Mary St. North, Oshawa, Ont., Canada.
 2081. Leonora L. Jansen, 360 Columbine St., Denver, Colo.
 2082. Palmer James Roloson, 1329 Grant Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.
 2083. A. M. Nelson, 815 N. 52 Ave., Chicago, Ill., colored views only.
 2084. K. S. Hyob, care Yamamoto, Asahi, Takefu, Echizen, Japan, replies only to colored cards with stamp view side.
 2085. Joseph McEvoy, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.
 2086. Hamilton Collins, 61 Richmond St Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.
 2087. John J. Henon, Station G., Washington. D. C.
 2088. W. R. Fetterman, Box 242, Girardville, Penna.

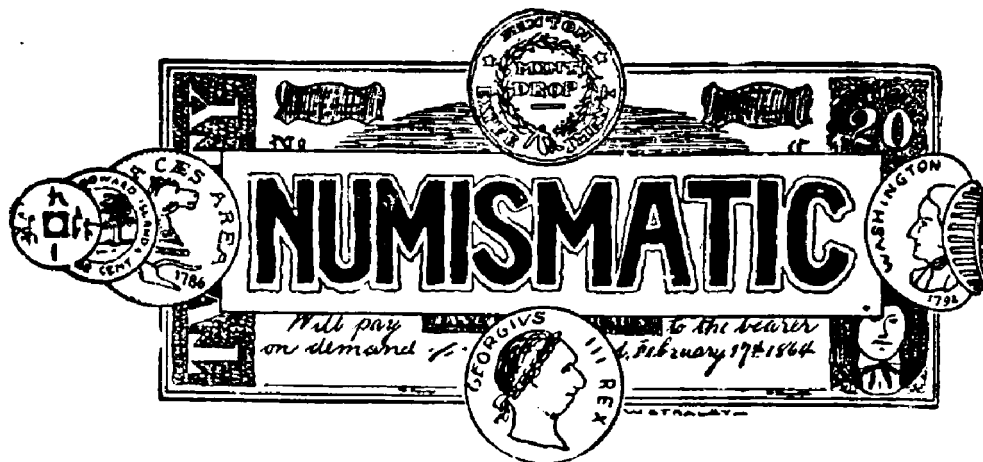
A HANDSOME GOLD COIN.—By Norcross.

Coin collectors as a rule consider that the \$3.00 gold piece of our own country is one of the handsomest coins ever minted, and it is one that all dates now command a premium, the cheapest being the 1889 date which sell readily for \$4.00 now.

Coinage of these pieces was commenced in the year 1854, when they were issued from the New Orleans, Dahnalega and Philadelphia mints. The Dahnalega variety is now the most valuable. The mint at San Francisco first coined these \$3.00 gold pieces in 1855 and it was also minted there in 1856, 1857, 1860 and 1870. The first four dates are very rare, possibly we might except the 1856 date, though that is not common from the fact that there are two varieties, one with the large "S" and the other with the small "s" while the 1870 date of which there is said to have been only two coined by the San Francisco mint and one of these was placed in the corner stone of one of their public buildings in that city while the other was kept by an employee of the mint who after a while sold it and it drifted into the collection of William H. Woodin of New York, where it has remained until the present time. Great interest has been aroused by coin collectors again now in this rare 1870 "S" \$3 00 Gold Coin from the fact that this collection of Mr. Woodin will be sold in New York City the first week in the coming month of March at auction by Thomas L. Elder and from the fact that a great many coin collectors own complete sets of this \$3.00 piece except this date, it promises to attract more than passing attention and will undoubtedly bring a large price. This Woodin collection also contains all of the half dollars, nearly all of the 10.00 gold pieces, and all of the quarter eagles except the 1841 Dahnalega mint.

Three dollar gold pieces were coined by the Philadelphia mint every year from 1854 to 1889 in which year the coinage was discontinued, as well as that of the dollar Gold pieces and the 3 cent nickel coin and all of these coins now command a premium. The quotations from recent sales at auction of these \$3.00 pieces is as follows: 1853 uncirculated \$12.25; 1866 fine \$6.00; 1872 uncirculated \$9.25; 1873 (only 25 coined) proof \$121.00; 1874 uncirculated \$16.50; 1875 (only 20 coined) fine 44 00; uncirculated \$525.00, proof \$725.00; 1876 (only 45 coined) proof \$200.00; 1877 fine \$37.50, proof \$72.50; 1881 uncirculated \$18.00; 1883 uncirculated \$10 00.

Do you want to sell, trade or exchange. There is a customer willing to pay your price if you can only find him. Let us help you find him. Only 2c a word.



A Legend of Maximilian

EMPEROR'S FATE SAID TO HAVE BEEN FORESHADOWED BY A CRACKED DIE

The sale a few days ago for \$27 each of two specimens of the gold 20 pesos coined for the unfortunate Emperor Maximilian of Mexico and dated 1864 brings attention to an interesting series of coins which made their appearance during the brief period of the attempt to establish a European monarch upon the throne of the Montezumas.

Of course one of the first acts of Maximilian upon his accession to the throne was the striking of coins bearing his portrait and title. The silver coins were of five, 10 and 50 centavos and one peso.

The copper coinage of Maximilian consisted of but one single denomination, the one centavo piece. The story was generally circulated at one time that only 90 pieces of the 20 pesos denomination were originally struck. This statement has not been confirmed, but it is a fact that the coin is scarce.

The first of the issues of Maximilian attracted notice on account of the statement that the engravers of the pieces which show the emperor's bust had executed the design in such a manner that by reversing the coin a likeness of a donkey was produced. It requires a great deal of imagination, it may be said, to work out such a resemblance.

There had been an impression that all of the coins of Maximilian are scarce, but this is not so. Great numbers of them were struck and as the Mexican dollar has for many years been a favorite form of currency in the Orient millions of such pieces found their way to the eastern countries during the reign of Maximilian. The idea that the one peso piece was held at a high premium may be accounted for by the rumor in general circulation about 1868 that the Austrian government was buying up all the Maximilian dollars at \$5 each.

There is said to be one extremely rare variety of the one pesos which was struck at the Mexico City in 1866. According to one story, the first dies broke after 35 pieces had been coined and this number represented the age of Maximilian when he was shot. It was said also that one ball pierced his forehead at the exact spot where a flaw appears in the die.

As a matter of fact, says an expert numismatist, a die did fall to pieces after a few coins had been struck and the subsequent dies were of far inferior workmanship. The coins of the set are identified by the letters on the inscription

the obverse which are shorter than those on the usual issues, and there is a depression in the temple of the emperor's portrait.

Now that the government by its recent action in restoring to Mr. John W. Haseltine the lot of patterns taken from him last year has established a clear title to pattern pieces, collectors may acquire such coins without the misgivings and uncertainty that formerly attended such purchases. Among the duplicates of Mr. Woodin there are many rare and interesting specimens that will grace any cabinet. Nearly all of these pieces are in proof condition. It is indeed seldom that a pattern piece is found in other than proof condition, which makes the pattern series so attractive to collectors.

There is no better time to buy patterns than right now, for their interesting character and the extremely limited number in existence—the commonest of which are usually scarcer than many high priced coins of regular issue—will make them highly desirable, and prices must soon be forced by competition to a high plane. It is not unreasonable to predict that patterns will advance in value at least 100 per cent, within the ensuing year.

It is scarcely necessary to bring to the attention of collectors the interesting nature of a representative series of the pattern coins that have been issued at the United States Mint since 1792 up to 1888, when their sale was prohibited at the mint. These coins embrace many projects of coinage and numerous designs, some extremely artistic and beautiful, the work of nearly every one of the engravers who have been employed at the parent mint, principally William Kneass, James B. Longacre, William Barber, Anthony C. Paquet, Charles E. Barber and George T. Morgan.

No collection of United States coins can be regarded as at all representative that does not contain at least a number of the pattern coins of the most striking and original design. To the collector of the regular series there are several reasons why he should have a few pattern pieces, for these in many instances represent the first use of the design or inscription or motto that afterward was embraced on the regular coin issued for circulation. This is true of the copper half dollar, dated 1877, No. 153, which shows the design of the Morgan standard dollar, both obverse and reverse, one year before its adoption, and on a coin of different denomination. Again, we have dollars, half dollars, and quarters dated 1863, 1864 and 1865, all with the motto "In God We Trust," having been issued as patterns several years before the adoption of the motto on coins of regular issue. The five-cent nickels of 1882 embrace not only an interesting series of designs, but on one of them is the exact obverse and rare reverse design adopted in 1883, the "nickel without cents," the most celebrated coin ever issued at the United States Mint.

In the case of the pattern metric double eagle we have one of the handsomest coins of the denomination ever made, and likewise attractive as being illustrative of the plan of Dr. W. W. Hubbell to have the government issue coins struck in an alloy of gold, silver and copper. There were perhaps not over four specimens in either gold or copper of this piece, which met the hearty approval of the congressional coinage committee, but was not adopted as the mint officials pointed out clearly that the use of the gold metal was impracticable.

Many of the patterns were issued for a special purpose, such as the ten-cent piece of large size, dated 1868. It was intended to issue ten and fifteen-cent pieces of this size in base metal with which to redeem fractional paper notes. The plan failed of adoption and now the only record of the project is this large copper-nickel coin.

Still another example is the 1874 Dana Blackford ten-dollar piece, intended as a model coin for international use. A sensible plan, but which fell by the wayside, as have so many similar coinage projects.

Interesting coins are not always rare or high-priced, fortunately, and it is possible for a collector now to acquire these pieces at what in years

to come will be regarded as extremely low prices, for reasonable as the coins are in price they are extremely limited in number, and opportunities for acquiring specimens will not be presented very often hereafter.—
Taken from Adams Catalog, one of the best seen, got up in New York

A Column for Kansas Collectors

By George J. Remsburg of Potter, Kansas

In compliance with his father's wish, the historical collection of the late Captain Edward Kilian was presented to the University of Kansas by Dr. A. I. Kilian of Manhattan, Kan. The collection consists of about three hundred specimens of Indian artifact, of fine workmanship and design, including arrow points, spear heads, flint knives, flint tomahawks, flint hoes, stone mauls, meal grinders, fragments of pottery, and a great number of scrapers used in the tanning of hides and were mostly gathered from the village sites of the ancient Indian province of Quivira, visited by Coronado in 1541. This province was in Kansas. Perhaps the most interesting thing in the collection is a human head carved in stone, quaintly decorated, and about life size. It probably was made to represent a war god. The head has a series of small holes drilled around the top of the skull through which to stick eagle feathers to form the war bonnet. The head resembles the one found in Yucatan and resembles Egyptian sculpture. Captain Kilian added much value to his collection by keeping in a book, which accompanied the specimens, careful data about the time and place of finding each article, with drawings of each specimen from two views, for identification.

Another interesting collection recently donated to the State University of that of Travis Morse, of Iola, Kans. It is a collection of fossils. Mr. Morse's collection represents 25 years of work and is very valuable, containing some 200 specimens. Most of the fossils were collected by Mr. Morse when he resided at Scott City before coming to Iola, but several good specimens have been secured by him from the quarry of the Iola Portland cement plant. The collection fills a case fully seven feet long, and contained such rare fossils as mastodon teeth and wings of the gigantic prehistoric bats. Professor Martin says one of the most interesting specimens in the collection is a fish jaw with all the processes complete. Prehistoric fish jaws are frequently found, but it is a rare thing that they have the process complete.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 11, 1911.

Editor Philatelic West, Superior, Neb.

Dear Sir:—Regarding the Ancient Mexican or Aztec Seal or stamp described in issue of Dec. West, writer is owner of part of the Mexican exhibit of Pre-Columbian antiquities at the St. Louis World's Fair 1904 and among the collection are two of the so-called official seals or stamps and of which impressions are here included. I would suggest that you illustrate them in your next issue for benefit of collectors so they are of the highest rarity. As to how often or for what purpose the seals were used, is purely conjectural. In this same collection was a clay tablet bearing an impression of a similar seal. This tablet is now in the collection of Wm. McQ Mitchell of St. Louis—having been sold to him by the writer.

Very Truly yours,

William J. Seever.

THE CHICAGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.



The 84th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Jan. 6th, President Harry F. Williams presiding. The following members were present: Messrs. W. F. Dunham, V. M. Brand Simpson, Excell, Leon, Vercouter, Baker, Williams, Loer, Wilson, Davis, Kelly, Green, Verkler and Nelson. The resignations of Messrs. C. V. Jaeger, No. 16; Chester Dunham, No. 75; and Jos. A. Kelley, No. 154, were received and accepted.

Mr. E. C. Verkler, as chairman of the committee on medallic production, reported that he had received estimates for making the aviation medal from the Medallic Art Co., Whitehead, Hoag & Co., Gorham Mfg. Co., and C. R. Barber. Samples of medallic work from the first three named were shown. After considerable discussion a motion was carried that only as many medals be struck in silver as there were subscriptions for same. It was moved and carried that the entire matter of the aviation medals be referred to the medallic committee with power to act, and that the number of bronze medals be limited to 200.

The following officers, elected for 1911 being present, were installed: President, Harry F. Williams.

Vice-president, F. Elmo Simpson.

Secretary, Ben G. Green.

Treasurer, T. E. Leon.

Librarian, E. C. Verkler.

Executive Committee, V. M. Brand, Ben G. Green and F. E. Simpson.

Mr. Hugh M. Clark was elected to membership.

The president appointed the following committees for 1911:

On Medallic Production, E. C. Verkler, F. M. Tuckerman and Virgil M. Brand.

On Membership, T. J. Kelly, F. J. Loer and Edward Michael.

Under exhibitions Mr. Leon showed five varieties of the \$50 slug; Mr. Jacobs some Chinese coins, and Mr. Brand two Japanese obans, a 100 ducat Bohemia, an oblong strip showing two impressions of the thaler of Bohemia, one-sixth ore of Sweden on oblong strip from which two pieces had been punched, a 5 thaler of Austria on a square planchet, one-fourth and one-half pence of Griquatown, a broad and crown in gold of Chas. I of England and an uncirculated U. S. half dollar of 1796.

The following magazines were received since last meeting: Elder Monthly for October and Mehl's Monthly, Philatelic West and Spink's Circular for December; 2 auction catalogs from Elder and 1 each from Messrs. Low and Schulman, and a catalog with fixed prices from Egger Bros.

Messrs. L. B. Casagrande and A. B. Jacobs were present as visitors.

Adjourned to meet Feb. 3rd, 1911.

BEN G. GREEN, Secretary.

Sixty three one cent pieces of the issue of 1794, part of the Gilbert collection, were sold for \$1,630 in New York City last October.

TEXAS NOTES.

By W. Straley, Hico, Texas.

W. W. Mason of Brownwood has an ordinary small gourd covered with buckskin and a cork stopper fitted in the neck, which has been in existence 134 years, and in Mr. Mason's possession for more than 56 years. The old gourd was the property of Josiah Cotton during the revolutionary war and was given by him to Mr. Mason's father with the instruction to hand it down to his youngest son.

A torpedo which was discharged by a fleet of Union war vessels during the civil war, at the town of Galveston, was recently dug up out of the sand in that city, has been secured by T. E. Hubby of Waco and presented to the museum of Baylor University at Waco. The projectile weighed about 50 pounds.

Dr. Lankford of Stephenville has a Siberian wolf robe which has been in possession of his family for 16 years and which shows very little wear.

Mr. Lit Williams of Thurber has an official document which is of unusual interest, not alone to all old Texans, but to the present generation, as an interesting link in the chain of early Texas history. This document is nothing less than a well printed and comprehensive map of Texas, printed in the year 1853, only a short time after Texas became a state and was admitted to the union; and containing the population of the state by counties, as shown by the census of 1850—there were only 78 organized counties, with a population of 212,502.

What is considered to be the finest, most elaborate and complete private library in the entire south is owned by Dr. Frederick J. Fielding of Houston. The collection of rare and expensive volumes contains more than 3,000 standard text books on every phase of medicine and all the collateral reference works and encyclopedias bearing on the respective branches of medicine. Dr. Fielding is a heavy buyer of books and through his agents in New York, London and Paris is constantly adding to his already large collection by picking up a rare volume here and there. It is his intention to endow a chair some day in one of the Texas colleges and present the library to the institution.

While plowing recently in his field north of Stephenville, G. C. Carr roll picked up something to throw at a cow which had her head through the fence. The shape of the supposed stone attracted his curiosity, and he cleaned the dirt from it, and found that it was a stone pipe. The stone is of a character known as white flint, and it is not found in this part of Texas. The form of the pipe is perfect in shape exteriorly, but the bottom of the bowl and also the hole for the stem evidences that rude instruments were used—that it was the handwork of a novice and not the product of some one using machinery or improved tools. No one has ever used such a pipe, and it is likely to have been brought by Indians from some distant state.—Stephenville Tribune.

Dr. W. B. Glass, a returned missionary, has presented the Baylor university, Waco, with some interesting objects from China. Among the collection were three idols (a bronze Buddah and attendants), each about 10 inches high; a large banner eight feet in length and four feet in width, inscribed with large characters in gold leaf. This is accompanied by two scrolls, each about five feet in length, which are splendid specimens of Chinese art and bear mottoes from Confucius in Chinese characters; several slabs of stone from Kufu, the home of Confucius, exhibiting specimens of crustacean (trilobites) and other fossil invertebrate animals.

George Barlow, of the Battle community, who was in the city Monday, brought the editor a petrification he found on his farm. It was a part of the "hump" bone of a bison, or buffalo, but is solid rock. We shall utilize it as a paper weight.—Waco Tribune.



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

Below is given the description of the knife mentioned last month, sent to me by Stanley Gibbs, St. Johns N. B. :

"Among the most interesting articles found by Mr. McIntosh on his trip up the river last summer was a stone knife of a distinctively Eskimo type. This is of gray slate about a quarter of an inch thick in the thickest part and was the property of a woman, the knives used by the males being larger. It is of semi-circular shape about seven inches wide by three inches and a quarter deep and ground to a fine cutting edge. These knives when in use were mounted, in a handle either of wood or walrus ivory. The type is very rarely if ever found among the Micmac Indian remains. Only a few have been found in this province, although many have been discovered in Nova Scotia. Mr. McIntosh has a theory that at one time the Eskimos inhabited all the coastal regions of the maritime provinces till they were driven out by the Micmac Indians, who were a fierce fighting race. He does not believe, however, that the particular specimen of knife he found is necessarily of Eskimo manufacture. On the other hand he thinks it was undoubtedly made by Indians. Its presence may be taken as proof either that the Indian who fashioned it has been himself in contact with the Eskimos or that his immediate ancestors were. There is a possibility that the Indian may have married an Eskimo woman and that she brought with her the idea of the distinctively shaped knife. Such unions, Mr. McIntosh says, were not very common.

Unfortunately, Mr. McIntosh says, any research after Indian relics in this province has been carried on inland away from the place where the Eskimos would be, and this may account for so few of the articles fashioned by them having been found. During the last year or two he has been enabled by his discoveries on old Indian camp sites to throw much light on doubtful phases of the life of the older Micmacs as well as on the past history of the province. His close and accurate knowledge of Indian antiquities has helped him to the solution of many problems.

Some time ago he found an arrowhead which was of a distinctively Mohawk type. This find opened up a field of interesting conjecture. The Mohawk tribe lived far away and enough is known of the early Indian customs to forbid the notion of the intermingling of tribes. The most probable conjecture was that a party of Mohawks either on the warpath or hunting, had visited this province in that far off time. The only record of the visit left is the arrowhead found long afterwards.

Though nearly 2,000 years old, a recently discovered Roman mirror, made by attaching lead foil to glass with balsam was as effective as when new.

A Turkish state galley 250 years old, with seats for forty-eight rowers, has been discovered in the disused part of the Yali kiosk Constantinople. The hull is richly gilt and inlaid with mother of pearl. It is proposed to preserve the ship in a museum.

The king and queen of England have presented a Zulu shield, basket beer bottle, horn cups, mats, horse trappings, a chief's dress, forty-one Australian spears, three spear throwers, dancing plumes, eight war boomerangs, four "bull-roarers" and other relics of their colonial tour to the King's Lynn museum.

"Chippewa Music" is the title of Bulletin 45, just issued by the Bureau of American Ethnology. It is the result of two years' study of Indian music by Miss Frances Densmore. The following is a brief summary of its contents.

According to the present author, "Chippewa songs are not petrified specimens; they are alive with the warm red blood of human nature." Every phase of Chippewa life is expressed in music. Many of the songs are very old and are found on several reservations; others are said to be the more recent compositions of certain men who composed them during a dream or upon awakening from a dream. It is still customary for the Chippewa Indians to celebrate an important event by a song.

An interesting fact concerning Chippewa songs is that the melody is evidently considered more important than the words. In a succession of several renditions of a song it is not unusual to find the words occurring only once. The idea is the important thing, and that is firmly connected with the melody in the minds of the Indians. It is permissible and customary to compose new words for old tunes, but so far as has been observed, these are always similar in general character to the words previously used.

The songs described are classified as harmonic if their accented tones follow the intervals of a diatonic chord, and as melodic if their contiguous accented tones have no apparent chord relationship.

The songs of the Chippewa are usually accompanied by either drum or the rattle, while the Chippewa lover intersperses his songs with the music of the flute. These instruments are fully described and illustrated.

These songs are depicted by graphic representations on birch bark, and a number of these are illustrated. Miss Densmore found that when a song has been phonographically recorded and the picture drawn on one reservation and later the phonograph record played on a distant reservation a member of the Grand Medicine Society would at once be able to reproduce the accompanying cymbolical picture identical with the original, differing only as one person draws better than another.

The songs themselves, which form the large portion of the book, are 200 in number. They include the initiation songs of the medicine society, followed by a series of ceremonial songs. Then follow the love songs, the moccasin game songs, and a number of unclassified songs. The last fifty songs are from the Red Lake reservation, and include war songs, love songs, moccasin game songs, and a series of unclassified songs.

Some of the love songs are suggestive of modern love making. Thus, for instance, in one song the words are said to signify that "a young man asked a

young girl to go and walk with him and said that if she did not come this evening he would come and ask her again tomorrow evening." Another is described as the "song of a love-lorn youth who meets another and asks if he has a bottle to cheer him up."

The Bulletin is well illustrated with twelve plates and eight text figures in addition to the music. An excellent index accompanies the volume, and both typographically and from the standpoint of contents, this Bulletin is up to the high standard of publications of the Bureau of American Ethnology.

I desire more notes and clippings of interest for this department. Would also like to get copies of volumes XI and XII of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Reports. Parties having extra copies will confer a favor by letting me know, and stating lowest cash price.—Editor.

THE KING AND THE COINAGE.

Not all at once, but in the course of time the coinage to which we have been accustomed during the past ten years will give place to a series of new designs. The design upon the side of the coin bearing the head of the English Sovereign is governed by certain rules.

For instance the head must be in profile. The reason for this is that the head must look to right and left in alternate reigns. Queen Victoria looked to the left and, our late monarch, Edward the VII., to the right. Consequently, George V. will, like his grandmother, face to the left.

Apart from this, the designs are entirely a matter of personal taste on the part of the monarch. A selected artist has sittings and submits several designs. The King chooses whichever he prefers, and it rests with him whether the crown shall be shown or not.

The earlier portraits of Queen Victoria did not show the crown, the later ones—after the Jubilee of 1887—showed the crown and veil. King Edward preferred a design without the crown. It is hoped that King George will revert to his grandmother's custom, and again wear the crown. The reason is this:

Hindus and Mohammedans both, are shocked by seeing the portrait of their ruling monarch bare-headed. The coins of King Edward caused something approaching a scandal in India and other Eastern possessions.

Gold coins show the change in design more rapidly than silver or copper. Sovereigns and half sovereigns are automatically withdrawn from circulation by the Mint regulations, but bronze and silver coinage is not withdrawn in the same way. Since it is not equivalent intrinsically to its face value, it is allowed to wear itself out until useless for purposes of circulation.

TOOK PICTURES OF ROYALTY.

The recent death of Joseph Collier in Denver removed the first photographer to set up in business in the state of Colorado.

Mr. Collier was aged 70 ears, and came to this country from Scotland, in 1871. He settled in Central City, Colo., but afterwards went to Denver and opened a gallery. He acquired a reputation for his wonderful scenic photography. In his native country, Scotland, Mr. Collier was successful in photography, having photographed many royal heads.

OUR MOTTO:—Late to bed, early to rise, work like helen advertise.

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, Penn., sends some items from the Easton Argus that are of great interest to both the general and casual collector.

The first refers to the finding of a new coal deposit and is as follows:

The finding of a good grade of anthracite coal in the western part of Bath on Tuesday has caused some excitement among the residents, and visions of Bath becoming a coal center are before the eyes of the citizens. Sylvester Siegfried, who resides on West Main street, Bath, Tuesday morning commenced to dig the foundations for a new dwelling house. When down about five feet he struck a vein of black, hard material which was found to be anthracite coal. Mr. Siegfried secured several buckets of the material and used it during the day in his range and found that it gave as good service as the high grade anthracite which he has used. The work of digging the foundation was stopped until a further investigation can be made by mining experts. The vein seemed to be of great thickness and lies along the foot of a low range of hills. About fifteen years ago there was coal found a short distance from the Siegfried property and was used by some persons as fuel, but no effort was made at that time to develop the claims.

The second item refers to a find of aluminum ore and says that Edward Kreitz of Stewartsville, N. J., was a visitor in town today and was displaying samples of aluminum ore, which he says he finds in large quantities on his farm at Springtown, N. J. Mr. Kreitz has had samples of the ore analyzed at the United States mint at Philadelphia, showing the presence of sufficient mineral to warrant its development.

Lignite, a brown, soft fuel, which contains about forty-five per cent of its weight in moisture, found extensively in North and South Dakota and Montana, which has been undergoing a series of tests in the reclamation service's pumping plant at Williston, N. D., may be used with "fair economy under boilers that generate their full capacity," according to a bulletin describing the tests just issued by the bureau of mines. Though the fuel is generally considered unsatisfactory, the tests have shown that when the number of heat units available is considered, the results compare favorably with those of better grades of fuel, which contain an average of only five per cent moisture. Specially designed furnaces are used to burn this particular kind of fuel. They are of the semi-gas producer type. The lignite found in the fields of the northwest, the bulletin says, has a low heating value, and it is difficult to burn in the furnaces commonly used for the better grades of coal, but the tests have shown the possibility of designing suitable furnaces for burning it profitably.



The Collectors' Union

An International Society organized Jan 1, 1907, for the purpose of drawing every collector into one great Union for the benefit of all. By the word UNION we don't wish to have it construed that we are a Labor organization, but a union whereby collectors of every class can be a member of one society and yet receive the same benefits as though they were a member of several societies each of a certain class. It is our intention to eliminate the dishonest collector from our ranks as far as possible for this purpose and to help us to keep those dishonest collectors out of the society we ask every collector and every dealer who has a list of dishonest people to send same to us and if any of those complained against are members of this society we will do all we can to have them make retracts and if they are not members your complaint will keep them out of this society until they are in good standing with all those who have complained against them. Send your list now. To date we have combined the International Stamp Club, Kosmopolit Exchange, Kansas Philatelic Society, Stamp Collectors Protective Association of America, The "Fad" Souvenir Card Club.

Application blanks and particulars furnished free when return postage is enclosed, by any officer or member of the society. Don't apply unless you mean business for it is only time and expense wasted on your part and ours.

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EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

2224 to 2229, 2233 to 2237, 2243 2245, to 2250, 2252, 2254, 2255, to 2257.

Examine your cards, members. We want you to renew at once, but please don't renew unless you desire active membership.

RENEWALS.

The following have been renewed:

2230. Dr. H. M. Whelpley, 222 South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.; Indian stone flint, old bone relics—he wants to buy.

2231. Auguste Salze, Euclaz-Tissee Sarrus, Montpelier, France. (Views of Theatres.

2232. H. Wiltshire, Avoca, Victoria, Australia.; postcards.

2238. T. I. Washburn, Honolulu, Hawaii.

2239. H. I. Hill, Box 56, Honolulu, Hawaii.

2240. Percy Smith, Box 210, Brampton, Ont., Canada; photographs, cards.

2241. Fred Ford, Wireless Sta., Box 615 Fairbanks, Alaska; postcards.

2204. W. Carl Stephens, 744 W. st Church St., Elmira, N. Y.

2251. W. S. Hicks, Box 531, Raleigh, N. C.

2254. Jose E. Pina, Box 29, Merida, Yuc., Mexico; postcards.

NOTICE TO CHARTER MEMBERS.

I am informed that all charter members are exempt from paying regular

Notes. If said members will give me their address it will do me a great favor. I did not know said members were exempt and by having your address it will be the means of keeping your name on our lists. We want every member to receive their full benefits.

Secretary.

NEW MEMBERS.

2374. Paul G. Senner, 469 Jefferson St., Portland, Oregon, stamps, postmarks, postcards. Colored foreign preferred.

2375. John Head, 2006 Broad St., Augusta, Georgia, colored scenery cards preferred

2376. H. M. Lehman, 608 Jersey Ave., Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

2377. Theo. C. Oldhoff, 18 Montgomery St., Brooklyn, New York.

2378. Harry Wynne, c/o Collings & Co., Shipping Agents, Rosemont Parade, North Finchley, London N., England; conductor of the International Royal Postcard Club dues, 25c per year. Mr. Wynne solicits your membership. Full information furnished upon receipt of 2c stamp by secretary of the C. U.

2379. Ralph H. Miller, Wayland, New York; cartoonist for the Collector Union, curios of all kinds.

2380. H. Hjelle, Aalesund, Norway; secretary of the Scandinavian Postcard Club. Information furnished upon receipt of 2c stamp by secretary of the C. U.

2381. Ivan S. Falconer, R. F. D. No. 3, Belleville, Illinois; photo cards only. He will always send first.

2382. Master James A. Carr, Jr., R. F. D. No. 4, Belleville, Illinois, age four years. Dear Members:—I introduce to you my son who is desirous of forming a nice card collection. He wants each and every member to send him a nice card and says he will answer all when he is old enough to write. Secretary.

2383. James H. Johnston, B. 7218 Mead St., Pittsburgh, Penna.

2384. Sousa Brandas, St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands; postcards, stamp view side. Corresponds in English.

Dear Members:—I have appointed Mr. Miller of Wayland, N. Y., to fill the office of Cartoonist and Mr. Stephens of Elmira, N. Y., to fill the office of Chief of the Post Card Dept. Mr. Straley and Mr. Hicks resigned on account of business matters. Please give the new officers your best support.

Can any member give us any information about Mr. Coate, Mr. Dow and Mr. Schellenberger. Have written them several times and get no answers. They hold important offices in the society and it is necessary that they make their whereabouts known at once to hold their offices. In the meantime would be pleased to hear from members who would fill said offices. Enclose return postage.

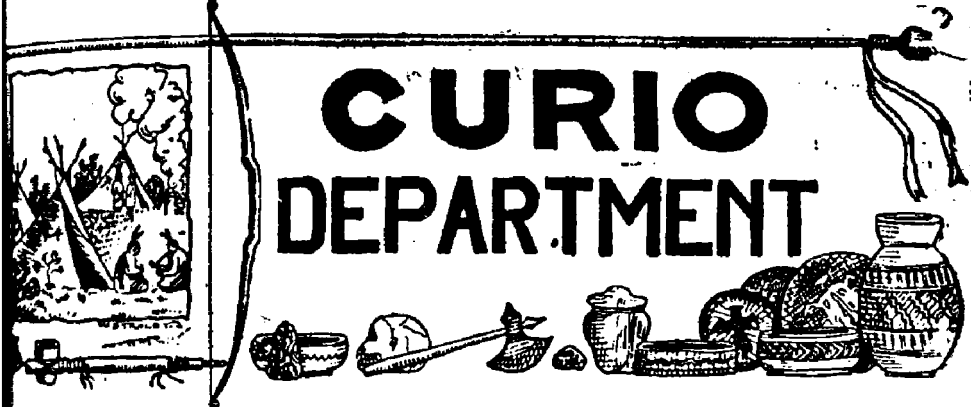
Yours truly,

"Secretary."

TWAIN'S MANUSCRIPTS SELL AT GOOD PRICES.

The original autograph manuscript of "The Man that Corrupted Hadleyburg," written on 146 leaves, brought the highest price at the sale of the library and manuscripts of Mark Twain. It sold for \$900. Other Mark Twain manuscripts brought good prices. The original autograph manuscript of "A Horse's Tale," written on 159 leaves, went for \$600. "Meisterschaft, in Three Acts," the original autograph manuscript, written on 92 leaves, was sold for \$500. The original autograph manuscript of "The \$30,000 Bequest" written on 81 leaves, sold for \$400. "My Debut as a Literary Person," in the original manuscript of 64 leaves, sold for \$350.

CURIO DEPARTMENT



It is safe to say that everyone has a hobby nowadays. In fact it is a matter of considerable doubt if any man in any age has lived to maturity without indulging in some more or less reasonable mania for collecting something or doing something. Generally such indulgences are profitable either as investments or as healthful amusements.

SHELL COLLECTOR AT NEW YORK.

— Professor J.C. Martin, of the University of Berlin, who has been collecting new and rare shells in the West Indies and Central America for six months arrived on the steamship Siberia enroute to Europe. In the unusual deep cuts of the Panama Canal he investigated geological strata rarely uncovered.

William A. Wilkes of No. 12, Washington street, Tompkinsville, S. I., to day is in receipt of several high bids for a curious and interesting relic of the fine work of the famous old engraver A. W. Overbaugh, of Ruthersford, N. J. The relic is a gold dollar of the year 1853 in the center of which in a circle one-sixth of an inch in diameter, Overbaugh engraved the Lord's Prayer. The inscription could not be read with the naked eye, but was perfectly distinct with the aid of glasses. At the bottom of the circle Overbaugh had added his name.—N. Y. Paper.

There came up for sale in London the collection of rare bibles which belonged to the late Dr. George Watson of Tunbridge Wells, who had gathered together upwards of two thousand editions of the bible in various languages.

A Viking boat has been discovered on the southern bank of the Schlei, near the old church of Haldeby, in Schleswig Holstein. The boat is about 1,000 years old, and is believed to have some connection with the burial place of the Danish King Siegfried.

Among the rare books in the collection of old books at the Free Library of Philadelphia said to be one of the finest collections in the world, are the first Bible Concordance issued about 1466, the first edition of the Bible by Froude, 1491, and a Latin Bible printed in Lyons in 1479, this is the rarest of all the Latin Bible editions and it is the only copy known.

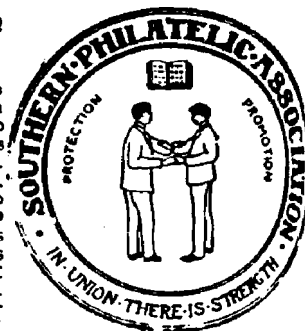
"Ruskin's father once asked him what he would like for his birthday," said Mr. George Alexander on opening an extension of Ruskin Park, in London. "Ruskin replied, 'One of Turner's pictures,' and added 'I am afraid it will cost seventy guineas'. Such extravagance shocked his father, but the picture is now worth 50,000. 00.

Errata. Ad Peters Brooklyn, No. 2 should be AND. Ohlman, New York, Spanish Guinea 58 instead of 28-62.

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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

PRESIDENTS REPORT.

Fellow Members:—Mr Stryker is now the man that oversees the recruiting work and I am sure that he will 'show you' that he is in the right office.

The Fraud Investigator's office has been united with that of the "Attorney" as it is practically an attorney's job. Mr. Wolaeffer has resigned as he is too busy to attend to the work that that office requires. Will have an "expert" for the office soon and all members will do well to take advantage of the change.

Still am looking for state vice presidents. If you are interested—write me!

H. S. POWELL.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, January 30, 1911.

115 books in circulation as per last month's report, value	2092.34
17 books received since, value	196.56
132 books, value	\$2289.01
13 books retired during the month of which the amount of \$34 23 to 25 per cent was sold	135.64
119 books in circulation, value	\$2153.37

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report	\$148.32
1 per cent from retired books	1.36
Total amount	\$149.74

The last edition of blank salesbooks exhausted. I have a new lot printed, which will guide every member, who puts stamps in the circuit to uniformity. Price same as the old ones, 5 cts each plus free.

I have thoroughly revised my circuit list for 1911 and those members who have not as yet send in their names should do so at once.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

RECRUITING REPORT.

Westfield, N. J. January 10th, 1911.

Brother Members:—Our president, Mr. H. S. Powell has done me the honor of appointing me to the chair of the recruiting committee so I come to you with this appeal for help.

It is my desire, as it is the desire of every one of you, to make our society not only the second largest but THE largest stamp club in the United States. To do this I need the co-operation of every member. Will you help me—not tomorrow

now or the next day, but now. Will you send me the names and addresses of all non-members or lapsed members whom you know who are interested in stamp collecting in any way? If you will, I will follow them up and do my best to induce them to become members of the S. P. A. and enjoy its privileges as we enjoy them.

Now brothers, let us all hustle so that when convention time comes again we can announce that ours is the largest, healthiest and most progressive stamp club in dear old U. S. A.

Fraternally yours,
 W. A. Stryker,
 Chairman Recruiting Committee.

EXCHANGE MANAGERS REPORT Scranton, Pa., Jan. 20, 1911.

Jan. 4.	From Mr. Wm. E. Ault 47 books Cat.	215.29
	Recd. previous to Jan. 1, 13 books, Cat.	92.60
Jan 21.	Recd. from Stocknel 13 Books, Cat.	37.33
	Total No. of books 63 "	345.22

INSURANCE FEES.

Jan. 16	From Mr. Ault	3.44
Jan. 1 to 16	Various Amt s	1.30
Jan. 21	Total Amt. of Insurance on hand.	4.74

Respectful y submitted, August Mack, Exchg. Mgr.
 Scranton, Pa., Jan. 22, 1911.

Dear Fellow Members:—The exchange will be run on same basis as in the past. In last letter to members I mentioned my specialties. One member took that I meant to restrict the Dept. (Not at all). My reason was this: You all know I am in business, and I restricted my line down to a few countries, so as to give more time to the Exchange. I still have thousands to dispose of and will give members sending in good stamps, nine at a percentage below Cat. I must also state that members sending in a very low grade cannot expect a high price for that would ruin the exchange. I also state I have sent out 2 circuits of 10 books each.

Fine reports from Circuit No. 1, but Circuit No. 2, has been delayed owing to one member on the list, taking out stamps and failing to mark space. Members must strictly observe rule 7 as it not only delays, but is extra expense to members and myself. Circuit No 2 had to be returned to me before it could go on. I will also retire books, and send blanks so as to get all books in uniform style now in use 12c will bring you five books. I need a few good books—why not send in some? February I will have all books in circulation.

Fraternally yours, August Mack.
SCRANTON BRANCH.

Scranton Branch held their meeting at the residence of L. Harold Kjellstadt, Jan 18 Business opened at 8:30; closed at 10:30. Refreshments were then served, after which the usual auction was held. Bids were lively and some good were made. We now have a membership of twelve, and two more pending. "Watch Scranton Grow".

Those present were Mack, McKee, Kjellstadt, Dyer, Peabody, Arnold and J. Hammerle, a visitor. The following were elected as officers for 1911: Pres., Kjellstadt; V. Pres., Arnold; Sec-Treas., Mack; Librarian, Peabody; Chm. Rec., Dyer; Rec. Com., Peabody, Livingstone, Arnold and Singer of Clarks Summit. Kjellstadt donated 3 Vol. of Gibbons Weekly to the Library. We are also preparing to have convention at Scranton for 1912.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

1. Alfred H. Kirkland, 2 Thomas St., Utica, N. Y., 27, Cigar Jobber, Fred

O. Jones. Everett D. Kenney. Proposed by Charles S. Hibbard.

2. H. W. Blanks, Columbia, La., 29, Postmaster, M. P. A., C. C. C. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

3. E. A. Andrews, 216 Perry St., Trenton, N. J., 38, Letter Carrier, W. B. Housel, Edward Jefferies. Proposed by R. L. Doak.

4. Thomas B. Stillman, Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J., 59, Anal. Chemist, A. P. S. 2075. Proposed by W. A. Stryker.

5. Donald H. Graham, 636 North 6th St., Grants Pass, Oregon, 29, Mail Carrier, H. L. Gilkey, J. C. Martin. Proposed by August W. Mack.

6. Edward W. Witthe, 90 Elm St., Westfield, N. J. 19, Student, F. W. Witthe, R. O. Fowler. Proposed by W. A. Stryker.

7. Stanley H. Reese, 249 E. Walnut St., Westfield, N. J., 17, Student, Peter Jones. Proposed by W. A. Stryker.

8. Walter Baird, Jr., Scotch Plains, N. J., 18, Clerk, C. S. C. Starbuck, Walter Baird, Sr. Proposed by W. A. Stryker.

9. Walter D. Reese, 249 Walnut St., Westfield, N. J., 16, Student, Grace N. Reese, Guy B. Dushanek. Proposed by W. A. Stryker.

10. Horatio Miller, 524 Cumberland St., Westfield, N. J., 18, Clerk, Wm. H. Miller, E. V. Miller. Proposed by W. A. Stryker.

11. A. S. Wiester, 617 Louisiana St., Vallejo, Cal. 31, Research Chemist, B. D. Ingels, B. P. Jaggard. Proposed by C. V. Webb.

12. Carl Gregory, Elgin, Ill., 22, Bank Teller, Geo. R. Sylla, B. C. Gross. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

13. Oral Gamage, Macomb, Ill., 18, stamp Dealer, Geo. R. Gamage, James Pollock. Proposed by R. L. Doak.

14. Mrs. W. B. Hunter, Box 238, Beaumont, Tex., 56, Housekeeper, A. I. Tzafi, K. Dindard. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

15. J. C. Lanham, Box 14, Nora, Nebr. Proposed by L. T. Brodstone.

16. Joe Rombach, Paris, Tex., 17, jeweler, B. Rombach, Mrs. B. Rombach. Proposed by Frank Lohmer.

17. James H. Johnston, 218 Mead St., Pittsburg, Pa., 74, Gun Dealer, at Bank in Pittsburg. Proposed by L. Brodstone.

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

RE-INSTATEMENTS:-119. John C. Morgan, New Kensington, Pa.; 110. F. W. Coning, New Brunswick, N. J.; 232. E. D. Murdoch, Rochester, N. Y.; 56. C. H. Gardner, Wilmington, N. C.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. Douglas M. Ward, from Ambridge, Pa., to Cary, Ind.

Dear Members: I am sorry to state to the members of the S. P. A. that this is the final call for dues for 1911 and the last of this month the Year Book goes to press, and you can not blame the Secretary if you are not listed as a member for this work; for no one will be on the roll of members that is not in good standing. This should remind you that it will be best for you to look up your card and see if you are in good standing and if not remit the dues, 50 cents at once, and if the WEST is wanted add 25 cents.

Soon will come the list of suspensions which is bound to come to all stamp associations that want a clean membership and I hope that our Recruiting Committee has made ample provisions to retrieve the loss that will be caused. If only our members would get to work as has Bro. Stryker, we would in one month double our membership. I have at the present time a good supply of new blanks and I would be pleased to send a supply to all who desire blanks. Wake up! Do a little hustling once and see how easy it is to get members. Hoping to hear from all, I am,

Fraternally,

R. L. Doak, Secretary.

The Nebraska State Historical Society

The annual meeting of the Nebraska State Historical Society held their annual meeting in Lincoln the second week in January. Among many noted scientists present was James Mooney of the Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C. Mr. Mooney is one of the greatest living authorities on Indian Folklore and one of the parts of the programme was the rendering of a number of Omaha Indian songs on the Phonograph. It is believed that this is the first attempt ever made to reproduce Indian songs in this manner. Mr. Mooney, like many others who have made an investigation of the Gilder exploration work, believes that any effort to connect the ancient Nebraska House builders with Modern Indians will prove futile. Mr. Mooney is of the opinion that the race who lived here many centuries ago and who built these enormous houses, and left so many artifacts are an extinct race and have no connection whatever with what is known as the modern Indian. While in Omaha Mr. Mooney made an exhaustive study of the Gilder exhibition the Public Library Building and was very much surprised at the extent of the finds. The collection now loaned the City of Omaha is the sixth made by Mr. Gilder and as it is being constantly increased by additions it is even in its present condition and size one of the most interesting in America. Composed as it is of only implements from the eastern part of the state recovered from these ancient ruins it one of the most valuable known. If many of the so called collectors could inspect such an array of implements they would very likely come to the conclusions advanced by the writer some years ago, that even a dozen authentic specimens are far more desirable than a thousand secured in the usual haphazard way.

When the whites first came among the Cheyenne and some other western Indian tribes there was a legend that has been handed down from generation to generation that many hundreds of years before there had lived in the eastern part of Nebraska a fierce race of people wholly different from the then known Indians and who were eaters of human flesh. The legend described their appearance as being of a different color and very narrow browed. Recent finds in the southern part of Washington county seem to bear out the truthfulness of the legend, as the writer was present on one of the Gilder trips when no less than nineteen skeletons with very low and narrow forehead were taken from one mound.

The writer does not believe this find has any connection with the house ruins of their distinct type was of a very much higher plane, and of a highly civilized race of people. —S. P. Hughes.

ALABAMA'S "LAKE OF DEATH."

There is a lake in Calhoun county, Alabama, which is a remarkable natural curiosity. It is oval in shape and covers four acres of ground. No vegetation grows on its banks, nothing lives in its waters and even snakes and terrapin shun it. The water has a peculiar taste and neither horses nor cows will drink it. Deep down can be seen what look to be the charred trunks of large trees, without top or branch. They stand upright in the water and never rise to the surface or sink to the bottom. The lake has no apparent outlet and the water always remains at the same level. Soundings to the depth of 700 feet have been taken without bottom being found, and the people in the neighborhood say it is bottomless. At one time boys used to gather at the lake on Sundays and swim but they never go near it now. Fifteen boys have been drowned there and although some of the bodies were recovered, those who were drowned any distance from the banks sank to the bottom and were never seen again.

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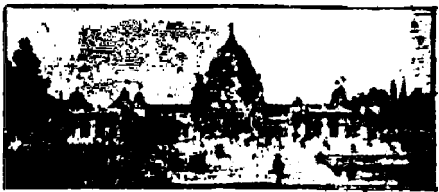
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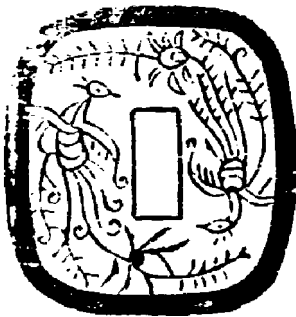
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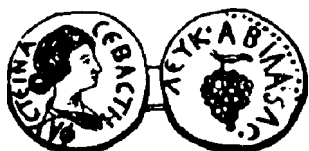
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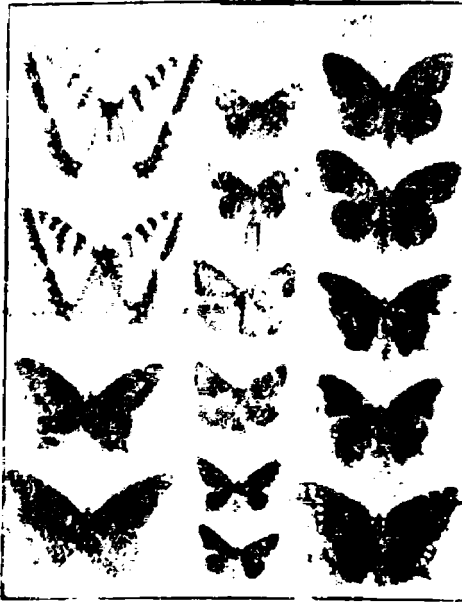
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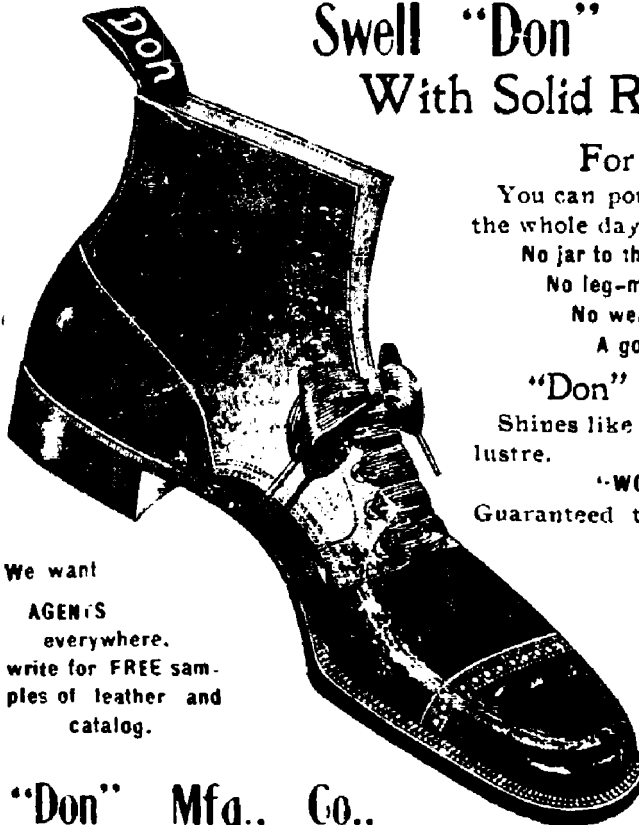
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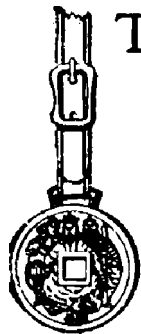
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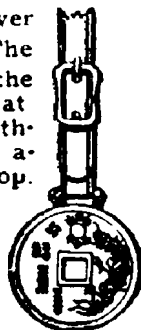
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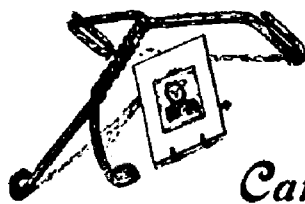
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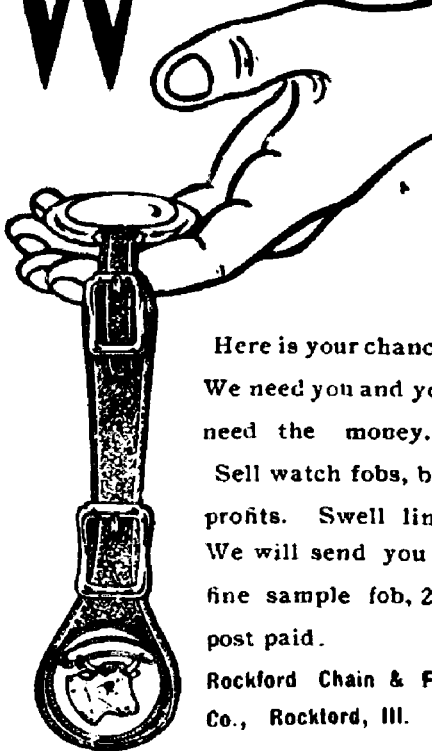
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